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Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

SENATORS (S), ALTERNATES (A), AND OFFICERS (O)

PRESENT

ABSENT

Zoom participants

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

I. Call to Order - Dr. Lynn Jeffries, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm via Zoom. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of October 2020 Minutes –Approved

- Motioned: Patsy Smith Second: Renee Leasure- Approved

III. Report of the Chair –Dr. Lynn Jeffries

- COVID clinics on campus since January; some have been internal for faculty/staff/students
- OUMI have hosted some external vaccine clinics; volunteers are always needed
- Faculty survey was sent out; feedback was gathered and summarized; exec committee has met with Provost Sanders regarding the information, and discussion will be held today with the faculty
- Faculty Senate Exec Committee met with Vice President of Research, Jim Tomasek before his retirement regarding research related issues:
 - RSPOC consists of representatives from each College; to improve communication to **all** faculty, there will be a Faculty Senate ad-hoc representative (Dr. Lynn Jeffries) appointed to that committee to report information during the monthly Faculty Senate meetings.
 - Drs. Eric Howard and Fernando Esteban-Florez will be working on a new resource committee to assist researchers on available equipment across campus
 - Dr. Ogilvie will be the Acting VP of Research and will speak to the Faculty Senate in February.
- Discussions have been in the works with the Provost regarding Awards.
 - Explore looking into restructuring the research awards to individuals in basic sciences and clinical track starting in 2022
 - Also, discussion on the VPR position, RSPOC, and who will be managing these projects.
 - Virtual Spring Faculty Awards will be held this year; more details coming soon
 - Discussion on communication regarding faculty that have passed away; at this time that information will remain private unless the College/Department is asked to share that information from the family directly. This will ensure privacy is respected.

IV. Regent's Faculty Advisory Report- Lynn Jeffries

- Analyzing the faculty survey that went to all faculty in higher education (statewide)
 - Discussed current trends: salary
 - Further discussion at the February meeting
- Every Learner Everywhere has released an interactive conference series for faculty, staff, and other professionals invested in high-quality blended and online learning for higher education. Participants join synchronous online events – webinars and live Q&A panels with experts – each month for four months. Webinars are recorded for later viewing by participants. Check out the links below for more information and to register for each event:
 - * [March:Digital Learning Tools](#)
 - * [April:Teaching for Success](#)

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V. Committee and Council Reports

Regents Meeting: Report provided

Bylaws Committee: Dr. Lynn Jeffries - No report

Committee on Committees: Dr. Fernando Esteban-Florez – Chair-Elect – Report provided

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

IT Advisory Committee: Dr. Katherine O’Neal/Renee Leasure– Report provided

- Sooner Track updating requests; a new system is in discussion and one of the needs they are looking for a program to work with PeopleSoft. Each College has a representative on ITAC so please submit suggestions to your committee representative

- Discussion updating the IRB application (iRIS) software and/or replacing TOPAZ

The faculty survey revealed faculty would like input on IT related policies. This option is presently available. Faculty can review and comment on DRAFT IT policies

here: https://share.ou.edu/sites/OUTSystemSecurity/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/OU%20IT%20System%20Security%20Policy%2C%20Standard%20and%20Procedure%20Request%20For%20Comments.aspx.

The policies have a one-year grace period from the time they are rolled-out for people to become compliant with the new policies. This will allow time to make revisions in processes and other needed changes. The standards will follow the policies and will lead greater clarity in understanding the elements of the policies. The wording of the policies may be difficult for different groups to understand as the language may be related to external compliance regulations.

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

Campus Tenure Committee: Dr. Ben Crowley – Chair – No report

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

Graduate Council: Dr. Eric Howard – No report

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

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

Athletics Council: Dr. Carol Dionne – No report

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 – No report

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

Scholars Selection Committee: Dr. Barbara Holtzclaw – No report

Retirement Plans Management Committee: No report

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Old Business:

- Faculty Survey Discussion:
 - Senators received full comments and the summary of the survey
 - After today’s discussion, all faculty will receive the summary and comments as well
 - The plan in October was to hold the discussion until we could link items to the campus strategic plan but it is not complete yet.
 - This type of survey will be done every 2-3 years
 - FS Chair opens floor for discussion on each section of the survey:
 - After the rollout of the new brand of OU Health, how is that embraced by faculty & staff so those relationships grow stronger?
 - Allied Health/Rehab Sciences is working on a collaboration called “OU Health Rehabilitation”; Rehab Sciences provide continuing education to OUMI clinicians and OUMI provide supervision to their students
 - Continue to look over the survey for more discussion in the future

VIII. New Business:

- Vote for Academic Programs Council representatives-Approved
Motioned: Patsy Smith Second: Fernando Esteban-Florez

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- Andrei Belousov-COM
- Afzal Hussain-COM-Tulsa

IX. Announcements/Other Discussion Items

- COVID-19 updates; share questions and concerns anytime
- COVID-19 resource page <https://www.oumedicine.com/coronavirus>
<https://spark.adobe.com/page/W7RQoVoDsz0Sm/>

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 18th at 5pm.

Adjourned: 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
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Eric Howard, Secretary 2020-2021
Renee Leasure, Secretary-Elect 2020-2021

Handouts:
January 2021 Agenda
October 2020 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes