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OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 9, 2001  419 Student Union  1:15 PM

Present:  Cimino, Curd, DeBock, Fletcher, Ford, Hannah, Hayes, Higgs, Hunt, Jacobs, Jardot, Jennings, Knight, Mitchell, Richardson, Riggs, Swann, Traynor, Whitney, Zorba

Excused:  Cameron, Hays, Hundley, Ingham, Miller, Satterfield

Absent:  Anderson, Payne, Spickler

Mary Kay Jennings called the meeting to order and Camille Jardot called roll. The March and April minutes were approved. The May agenda was approved.

Executive Group Update – Dr. Marvin Keener, Executive Vice President
There have been some meetings regarding the FMLA Policy. Personnel is waiting for Legal Council to look at it.

Regarding the topic of criminal background checks, it is going to be reviewed again but they are close to a decision.

The financial status at OSU does not look very good due to the increased utility bills. If the utility bills keep going the way they have been, next year there will be an increase of $2.7 million which is like a 3% salary increase.

Another increase that OSU is having to deal with is required increased contributions to OTR.

Freshman enrollment is down for next fall. We are, however, getting a very high quality student body. More students from Oklahoma are attending OSU vs. OU. The transfer student ratio is about the same as last year even though last year, it was down.

OSU is still looking for the money for Lewis Field. They are hoping to have the "kick off" of the renovations by September, 2002.

Branch Campus Reports
OSU-COM – No report

OSU-OKM – Devin DeBock
Their last meeting was the General Faculty/Staff breakfast and joint session.
Capstone is only 10 days behind in the construction of their residence halls.

Blueprints are being drawn up on their Student Union.

Utility costs and enrollment are concerns on their campus as well. They are hoping that their enrollment totals reach last years level.

**OSU-OKC – No report**

**OSU-Tulsa – No report**

**Report of Standing Committees**

**Public Relations – Melba Knight**

Their committee needs the summary of committee reports by May 22nd. These will be included in the new members packets.

**Awards and Recognition – Leslie Cimino**

A special thanks was given to everyone that helped out with the carnation sales and delivery. There were 647 carnations were purchased at a cost of $.75 and were sold for $2.00 each. The total cost was $485.25 with a total profit of $808.75. Last year approximately 800 carnations were sold.

**Policy, Benefits, and Budget – Leslie Miller**

The PB&B Committee voted not to take any action regarding priority enrollment for staff.

   CEAT petition on reduced health care costs- the Committee decided a reply to this petition should be addressed by the University Health Care Committee since they have reviewed all the statistics and have the necessary information to explain OSU's position on the current health care plan. The Health Care Committee has also reviewed the CEAT petition and Dr. Wilguess is drafting a reply to CEAT.

   Salary additives- the committee decided that the topic of salary additions in lieu of subscribing to the University health care plan had also been addressed by the University Health Care Committee, and that their study of this issue would allow them to address this issue better than the SAC Policy.

   Day Care- while the committee felt it is unlikely that a proposal would be acted upon, it was decided that the issue should be raised again. The committee will do further research. The committee members will be: 1) looking up information dealing with the last recommendation made on this subject, 2) Contacting OU (which they believe implemented day care service based on OSU's last proposal), 3) Discussing the issue with appropriate OSU administrators, 4) Contacting Personnel Services to see if information is available as to how many people use Flex Benefits for Day Care payments.

   Salary/Wage Proposal- the committee decided to table this issue until Personnel Services is willing/able to work with them further.

**Rules and Procedures – Myra Traynor**

The results from the member elections is as follows:

*Academic Affairs & Research- A/P*
1) Becky King
2) Wes Higgs
Academic Affairs & Research - Classified
1) Teresa Reedy
2) Sheryl Beeler
Business & External Relations - Classified
1) Denise Brooks
2) Steve Cookerly
General University - Classified
1) Dawn Good
Student Affairs - Classified
1) Billie Blackburn
2) Lisa Collins

Report of University Committees

Faculty Council Update - January - Wes Higgs

There was a lot of discussion with regards to academic standards and policy. There was a lengthy presentation given by Jacqueline Fletcher. One of her ideas was to set the maximum number of exams that a student can have per day.

The parking policy update was given by Marsha Dickman. They are really concerned with the University trying to implement a pilot program. The pilot program would charge $40 per month to anyone who wouldn't be willing to park in a remote parking lot and be bussed into work. They do not want anything done until they can poll faculty, staff and students.

The Long Range Planning Committee has been changed to the Long Range Planning and Technology Committee.

The recommendations relating to the Athletic Programs: Faculty Council is not happy with the way the current Athletic Committee has been performing. They do not trust that the committee is doing what is necessary to make sure that student athletes are performing at the level and graduating at the rate that they should be so they have implemented their own standing athletic committee.

The O'Colly is offering copies of all of the photos that were taken from the previous year. The package deal would cost $49.95.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report (questions) - None

Other: Dr. Birdwell has agreed to pay for our New Employee Orientation Luncheon. Mary Kay Jennings received a letter from Dr. Birdwell concerning the scholarship agreement and matching funds and he has agreed to do this again for the upcoming year.

Staff Advisory Scholarships - Nancy Swann
There were 16 applications received this year. This number was up from last year. There were 3 or 4 applicants that had previously applied. Everyone was deserving. The award letters will be out by the end of May and the names will be provided at the next meeting.

New Business

Announcements -
All of the room reservations have been made for Staff Advisory Council for the next year. They will be held in 250 Student Union.
The new members will be seated at the next meeting.

Louisa Payne is scheduled to attend the next Faculty Council Meeting scheduled for June 12th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM. The Staff Advisory Council will have its new member orientation luncheon in room 211 Student Union (Oklahoma Room) from noon till 1:15. The regular meeting will be held in the same room.