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Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

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

PRESENT

Bagley, Jennifer (S)
Bhattacharya, Resham (S)
Campbell, Janis (S)
Esteban Florez, Fernando (O)
Finneran, Denise (S)
Hall, Beth (S)
Howard, Eric (O)
Lang, Mark (S)
Leasure, Renee (O)
Mangrum, Marissa (S)
McNall-Knapp, Rene (S)
Miller, Bernadette (A)
O'Brien, James (A)
O'Neal, Katherine (O)
Emma Kientz (S)
Settle, Susan (S)
Smith, Michael (S)
Vandyck, Kofi (A)
Wickersham, Elizabeth (S)

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Anderson, Michael (S)
Beavers, Susie (A)
Broussard, Kimetha (A)
Burgett, Anthony (S)
Burks, Heather (S)
Cელი, Amanda (S)
Costner-Lark, Amy (A)
Dacus, Zachary (S)
Dresser, Susan (A)
Floyd, Evan (S)
Hord, Norman (A)
Jeffries, Lynn (O)
Kathuria, Pranay (S)
Ntourou, Kat (A)
Perrine, Jordan (A)
Reese, Jessica (A)
Sharpe, Amanda (A)
Smith, Patsy (S)
Wood, Donna (A)
Zhang, Ying (A)

EX-OFFICERS AND GUESTS PRESENT – Dr. Ken Randall, Dr. Emma Kientz, Gregory Zornes, Claire Young, and Zoom Guests

- I. **Call to Order** - Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm via Zoom. A quorum was not present therefore no actions were taken and no substantive business was considered.
- II. **Guest Speakers:**
 - **Dr. Ken Randall, Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences, Tulsa: “The 4-1-1 on the 9-1-8”** Dr. Randall provided an overview of the Schusterman Center. It is comprised of nine colleges, soon to be ten (when the College of Dentistry opens its doors on the Tulsa campus [projected] in Fall 2022). It is almost an even split of HSC and Norman-based programs. The Schusterman Center offers a variety of programs from undergraduate to doctoral degrees. There are also health clinics spread throughout greater Tulsa area. Dr. Randall celebrated the Tulsa campus faculty for their spirit of collaboration and community engagement.
 - **Gregory Zornes, HSC Conflict of Interest Officer:** Mr. Zornes provided an overview of Conflict of Interest (COI) processes at HSC. He defined Conflict of Interest at the University as “situations where an employee’s (or employees’ family member) financial or other personal interest, activity, or relationship may directly or indirectly affect, or have the appearance of affecting an employee’s judgement in carrying out his/her University responsibilities. Transparency in disclosing potential and actual conflicts of interest is critical to maintaining integrity in academic, research, and business activities.” The OU Board of Regents approved the updated COI policy in October 2019. This policy includes the requirement of the annual submission of a COI disclosure and a mandatory training course in OnPoint. It is required every 4 years. These policies apply to many people on campus, such as full and part-time staff and faculty, post-doc fellows, visiting scholars, residents, graduate research and teaching assistants, volunteers and more. Mr. Zornes also covered the different types of conflicts that could arise. He said it is better to over-disclose on your annual disclosure and remember that a very high percentage of activity is acceptable. All information that is disclosed is confidential.
- III. **Report of the Chair** – Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez – The Executive Committee has had met with leadership discussing the flow of dollars at the University, the changes in leadership, and issues with benefits. University leadership is trying to make improvements and are open to discussion; they want to ensure that problems are resolved. Please email the Faculty Senate inbox with issues so that we can gather pressing problems and move them up to the Provost’s level.

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Regarding the Strategic Plan, the committees working on the plan are expecting to see the draft that is being returned from the BOR very soon. With this information, tactics will be drafted to achieve the previously outlined pillars and goals.

IV. Committee and Council Reports

Regents Meeting: No report

Bylaws Committee: No report

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. Katherine 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 – Patsy Smith & Nancy Halliday - No report

V. **New Business:** Cigna Comments/Complaints. Please email complaints to Faculty-Senate@ouhsc.edu.

VI. Old Business:

Research IT Needs Meeting Update: A document addressing previously asked questions for IT was distributed, with answers, in the handouts. Dr. Renee Leasure added that the University is searching for a site license for qualitative software. IT is open to suggestions. If you prefer a specific program over another, contact Dr. Renee Leasure. The College of Allied Health has requested for Nvivo; and that is the Tulsa preference as well.

College Elections: Dr. Esteban Florez reminded the Senate of the college elections. Names of incoming senators and alternates are due to the Faculty Senate by March 31, 2022.

VII. Other Items

- Is this a Great University or What?

Recent R35 Award received by OUHSC Faculty: The R35 MIRA provides support for the research in an investigator's laboratory that falls within the mission of NIGMS. The goal of MIRA is to increase the efficiency of NIGMS funding by providing investigators with greater stability and flexibility, thereby enhancing scientific productivity and the chances for important breakthroughs. The program will also help distribute funding more widely among the nation's highly talented and promising investigators. MIRA grants will generally be for 5 years, for both established investigators and early stage investigators.

Heather Rice, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Title: *Mechanisms of APP ectodomain function*

Brief Summary: The Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) is a type 1 transmembrane protein central to the etiology of Alzheimer's disease. However the precise molecular mechanisms mediating the physiological functions of APP remains largely enigmatic. In this project, we will leverage our recent discovery that the APP ectodomain functions as a ligand for the GABA type B Receptor and our recent identification of Phosphoglycerate Mutase Family Member 5, a mitochondrial serine/threonine protein phosphatase, as a novel candidate interactor of the APP ectodomain. The work in these studies will generate fundamental knowledge of the molecular mechanisms underlying the protein-protein interactions of the APP ectodomain and the cellular consequences of these interactions across different cell types. These studies have the potential to lay the foundation for future work to harness the fundamental functions of APP to counteract pathogenic pathways in diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and Fragile X Syndrome.

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VIII. Announcements/Other Discussion Items

- **2022 DEI Awards – Call for Nominations**
- **2022 Faculty Governance Award – Voting by email open soon**
- **Next meeting will be Thursday, April 21 at 5pm. All faculty are welcome to attend.**

Adjourned: 5:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Young for:

Renee Leasure, Secretary 2021-2022

Katherine O'Neal, Secretary-Elect 2021-2022

Handouts:

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DEI Awards Flyer

OU IT Research Computing Services Q&A

Computer Standardization Policy Update

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