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Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

SENATORS (S), ALTERNATES (A), AND OFFICERS (O)
PRESENT **ABSENT**

Zoom participants TBD

EX-OFFICERS AND GUESTS PRESENT – (meeting was conducted via Zoom)

- I. **Call to Order** - Dr. Katherine O’Neal, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm via Zoom. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of January and February 2020 Minutes** –Approved
- III. **Report of the Chair-Elect** –Dr. Katherine O’Neal (meeting w/Provost)
 - An emergency response team has been activated along with multiple task force with representatives from college to address teaching, clinical, and research needs as well as needs of faculty, staff, students and patients.
 - Each college is different due to the different professional credentialing requirements. There is a focus to meet the needs of students to allow them to graduate.
 - Administration is consolidating communication. The OU Pulse is being distribute daily with updates along with OU Medicine website being updated regularly.
 - Provost is moving forward with working on the strategic plan.

V. Committee and Department Reports:

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- Employee Benefits Council – Dr. Kevin Farmer
 - Discussed how the benefit tier system is structured and explained why each campus has a different tier structure (Norman with a 6 tier structure and OUHSC with a 3 tier structure)
 - Discussion on redesigning life insurance plans
 - Committee requesting feedback from retiring faculty members; looking at possible advantage plans vs. supplement plan
 - Discussion on tobacco surcharge and tier system
 - FS was in support of keeping the surcharge and the 3 tier system)
- ITAC-Report provided by Renee Leasure
 - Committee will send email with emergency internet resources for education

VI. Committee and Council Reports

Regents Meeting: no report

Bylaws Committee: Dr. Lynn Jeffries

Committee on Committees: Dr. Lynn Jeffries – Chair – no report

Faculty Compensation Committee: Dr. Aaron Wendelboe – Chair – no report

IT Advisory Committee: Dr. Mike McShan/Renee Leasure– **Report provided**

Academic Programs Council: Professor Stacy Anderson – Interim Chair – no report

Campus Tenure Committee: Dr. Frans Currier – Chair – no report

Discrimination and Harassment Committee: Dr. Wendy Galbraith & Dr. Suzanne Kimball – no report

Graduate Council: Dr. Eric Howard – no report

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Library Advisory Committee: Dr. Shari Kinney- Chair – no report

Research Council: Dr. Larry Regens – Chair – no report

Athletics Council: Dr. Carol Dionne – Report provided

Commencement Committee: Dr. Denise Bender – No report

Continuing Education Council: Dr. Stacy Anderson – no report

Council on Faculty Awards and Honors: Dr. George Richter-Addo – no report

Employment Benefits Committee: University Committee/Kevin Farmer – **Report provided**

Honorary Degrees Screening Committee: Dr. Patsy Smith – no report

Scholars Selection Committee: Dr. Barbara Holtzclaw – no report

Retirement Plans Management Committee: Dr. Pam Crawford – no report

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

New Business:

- Faculty Senate Nominations and elections ongoing for the 2020-2021 academic year; executive committee elections will take place in May

X. Announcements/Other Discussion Items

- COVID-19 updates; share questions and concerns anytime
- Emails were sent out to faculty from Senate for supplies needed
- Big Event-cancelled
- Spring Awards-cancelled
- Faculty Senate Social-cancelled

****Highlights****

- Dr. Aaron Wendelboe named Interim State Epidemiologist
- Dr. Gary Raskob, Dean of College of Public Health named as the Chair of the Oklahoma City county Health Department
- Dr. Thubi Kolobe, along with her co-investigators, were awarded an NIH RO1 \$3,875,470 grant for their proposal “Locomotor Learning in Infants at High Risk for Cerebral Palsy”

Adjourned: 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Catina Jordan for:

Eric Howard, Secretary 2019-2020

Ashley Fox, Secretary-Elect 2019-2020

Handouts:

March 2020 Agenda

January and February 2020 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes