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Minutes will be approved at next meeting.

OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 10, 2008, 408 Student Union


Absent: Condit, Dobson, Hix, Miller, C. Moorman, Polson, Putnam, Sweeden, York

Tara Graham called the meeting to order at 1:15 p. m. and Anise Arterbery called roll.

Tara asked for approval of the November minutes. Carrie Warner and Bonnie Gladden were both absent from the November meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended, seconded, and approved by a voice vote.

Tara asked for approval of the agenda. Tara will discuss “vacant seats” as a New Business item. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended, seconded, and approved by a voice vote.

Executive Update – Gary Shutt, Director of Communication Services
Commencement ceremonies will be held December 12 & 13. The economic situation has put a hold on President Hargis’ fundraising campaign which will focus primarily on scholarships for students and faculty endowments. The State Regents would like to freeze tuition and will submit a proposal to legislature for approximately $80 million to be funded to schools this next fiscal year. OSU still offers the best value in the Big XII. Private schools may be hurt more by the economic downturn if students are unable to afford tuition. Enrollment is down this year and Kyle Wray has been appointed the head of Enrollment Management. OSU is currently undergoing about $850 million in
construction projects on campus. An east and west wing are being added to the architecture building which will open late summer 2009. Work on Old Central is an $8.6 million project which includes a new foundation and ADA compliance; should be complete in late summer 2009. Murray is a capital bond project of $23 million and should be complete in late summer 2009. The OADDL is a $13 million project toward additional space and should be complete in late summer of 2009. The multimodal facility and garage are almost complete. The North Classroom Building is scheduled to open when classes resume in Jan 2009. It will also be used by NOC. The Board of Regents approved the construction of a compressed natural gas (cng) facility near the rodeo arena. OSU transit bus fleet will eventually consist entirely of buses running on cng, though some testing has been done with electric cars. As of March 2009, President Hargis will have been at OSU for one year. Shutt promoted Hargis’ “Inside OSU” videos which are filmed by a student in journalism and broadcasting. Shutt asked for comments on the Tobacco Free policy. Council members offered that night shifts do not seem to be enforced and that there are challenges approaching international students. The energy initiative has saved $3 million through October.

Faculty Council Update, December 2008 – Sue Moore
See Faculty Council Meeting Report at end of minutes.

Treasurer’s Report - Lynette Venard
Last month’s council donations totaled $27.77.

Branch Campus Reports

OSU-CHS – David Barron
The OSU-CHS Family Gathering is scheduled for December 3. There was a drawing for gift cards and a ham was raffled. Chad Landgraf will replace David Barron as President of OSU CHS SAC.

OSU-Okmulgee – Allen York
Allen York was not present therefore no report was given.

OSU-OKC – Melissa Woodruff
Staff council held a holiday luncheon on 12/12/08 which included faculty. Door prizes were given. Enrollment for spring 2009 is up 4.3% and classes will begin on January 5, 2009.

OSU-Tulsa – Dona Davidson
There have been a number of guests on campus including bikers with the Salvation Army Motorcycle Toy Run and elementary school students presenting their annual Winter Holiday Performance. There will be a drawing for a gift basket during OSU-Tulsa Appreciation Week. OSU-Tulsa announced a new tuition assistance program called the “OSU-Tulsa Cowboy Commitment” which will offer a $650 tuition waiver for the spring semester to eligible students transferring to OSU-Tulsa from any college or university throughout Oklahoma. Based on their grade point average, students may be eligible for up to three semesters.

Report of Standing Committees

Rules & Procedures – Carey Warner
No report.

Awards & Recognition – Bonnie Gladden
No report.
Policies, Benefits, and Budget – Ival Gregory, Susan Marshall
Bright Horizons, a company that provides back-up day care for children who are too ill to go to day care, has offered to give a free quote on the cost of running a day care center on campus. Susan is looking for any state departments which may support this effort as well as support from males on campus. Representatives from the Women’s Faculty Council have been invited for further discussion on campus day care. The committee is looking at generating a survey to address the issue of “inequities in perks” across campus.

Public Relations – Marsha Chapman
No report. Marsha does not have access to the website.

Tara shared that there are a couple of people who do not have shirts yet. It was suggested that a new picture be taken for the website. February would be a good month to take another picture.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business to discuss.

New Business
Vacant Seats – Tara Graham
Currently, there are two vacant seats, an A&P seat in Academic Affairs and a classified seat in Student Affairs. The Council agrees to look at nominees from the last election and contact for interest in serving.

Bonnie Gladden mentioned that a staff member had inquired about the OKC bus route being discontinued. Is there anything SAC can do to encourage a resume of this route? Danny Darnell expressed concern for international students’ transportation options to and from Stillwater.

Announcements
No announcements.

Respectfully submitted,
Anise Arterbery, Secretary
Faculty Council Meeting  
December 9, 2008  
3:00 p.m.  
Council Room, 250 Student Union

Recommendations:

Strategic Planning Process-Pending

Amending of the "Awarding Posthumous Degrees for Doctoral Students" policy-Passed by Faculty Council, Submitted to the Executive Team for review/approval

* Academic Standards and Policies:

Mindy McCann reported the committee has issued with the Student Aboard feasibility. They are reviewing the attendance policy, particularly students being excused from classes for University activities.

Recommend the modification of 3.10 - Regents policy that students may not earn two degrees in the same field, which led to a lengthy discussion.

Recommend the modification of 1.6 - The Registrar provide verification for good academic standing. A discussion followed.

These recommendations are to adopt the language used by the State Regents. They were voted on and the motions carried to accept the proposals.
• Budget:

Dr. Ron Miller indicated that the committee is still struggling on how to word a letter to Mike Holder. There is a consensus to recommend that Athletics start working on the repayment to ENG the $944,000 per year that has been paid.

For the past two years, Athletics has stabilized and should not be receiving supplemental payments, as they appear to have "plenty of money". A discussion followed— one point made was that if Athletics could give the Head Football coach a million dollar raise, obviously the $944,000 is not needed and the faculty needs to not lose sight of the overall mission of the University. A better balance between academics and athletics needs to be implemented. Recommended a more "forceful" letter be compiled by the faculty.

When asked about the purpose of the $994,000 for Athletics, Dr. Miller indicated it was for leasing/using Gallagher-Iba for University-related activities, such as graduation exercises. At the current time, students are already paying fees for facilities on campus.

Joe Weaver is looking into student fees and an appropriate way to handle "collegiate" fees.

Dr. Miller will also be looking into the status for endowed chairs.
• Faculty:

Udaya DeSilva only stated that his committee is looking into faculty who are not citizens being able to work on a long-term basis. At the current time, they cannot do so.

• Student Affairs and Learning Resources:

Dr. Brown basically talked about Study Abroad and the multitude of problems that are being encountered because the faculty basically does not like being travel agents and arranging trips, etc. There participating pool of students decreased from 476 to 469. There was a lengthy discussion about ways to address some of the problems and improve advertising of the program and adding short-term classes.

• Liaison Representatives:

Report by Emeriti Association representative who gave a very impressive breakdown of the 430 hours of service to the University by the association and alumni participating in civic groups, church activities, as well as, University activities this year.

Student Publications Board rep gave an update on progress to select a General Manager for the O'Colly. One has been chosen. The Academic Advisor position search has been unfruitful—no applications.

A Student Editor was chosen for the O'Colly - David Youngblood, the only applicant. The salary for editor has been reduced from $50 a day to $35 a day for a 5-6 day workweek.
The budget for the O'Colly has a $900,000 overage. Because of the state of influx due to restructuring, the student paper needs accountability and the advertising staff needs revisions to their duties and responsibilities.

- New Business:

Dr. Miller (second one at the table) read a letter from the Will Rogers Memorial Commission honoring Theodore Agnew, Jr. and listing all of his contributions to enhance and complete the works of Will Rogers. His son, Lee, sent the letter to the Council. Dr. Agnew served on the faculty at OSU for many years and made innumerable contributions on campus, and in the community, as well.

There has been a resolution proposed to have a portrait of Dr. Agnew displayed in the Faculty Council offices.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Moore, Staff Advisory Council member