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Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

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

PRESENT

Bagley, Jennifer (S)
Beavers, Susie (A)
Burgett, Anthony (S)
Burks, Heather (S)
Broussard, Kimetha (A)
Campbell, Janis (S)
Dacus, Zachary (S)
Esteban Florez, Fernando (O)
Finneran, Denise (S)
Hall, Beth (S)
Hord, Norman (A)
Howard, Eric (O)
Jeffries, Lynn (O)
Lang, Mark (S)
Leasure, Renee (O)
Mangrum, Marissa (S)
O'Brien, James (A)
O'Neal, Katherine (O)
Rogers, Carol (S)
Smith, Michael (S)
Smith, Patsy (S)
Wickersham, Elizabeth (S)

ABSENT

Anderson, Michael (S)
Bhattacharya, Resham (S)
Celii, Amanda (S)
Costner-Lark, Amy (A)
Dresser, Susan (A)
Floyd, Evan (S)
Kathuria, Pranay (S)
McNall-Knapp, Rene (S)
Miller, Bernadette (A)
Ntourou, Kat (A)
Perrine, Jordan (A)
Reese, Jessica (A)
Settle, Susan (S)
Sharpe, Amanda (A)
Vandyck, Kofi (A)
Wood, Donna (A)
Zhang, Ying (A)

EX-OFFICERS AND GUESTS PRESENT – John Hanak, Dr. Martha Ogilvie, Claire Young, and Zoom Guests

I. Call to Order - Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm via Zoom. A quorum was present.

II. Guest Speakers:

- **Dr. Martha Ogilvie, Acting Vice President for Research, HSC:** Dr. Ogilvie provided an update from the Office of Research Administration and the Office of the Vice President for Research. She presented the FY2021 Sponsored Awards numbers which were very good, \$180M. This marks the 5th consecutive year over \$140M. The faculty also had the highest number of grant proposals, 942. Dr. Ogilvie shared data from the first and second quarters of FY2022. So far, the faculty are doing well; at this point we are \$100,000 higher in Federal awards than at the same time last year. The clinical trials declined during the height of COVID-19, but we are now on the uptick. Everything is on track for 2022.

She also gave updates regarding ORA personnel. Dr. Darrin Akins and Dr. Dean Myers who became the new Assistant Vice Presidents for Research in August 2021. Dr. Akins assists with resources such as core facilities, research space management, and strategic research capital improvement projects. Dr. Myers handles research in regard to animals. He handles everything from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee to the Office of Animal Welfare Assurance to the Division of Comparative Medicine. John Hanak joined the University as the Chief Innovation and Corporate Officer in October 2021. Lastly, Dr. Sogol Rasouli is the new Training and Communications Coordinator for ORA/GCA. She is handling the newsletter as well as training opportunities. The organization chart for ORA was also shared so the faculty could view the structure of Office of the VPR.

Other updates included SoonerTrack II, Facilities and Administration Rate base year, and PHF 2022 Spring cycle updates. The go-live date for SoonerTrack II is Summer 2022. Dr. Ogilvie asked for as much feedback as possible as faculty feedback will help make improvements. The F&A is expected to be flat this year. Deadlines for the PHF cycle were provided and Dr. Mary Beth Humphrey has been designated at the head of RSPOC and the PHF program. She, in consultation with other faculty, will review the grants, identify peer review committees to endure we have adequate expertise in each area. Dr. Ogilvie then fielded comments and questions from the attendees.

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- **John Hanak, Chief Innovation and Corporate Officer:** Mr. Hanak provided updates regarding the Office of Innovation and Corporate Partnerships' (OPIC) strategic plan. He outlined his office's Strategic Imperatives as:
 - 1. Innovation Volume** – Ensure that the volume of disclosures, patents, trademarks and copyrights are tracking to Tier 1 research institutional levels.
 - a. Linked to the president's goals (Lead On University)
 - b. Disclose as a term of employment.
 - c. Goal of creating consistency and application of policies between the Norman Campus and the Health Sciences Center.
 - d. Institute rapid and unique solutions to accelerate progress and create wins.
 - 2. Market Pathway** – Create clear pathways to commercialization that keep the research at the center of determinations and ease the process for all participants. Make commercialization a reality, if that is what the faculty member wants to pursue.
 - a. Update/streamline ND, CDA, C and MOU procedures
 - b. Aggregation of internal resources. With the dual-reporting relationship we will aggregate tech transfer resources and other resources.
 - c. Innovation Pathway Program
 - d. Creation of OPIC website/portal –The goal is to make sure it is done in concert with the other websites at the University (launching soon).
 - 3. Venture development** – Install and maintain world-class capabilities in moving university technologies from the bench to the market – via license, startup or otherwise.
 - a. Growth fund optimization and alignment with objectives
 - b. University Equity Holdings
 - c. Expanding network of potential Corporate partners
 - d. Aggregation of external resources (e.g. Innovation iHub in Norman)
 - e. Expanding access to talent
 - f. Expanding access to capital

Dr. Esteban Florez asked about a scenario in which faculty clinicians, who are not familiar with the patent and development process, develop something - would OPIC be a partner to move innovations and ideas into the market? Mr. Hanak said that the short answer is yes, but that is an integration challenge. OPIC should be office that this faculty member can look to for assistance. Mr. Hank said that he will be the concierge to create the connections. When OPIC reaches that point, it will be because they've accomplished many aspects of the strategic plan described here.

