OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 8, 2001     412 Student Union     1:15 PM

Present:   Beeler, Brooks, Cimino, Collins, DeBock, Good, Hannah-Bergbower, Hays, 
           Higgs, Hundley, Hunt D., Hunt J., Jacobs, Miller, Mitchell, Payne, Reedy, 
           Richardson, Riggs, Rogers, Traynor

Absent:    Blackburn, Brock, Cameron, Cookerly, Fletcher, Hart, Ingham, Tanner

Myra Traynor called the meeting to order and Diana Jacobs called roll. Wallace Riggs made the 
motion to approve the June minutes, motion was seconded. Jon Hunt made the motion to approve 
the July minutes, motion was seconded and both June and July minutes were approved. The 
agenda was amended (No Athletic Council Report). Leslie Miller made the motion to approve 
the agenda, motion was seconded and agenda was approved.

Executive Group Update – Dr. Marvin Keener, Executive Vice President
Enrollment looks very good. Freshman enrollment is ahead of what was expected. The College 
of Education enrollment is up the most but the rest of the colleges are holding their own or are a 
little ahead. We are 10 days to 2 weeks from making a decision on the salary program. The 
Graduate Program part of enrollment is not in yet. We need to find out how this enrollment will 
go before decisions can be made.

Dr. Keener didn’t know any specifics on lawsuits from family members of plane crash victims. 
He doesn’t think anyone has sued OSU. The preliminary report was released yesterday (8/7/01) 
regarding the plane crash. There will be another report later, maybe a year out. (Cause may have 
been electrical failure).

Freshman enrollment is over 3,000 in Stillwater, Tulsa’s undergraduate enrollment has almost 
doubled, and international applications are way up (partly due to small application fee). A lot of 
international students apply and then don’t come to campus after being accepted. Some 
international students blanket apply to several universities, so we won’t know what the 
enrollment will be until school starts.

Orange Peel – Helen Meyers, Executive Director
Orange Peel is September 7 this year. Entertainment on the roster is Sister Hazel, Blues Traveler 
and David Spade. The contracts stipulate a PG13 performance. Tickets are $20 general 
admission and $25 reserved. They raised the costs of tickets to bring prices more in line with 
usual concert ticket prices. The Reserved seats are E & D (from 40-yard to 40- yard line). The
stage is going to be on the 50-yard line. The sound system is going to be a lot better. Sellout this year will be 22,000. If tickets sellout, this will be the second largest Orange Peel attendance. They are advertising in campus newspapers at OU, TU, OCU and UCO. The cheerleaders, band, and football team will be in pre-show. Block tickets will be available through different departments. SAC was first to see the posters. The names on the bottom of posters are sponsors who have given over $5000. They will be all over campus, OKC and Tulsa. 150 people on committees are working closely on production of the show. It is planned that Sister Hazel will go on first for about one hour beginning at 8. Then a curtain will drop and David Spade will perform for about 45 minutes. Then the curtain will raise and Blues Traveler will perform. There will be 600 people allowed on the field. The performers get a count of the number of tickets and anything over goes to the performers. Call 1-877-OSU PEEL for information or tickets.

Parking Report – Geary Robinson
Wants to clarify some issues: parking, transits, permits, costs, etc. They wanted to see what the interest would be in a lot in a central location and only those paying more could park there. If someone who had paid went to park and the lot was full, OSU PD would be called and anyone illegally parked, would be towed. There was about a 50/50 split on those who were willing to try it or those who were not interested at all. We have a situation with parking that doesn’t seem to be getting any better. We are now paying 21 cents/day to try and find a parking spot. Geary has been on campus since Jan. 99. Not everyone agrees with the changes that have been made. OSU PD is trying to move in a direction that will benefit all. They are working with an alum on a proposal for an inter-mobile transit facility or parking deck. These are not cheap. He is not anxious to run up parking permit costs to maintain and build new parking spots. If we want to park close to campus, we must go up and not out. When architects come on campus to build, they want nice flat ground so parking lots get taken. Funding issues – he wants to have someone in personnel to handle payroll deduction or pre-tax dollars for parking permits. He wants to consider a $27/semester transit fee for students. Geary would like to see a permit increase over three years. A well-run, well-scheduled transit system for off campus parking can reduce parking spaces by 20% on campus. We will start with large remote lot northwest of campus. He encourages parents to be sure freshmen have one car and not two.

There are three locations where parking decks might be built: behind stadium, Hall of Fame & Monroe, and behind Ag Hall or S. Murray. They are looking into federal grants for possible aid and he believes they should be reserved spaces. Everyone cannot afford to pay the same for parking.

Transit system – OSU will run the transits and not Guthrie. There are two new big buses (coach buses) – You can’t miss them if you see them. They are big, black and orange with OSU on them. OSU is working with OSU Tulsa. They will run 8 times a day back and forth. If faculty and staff are on university business, the cost will be charged back to your department. Cost for tickets: One-way - $10 for faculty and staff, $5 for students one-way. There will be a reservation system. An Airport run may be added to the schedule. The schedule will be adjusted as needed to meet everyone’s needs. It will be a lot cheaper to take the transit than to pay parking at the airport, and you don’t have to worry about where you are going to park. The buses will run every Monday – Thursday 5:45am-10:15pm and Friday 5:45am-4:15pm and will begin on August 20th. There’s not a lot going on after 4:00 pm Friday. Later on, semester passes and long-term passes might be available and there might be a 10% discount. For reservations, call 744-7100. Each seat will have a power port for a laptop computer. Each has five TV monitors and a VCR. Tickets can be paid through Bursar account, credit card or cash. OSU is working with the City of Stillwater for community use. Geary hopes that eventually, we will have transit service to OKC campuses and airport, Okmulgee, and maybe surrounding areas. The first year the campus buses...
ran there were 12,000 boardings. Since Sept. 30, 2000, there have been 225,000 boardings. (This is with 5 buses on campus)

When the old high-rise dorms come down, we will probably see more apartments go up. One of Geary’s goals is to see Monroe St. shut down. He feels this is a very dangerous thoroughfare. He would like to see a system that would use alternate fuel such as LPG or super clean diesel. His dream is to develop a north central Oklahoma transit system for Logan, Noble, Payne, Kay and surrounding counties.

There will be a survey conducted this year that will give employees a chance to voice their opinions on parking. We have to ask ourselves, “Are we going to move forward or stay the same?” Is permit issued to vehicle or staff/faculty? Can two people use the same permit? OSU does not allow this now. A student should not be allowed to use the parent’s permit. There are a lot of graduate teaching assistants who teach classes who want to know why they can’t get a faculty parking permit. They are not faculty – they are students.

Geary talks to student organizations 3 times/semester. If SAC would like him to come and talk to us, he would be more than happy. Myra said we would schedule him to come to another meeting.

**Branch Campus Reports**

*OSU-OKC* – No report

*OSU-Tulsa* – No report

*OSU-COM* – No report

*OSU-Okmulgee* – Elections for faculty/staff council are coming up. The Professional Development Committee would like to thank people from Stillwater that drive to Okmulgee for classes. Staff is having a drive for school supplies for people who can’t afford them. New housing will be open this fall semester. Faculty and staff can take off a day to help students move in and it won’t be charged against their leave.

**Report of Standing Committees**

*Rules & Procedures – Duane Hunt*

Duane handed out four proposals: Nomination/election process, representative to resign his/her seat, subjugating Robert’s Rules of Order, how to remove a SAC officer if they are not doing their job and how to remove a chair if they are not doing their job. These will be discussed at next meeting.

Nomination forms for Distinguished Service Awards are now available from any SAC representative. Tell your departments these are available and it will be on web. Deadline is September 21st. Public Relations Committee will do a by-name drop. (All full-time STW staff includes approximately 2900 people).

*Public Relations – Rita Hundley*

Bonnie has a draft done on brochure. They hope to get it out by end of September. Committee discussed initial publicity for Staff Appreciation Day. Wes Higgs will be coordinating this. Some things the committee wants to do: digital camera pictures during event, articles in O’Colly, public service announcements on KOSU and radio interview with chair, campus round-up each day, and announce at Faculty Council meeting.
Distinguished Service Awards – is there specific criteria for selection of winners – Wes has written a public service announcement on Distinguished Service Awards for KOSU. He will have them announce it as often as they will. It needs to fill a 30-second slot on the radio.

General promotions – PR committee will sell homecoming mums as a fundraiser. They will take orders. This will be publicized in dorms, Greek houses, etc. Homecoming is Oct. 27th. They would be available on Friday before game.

The committee talked about ways of promoting SAC: Once a month or semester- Setting up table by Chi o’clock with hot chocolate or orange punch on home football game days. They will check on costs of punch and hot chocolate. SAC might want to be in the Homecoming parade (free publicity).

Awards & Recognition – Leslie Cimino
The committee wants to change hours of Staff Appreciation Day from 10:00-2:00 to 11:00-1:00. They want to see about having a choice of hamburgers/chicken for lunch and are going to get more vendors to participate. We will ask Faculty Council to help – serve food, clear tables, etc. Lisa Collins is working on the brochure. Duane will need to give Lisa the Distinguished Service award winners when available.

Policies, Benefits and Budget – Leslie Miller
No report. She asked her committee to stay after SAC meeting.

Old Business
There is not room on the schedule for a presentation at new employee orientation. Myra will be meeting with Personnel as to what they want SAC to do. We might do a 30-second “commercial announcement”. If we are greeters, there should be more than one person. PR Committee will do a one-page information sheet for the new employee packets for 3 months (officers, council members, contact information, web address, etc.) until the brochures are ready.

Duane Hunt introduced the distinguished service award selection committee members: Nancy Mitchell, Sheryl Beeler, Teresa Reedy, Wallace Riggs and himself. If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact any of the committee members.

New Business
None.

Announcements
Some members felt like 250 SU and 419 SU were too small for council meetings. Unless someone is opposed to meeting in the case study room, the September meeting will be September 12, 2001, in 412 Student Union. Wes Higgs made the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.