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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 April 2021 Minutes –Approved

- Motioned: Patsy Smith Second: Eric Howard- Approved

III. Report of the Chair –Dr. Lynn Jeffries

- Meeting with Provost and Vice Provost
 - Exec committee will meet with Provost Sanders next Tuesday
 - The last discussion with Provost Sanders focused on the town hall meetings and OU merger but all that information has since been rolled out and distributed to faculty and staff

IV. Regent’s Faculty Advisory Report- Lynn Jeffries – Report provided

- Dr. Pam Northrup, guest speaker
 - Discussed where we are in education, after COVID-19 (from teaching standpoint)
 - Survey of students (all levels of higher education at various universities); 95% of students felt instructors worked with them during this pandemic; 80% felt it was a successful year overall

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 – No report

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

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

- Discussion on Zoom application being continued thru FY 2022; more information coming soon
- [OU IT System Security Policy, Standards and Procedure Request link](#) was distributed for faculty to log in with OUHSC credentials, and provide any input on issues of concern or see polices available

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:

- Updates to the Faculty Senate Charter, Operating Procedures, and Bylaws; Bylaws committee will be meeting soon to start on this project; Goal is to have an updated draft by the end of 2021

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- If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the FS Chair
- FS will be forming an Onboarding Task Force committee to help our new faculty and to build some consistency across campus. (current members volunteering to help on this committee: Katherine O'Neal, Sheila Crowe, Patsy Smith, Eric Howard, and Elizabeth Wickersham)
- Merger to OU Health:
 - Today's town hall focused on the university hospital trust and how it fits into the merger and how the board will be created
 - Compensation letters for **staff** will be mailed next Friday
 - Finalizing the benefits components for physicians and faculty that are shifting; Dean Zubialde will be having faculty specific town halls in June
 - Human Resources provided Information regarding questions about legislative funding, and whether or not they fund our benefits:
 - The state does not appropriate funds to OU for employee insurance. The University is responsible for funding and managing its own benefit program, including medical.
 - FS discussion on clinician and staff concerns with the merger; lack of transparency from management and the fast-moving process; executive committee will discuss these concerns with Provost Sanders, at their next meeting

VIII. New Business:

- Faculty Senate Elections:
 - Chair-Elect: Eric Howard
FS Approved by acclimation
 - Secretary-Elect: Katherine O'Neal
FS Approved by acclimation
- IT Advisory Committee:
 - Professor Bradford Gildon, CAH to complete Dr. Kari Boyce's term ending 2023; Dr. Boyce is retiring
 - Dr. Zsolt Nagykaladi, OU-Tulsa to complete Dr. Ryan Yarnall's term ending 2023
Motioned: Patsy Smith Second: Michael J. Smith- Approved
- FS continuing to push the discussion for need of daycare on campus
- Campus Food Distribution:
 - Three distributions will be held this summer; FS will assist on June 24th from 9:30-1pm; other distribution dates will be July 29th and August 26th
- Discuss return to face to face meetings:
 - Suggestions on hybrid options

IX. Announcements/Other Discussion Items

- Suggestion on researching existing farmers market access on campus (if any) and collaborating with them instead of competing against them
- Respondus monitoring system linked with D2L could potentially be discontinued due to budget issues; it is currently housed in Dr. Valerie Williams office (<https://www.ouhsc.edu/at/elearning/Respondus.aspx>)
- 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, June 17th at 5pm.

Adjourned: 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Catina Jordan for:

Eric Howard, Secretary 2020-2021

Renee Leasure, Secretary-Elect 2020-2021

Handouts:

May 2021 Agenda

April 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes