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*Cumulative non-excused absences beginning July 2011 meeting through date of this meeting.

Guests: Dr. Robert Sternberg, Provost, Jamie Payne, Chief Human Resource Officer, Sally Asher, O'Collegian Reporter, Mary DeGuzman, O'Collegian Photographer, Jason Sullivan, Student Union, Jason Pogue, VP for Research, and Jon Hunt, Residential Life.

Marta Kochenower called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Kathie Tanner took roll call and declared a quorum present for voting purposes. Marta introduced Diane Jones, the new A/P council representative for the Academic Affairs division.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

Executive Update: Dr. Robert Sternberg Provost

Dr. Sternberg updated the council on Dean and Director searches on campus:

- College of Education – Dr. Sissi Carroll will start on July 1, 2012
- CEAT – an offer has been made to Paul Tilkalsky, he has not yet accepted
- Arts & Sciences – there was a large list of applicants, down to final four (4) they will bring to campus.
- DASNR – several people have been interviewed to act as Interim and they are putting together a search committee.
- ITLE – internal search for Assistant Provost/Director
- Ombudsperson – a search will begin soon.

The Lasso Program is phenomenally successful. They continue to grow and have outgrown their space. They are in the process of working with the Math Department to set up a satellite area.

ACT optional enrollment – a taskforce will be explore feasibility for optional admission other than ACT scores.

Parking – The new SW garage construction will begin during spring break. 48 staff parking slots will be affected. The garage is expected to have some faculty/staff parking spaces. The Monroe Street construction should start in mid-May after spring classes.
June will see the start of the Panorama Project for admissions. Essays written will demonstrate skills that offset ACT test scores and HS grade point averages. The essays provide an opportunity to show analytical and creative skills to gain admission and showing leadership skills in ethical performance. Raters would be looking at ideas – not the mechanics. This will provide improved prediction of: increase in college graduates, participation, relationships with students and their families; decrease in ethnic issues.

“President's Cup” award – $500k for creative land-grant proposals. Faculty and staff are eligible.

**Remember the Ten: Jason Pogue and Jason Sullivan, Remember the Ten Run Committee Members**

Jason and Jason handed out stickers and flyers about the upcoming Remember the Ten Run, April 21, 2012. They are in need of volunteers to assist on the day of the run. There is also plenty of time to register for the event and registration is open the day of run. Each year this event continues to grow; they are expecting over two thousand participants this year. The proceeds of this event go to the University Counseling Services.

They also announced “Remember the Ten Run Scholarship Program”, applications are now available and awards will be made starting in the fall 2012 semester. For further information contact University Counseling Services.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mickey Gregg provided the Council a written report. There being no questions or changes; the report was approved as presented. [02-19-12 Treasurer Report.pdf](#)

**Branch Campus Reports**

**OSU-Tulsa – Austin McCoy, Chair**

Marta shared highlights of the written report from Austin in his absence. [TULSA UPDATES-MINUTES\TULSA SAC Minutes 030112.docx](#)

**OSU-OKC – Dawn Bateman, Chair**

Marta shared Dawn’s written report in her absence. [OSU-OKC March Report.pdf](#)

**OSU–Institute of Technology – Robbie Vanhooser**

OSUIT held the ground breaking ceremony for the new Chesapeake Energy Natural Gas Compression Training Center on January 31st. Construction on the center will begin soon and is funded by a lead gift of $2.0 million from the Chesapeake Energy Corporation based in Oklahoma City. The training center will be the first of its kind in the energy industry.

Dr. Path is still visiting each of the departments on campus. His visits and interviews are filmed and the videos are available on the OSUIT website.

OSUIT’s Branding Success Luncheon is scheduled for April 4th.

**Report of Standing Committees**

**Rules & Procedures – Donna Whitmore**

Donna brought the committee’s recommendation of a change in the by-laws to the council for vote. Section IV. Annual Elections - the proposed change removes the word “mail” allowing balloting by other means such as online. The change also removed the requirement for ballots to be returned by mail. The final change was clarification that the Rules and Procedures Committee would oversee all voting. This recommendation of the Rules & Procedures Committee was approved.

The SAC nomination forms are ready to go out via e-mail to all staff. A completed printed form must be submitted for the nomination to be eligible. We will be voting on-line this year. A custom link will be available so that each staff person can vote within their respective category.

Donna announced that the Executive Committee would work to present a slate of officers for election at the June meeting. Nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor per the bylaws.

**Policies, Benefits, and Budget – Darlene Croci**

Darlene stated the PB&B met on February 21, 2012. Anne Matoy had informed SAC that Air Med and BCBS have agreed to a contract. [Jamie Payne confirmed this during discussion that AirMed and BCBS have signed a contract that provides](#)
air ambulance service to OSU employees that will take effect on April 1, 2012. There are no additional fees added to our premiums to-date. They are still working on prior claims. Jamie also stated that OSU has been informed that OU MediFlight sold their helicopter and are now utilizing Rocky Mountain for air ambulance service. Rocky Mountain does not have an agreement with BCBS. We are going through a similar exercise with them to encourage such an agreement. We will keep you informed if any progress is made.

A constituent asked about lab work in doctor’s office not being covered by BCBS. HR informed the employee that: BCBSOK is not requiring the providers to send their patients to have their blood work drawn at the hospital, or a DLO. They can still draw blood in their office and then they can send the specimens to the lab. They do not have to send the patient directly to the lab - - for the services they are capable of handling in the office.

BCBSOK has not asked the providers to change the services they offer or that they offered prior to the change. What we have changed is we will no longer reimburse providers for services they themselves do not enter.

The next PB&B meeting will be on March 27, 2012.

Public Relations – Ray Catalino
Ray stated that the PR committee is getting ready to distribute “Save the Date” flyers about the picnic and the Parking Space Raffle flyers are being distributed too. They are working on contacting vendors for the Staff Celebration Picnic. Kinnunen Sales and Rental is providing tables for our use and charging the cost of delivery only. They will receive a vendor table at no cost.

A motion was made by Lora Polson and seconded to print or not print brochures for service pin/brick awardees. The motion to PRINT the brochures was approved. It was then decided that the Awards and Recognition committee would take on the task of preparing the brochure.

Awards & Recognition – Nani Pybus
Nani stated that the work sign-up sheet for the picnic was going around. Nani announced that Freddie Paul’s would cater the Staff Picnic again this year. They have requested President Hargis as a speaker, but have not yet gotten confirmation.

She handed out tickets for the annual Parking Space raffle which ends on May 17th at the picnic.

Nani reported that additional pins for this year’s awards were purchased at previous year’s low prices. However, prices for pins will be increased significantly from this time forward. Brick prices will also be doubled (at a minimum) in future. Nani then presented a recommendation from the A&R committee that the onyx pins for 30 plus years of service be made available upon request to this year’s recipients but not automatically presented. This will enable the committee to collect feedback from 30 plus recipients regarding their pin preferences for use in determining future pin ideas for the higher levels of service. The motion was approved.

Faculty Council Report – Lora Polson, February and Jean Kerr-Hunter, March
Lora shared that they council discussed the current legislation on tenure and gun laws.

Jean shared the council had a speaker from Tulsa-CHS and MacKenzie Wolfong. President Hargis shared that we are expecting a flat budget for this next year. There was some discussion on the RPT (retention, promotion, and tenure files) and what should be accessible to whom.

Officer’s Reports
Secretary’s Report: Kathie Tanner
Terry Baker, of Student Union Food Services will join us next month to tell us about the Farm Fresh program.

Dr. Pam Fry will be our Executive Update representative.

Vice Chair’s Report: Jean Kerr-Hunter
Staff scholarship applications will go out very soon. Check the website for the application and print out as needed. Jean will be in touch with Committee chairs to get a selection committee together. We will be able to provide eleven $500 scholarships this year.
Chair’s Report: Marta Kochenower

Marta stated the OSU Foundation picnic has been changed to April 18th.

The June luncheon meeting will be held in the Vogt Room of the ARTC.

Darlene Croci has been named as the SAC representative on the ITLE Assistant Provost/Director search committee.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The proposed By-law change was addressed under committee actions.

Announcements

The next SAC Meeting will be April 11th, in room 102 ATRC @ 1:15pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Tanner, Secretary