III. Approval of January 2022 Minutes – Approved

- **Motioned:** Patsy Smith, second: Eric Howard – Approved

IV. Report of the Chair – Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez – The Health Sciences Center will be going through a Provost transition since Dr. Jason Sanders is going to pursue an opportunity at the UVM Health System. Dr. Gary Raskob is now serving as the Interim Senior Vice President and Provost. The Executive Committee met with Dr. Raskob and Jill Raines; Dr. Raskob shared that he is open to communication and will be a champion for the colleges and will support their missions as they relate to OU Health.

Regarding the transition of healthcare coverage from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Cigna, there have been some hiccups. Lee Camargo-Quinn and HR are resolving the issues to make sure all pre-authorizations are in the place. [The on-site Cinga representative for the University is Sarah Vaughn]. They're also working to remove the bugs from the system. Additionally, Dr. Esteban Florez stated that retirees are concerned about dental benefits. Those issues are also being resolved. HR was having staffing issues, but are now replacing and consolidating, and moving in the right direction.

The Vice President for Research search is underway and we expect that to be filled shortly. The Provost search committee has been appointed with hopes to fill the position by August 2022. The committee will begin meeting as soon as possible.

V. Committee and Council Reports

Voted on slate.

- **Motioned:** Eric Howard, second: Carol Rogers - Approved

Regents Meeting: No report

Bylaws Committee: No report

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Committee on Committees: Dr. Eric Howard, Chair – No report

Faculty Compensation Committee: Chair – No report

IT Advisory Committee: Dr. Katherine O'Neal/Renee Leasure – No report

Academic Programs Council: No report

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

Conflict of Interest Committee – No Report

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

Graduate Council: Dr. Eric Howard – No report

Library Advisory Committee: Chair – No report

Research Council: Dr. Grant Skrepnek – Chair – No report

Athletics Council: Dr. O'Neal — No report

Commencement Committee: Dr. Denise Bender – No report

Continuing Education Council: No report

Council on Faculty Awards and Honors: No report

Employment Benefits Committee: University Committee – No report

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

Scholars Selection Committee: No report

Retirement Plans Management Committee: No report

Shared Leave Committee: – No report

OU-IT Teaching and Learning Technologies Advisory Committee (NEW)– Patsy Smith & Nancy Halliday - No report

VI. Old Business:

Executive Committee visit to the Shusterman Center in November 2021: They Faculty Senate Executive Committee traveled to Tulsa to have an in-person meeting with HSC-Tulsa faculty members with the main goal of improving inclusion across the two HSC campuses. Dr. Esteban Florez wants to promote communication and welcomed information from Tulsa faculty as we, in OKC, do not always hear about the exciting things happening in Tulsa.

Research IT Needs meeting on January 19, 2022: Dr. Esteban Florez called on Dr. Howard, who attended, to provide an update. Dr. Howard said that it was a productive meeting. HSC attendees learned that there are a lot of resources that we can utilize, such as the super computer center in Norman that can process big data sets. We will be getting contacts for those who are interested in everything from purchasing new computers to storing large amounts of data. Dr. Leasure also attended and said that since Dr. Ogilvie was present she could speak to the parameters that influence the use of grant/state/university funds and the challenge of Norman IT not being service unit. Dr. Ogilvie raised concerns that if this group was not a service center, use could not be charged sponsored funds. She said that we can look at a way to make sure that this is all covered under a service unit definition. It was later confirmed that this IT team was a service unit so investigators will be able to charge these costs directly to their grants.

VII. New Business: New University-wide committee: OU-IT Teaching and Learning Technologies Advisory Committee (TLTAC). The charge document was distributed with the agenda. Dr. Esteban Florez read the purpose of this new committee to the Senate.

VIII. Other Items

- **NEW!** Is this a Great University or What?
- Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez, Division Head and Assistant Professor of Dental Biomaterials, was awarded with an OCAST Grant (3 years, total funding: \$135,000 entitled "Ultra-bright high throughput quantification of cells' viability and 'smart' adhesive resins with long-term antibacterial properties"). This award will provide Dr. Esteban Florez with protected time to continue pursuing novel strategies to prevent the occurrence of secondary caries. The objectives of the grant include the development of a novel antibacterial adhesive resin with long-term non-leaching antibacterial properties, and the optimization of an ultra-bright high throughput, non-destructive and real-time bioluminescence assay to assess the metabolic activity of intact oral biofilms. Dr. Esteban Florez anticipates that knowledge gained from this project will give him the experience, knowledge, preliminary data and critical mass of publications to support the submission of an R01 NIH grant.

IX. Announcements/Other Discussion Items

- o **Save of Date: Spring Faculty Awards Ceremony, April 27th at 5:15 pm**
- o **Next meeting will be Thursday, February 17th at 5pm. All faculty are welcome to attend.**

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Adjourned: 5:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Young for:
Renee Leasure, Secretary 2021-2022
Katherine O'Neal, Secretary-Elect 2021-2022

Handouts:
January 2022 Agenda
November 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes