OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES


Absent: Byers, Gregg, Mathew, Miller, Niland, K. Sweeden, Tanner, Tucker

Guests: President Hargis and Joe Weaver

Ival Gregory called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and roll was taken by Debbie Stump.

Ival asked for approval of the April minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Ival asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda, seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Executive Update: President Hargis

The President gave a general overview of items of interest on campus. He discussed the 5.8% cut from the legislature. President Hargis also discussed the need to evaluate parking on our campus as well as improving the landscaping around campus. The Branding Success Campaign is going well. Our enrollment looks like it will be up significantly for the fall which may lead to an increase in faculty in general education areas. He also mentioned that they have a new design for the Business Building as well as there is discussion about making improvements to the Human Services Building. President Hargis also mentioned a need for all of the staff to have a good customer service attitude towards the students and other staff members who are our customers.
**Special Guest: Joe Weaver**

Joe also mentioned the legislative cut of 5.8%, which administration considers good news. The new fall freshmen class could be the largest ever with approximately 600 more students coming to OSU in the fall. Joe discussed the parking garage that will be built and hopefully completed by Fall 2012. Also Monroe Street improvement plans are in the beginning stages as well.

**Treasurer’s Report  - Lyn Putnam**

A copy of the Treasurer’s Report was sent out to all Council members prior to the meeting.

**Branch Campus Reports**

**OSU-CHS – Ronda Shouse**

Ronda reported that OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS will be integrating next fall to form one Staff Advisory Council. It will be called Advisory Council of the Oklahoma State University in Tulsa (OSU in Tulsa), hereby referred to as “Council”.

**OSU–Institute of Technology – Curtis Miller**

No report

**OSU-OKC – Tonia Byers**

No report.

**OSU-Tulsa – Bret Niland**

No report

**Report of Standing Committees**

**Rules & Procedures – Donna Whitmore**

The elections are complete for the new 2011-14 members. They are as follows:

Representing Academic Affairs:
Susan Mathew, Lora Polson and Marsha Chapman

Representing Admin/Finance:
Anna Greene-Hicks, Sheryl Beeler, and Sharon Irwin

Representing EMM/EREDF/GU/Research:
Mickey Gregg

Representing Student Affairs:
Linda Hyman
**Awards & Recognition – Nani Pybus**

The committee has done a walk thru for the May 19 picnic and they feel that all is ready to go. Staff picnic will be May 19 at Boone Pickens Stadium (gate 2 and 7) from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

**Public Relations – Tara Gladden**

The committee is completing their search for door prizes for the picnic. There will be 27 vendors at the picnic. Tara raised the idea of eliminating the door prizes at future picnics. The committee has had a difficult time getting prizes due to the economy and the time of year. The Council agreed to eliminate door prizes in the future. Also the Council voted to allow Staff Advisory Council members to be eligible to win door prizes and participate in any raffles.

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

The committee is working on completing the staff survey. It should be ready by the middle to late part of May. The survey will be sent out to all staff members.

**Faculty Council Report—Susan Marshall**

KOSU reported to faculty council that the spring fundraiser was a big success, raising over $200,000. Provost Sternberg had no faculty recommendations pending at the meeting but did discuss the current status of dean searches. President Hargis reported that enrollment was up. Budget will see a 5-6% cut. OSU-OKC hired a new president—Natalie Shirley. The Faculty Council had 3 recommendations on the table and all three passed (those can be reviewed on the Faculty Council website).

**Secretary’s Report: Debbie Stump**

Parking will be going up this year to $76. Steve Spradling has extended the term of the current parking stickers. They will run through August 31, 2011. Staff can begin purchasing 2011-12 parking permits on Aug. 1. There will be 3 options for payment this year: 1. Pay cash up front. 2. Set up a 9 month pretax payroll deduction or 3. Charge it to bursar—if charged to bursar bill, each customer will be responsible for setting up the deduction/payment plan through the Bursar Office.

**Vice Chair’s Report: Marta Kochenower**

Scholarship applications are in for the 2011-12 year. We received 24 applications. The committee will be reviewing those to choose the recipients.

**Chair’s Report: Ival Gregory**

Ival explained the new changes in the Legal Counsel on campus. The current legal group will still be used for the Board of Regents, and the new established counsel will be for the OSU campus. Also President Hargis’ office sent word that the Staff Council will be receiving an
invitation to a reception at his and Ann’s home on December 5, 2011. Ival is working on making adjustments to the Staff Survey after recommendations were made from some “survey experts” on campus, making it less biased.

Unfinished Business
The piggy bank will be discontinued. The money is no longer needed for scholarships.

New Business
a. Recommendation from Task Force—the recommendation was discussed and will be voted on at the July meeting. The vote will be taken before the new members are inducted.
b. July meeting will be held, but will be a social meeting to get to know new members and allow committees to get together.
c. The Council voted by show of hands to include Staff Advisory Council members in the picnic door prizes and also to allow Council members to purchase raffle tickets for the parking spot.

Announcements
a. The Staff Distinguished Service Awards will be given at the Provost’s Convocation on November 29, 2011 rather than holding our own separate award ceremony.
b. Susan Marshall mentioned that on May 25 (temporary date) there will be a program to discuss Metabolic Syndrome information. The meeting/lunch will be held at the Wellness Center.
c. June 8 meeting will be held at Joseppis. Must RSVP for lunch prior to May 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Stump, Secretary