Guest speaker(s): Marsha Chapman, President of the Native American Faculty and Staff Association provided a description of the organization. NAFSA gives the OSU Native Americans a voice in the university community by advising the OSU Administration on issues affecting Native Americans. They sponsor programs and services aimed at helping recruit and retain Native American faculty and staff. In addition NAFSA sponsors events that showcase and celebrate the many different Native American cultures represented at OSU.

NAFSA is committed to helping Native American students complete their higher education by recognizing and rewarding their superior academic achievements, leadership and community involvement. NAFSA awards thirteen scholarships each year: 2 Male & Female Freshman; 9 Undergraduate; 1 Transfer and 1 Graduate totaling $1000 each. To apply for a NAFSA scholarship, the student must complete the application; attach a personal statement regarding their Native American family background, leadership activities, academic involvement, honors/awards, educational/career goals and financial need. It is a requirement for the student to provide a copy of their Tribal Enrollment card or Federal Certificate Degree Indian Blood (CDIB).

Students who receive the scholarship are also required to complete and submit verification of 10 hours of community service for the academic year, half to be completed each semester. The 2012-2013 Freshman and Transfer Scholarship recipients (and future scholarship recipients) are required to verify 10 hours of cultural activities for the year in addition to the 10 hours of community service. The purpose of this requirement is to encourage students to connect with the Native community on campus and get involved with the Native American student organizations.

There are currently 250 members who self-identify as Native American, but you do not have to be Native American to become a member. If you want more information about becoming a member visit the NAFSA website http://nafsa.okstate.edu. Marsha then introduced Dr. John Chaney, Faculty Coordinator of the American Indian Studies program.

Dr. Chaney talked about the growth of the Native American programs and studies at OSU. They began with a certification program for years and then on to a “minor” which has been available for quite some time. They are currently seeking to build a “major” program of study. Core faculty from across campus and all colleges are assisting in the development and building of new courses. One such course is the Native American Entrepreneurship and Business Development. 7 students have declared the minor this year and 37 have enrolled in the Introduction class.

NAFSA works with the office of Diversity for speakers, etc for programs and events. They are working to have more effective communication. AMIS (American Indian Studies) website amis.okstate.edu provides information on the minor and the courses offered. Cheryl Bayhylle talked about the new American Indian Student Center now located in 104 Life Sciences East. They have been able to secure funding to help in the renovation of the center. The funding will also enable them to continue growing. They are hoping to become the home for Native American Journals soon.

Q – When will the Pow Wow be?  
A – October 6, 2012 at the Payne County Fairgrounds

Q – Can you tell how many students enrolled in classes are Native American vs. others?  
A – They have not tracked this information

Q – Were their announcements of the classes posted?  
A – Yes where they could. They did not get them out as soon as they would have liked.
Q – Which is the correct wording; Native American or American Indian are they interchangeable?
A – Yes they are interchangeable, some prefer the term American Indian

Q – Is a student required to show proof of tribal membership for a scholarship or do they self-identify?
A – Only if the student is applying for tribal scholarship or the NAFSA scholarship are they required to show proof of CDIB (Certificate of Indian Blood) or Tribal enrollment card.

Guest speaker(s): Teresa Duston was going to give us a D2L demonstration but having found that there are licensing restrictions she did not. She is therefore going to research and explore a “SharePoint” alternative. The SharePoint system is very similar to the D2L and the Council can discuss topics among committee members, SAC members, etc. It will also be a good venue for us all to learn more about each other. She will bring her findings to the Council at a later date.

Treasurer’s Report: Mickey Gregg provided the Council a written report. There being no questions or changes; the report was approved as presented.

Branch Campus Reports

OSU-Tulsa/CHS – Cyndi Canning, Chair, although not in attendance reported that Tulsa is starting their scholarship fundraising efforts and will be revising their bylaws.

OSU-OKC – Kristy Voss, Chair
Introduced Nate Adams, the Vice Chair for OSU-OKC Council. August 31, 2012 OKC staff/faculty/families had a family night at the Red Hawks game. They have completed the remodel and move of their Child Development Center. They are excited about the observation windows that allow students to watch children, yet not interrupt their activities. In November they will have a ground breaking ceremony for the new parking garage building.

OSU–Institute of Technology – Robbie Vanhooser - No Report

Report of Standing Committees

Rules & Procedures – Donna Whitmore
Donna is recruiting members for the Task Force to review reorganization of the Council representation areas. If you are interested in being members contact Donna soon.

Policies, Benefits, and Budget – Nate Moorman
They met on August 21, 2012 and discussed the following topics:

1. Paid medical insurance for retirees – they will be making a recommendation for this soon. They are doing more research and seeking information on this from other Land Grant institutions. Some of them pay for retiree insurance and others do not.
2. Tobacco free campus – the committee was asked to seek information on how well this being done?
   a. Are tickets being issued?
   b. What is the extent of enforcement?
   c. To what extent has the enforcement been done?
3. Rest periods/Leaving campus? The committee is seeking further information as it seems that some supervisors say it is okay, while there are others that do not allow staff to leave campus even during their breaks. This seems to be especially true for those that smoke. It appears that there is not a consistent standard here.
4. Pooling of sick leave, this has been an issue that has been discussed for some time. The PB&B committee will look into it one more time. A member of the Faculty Council will attend their next meeting to tell them the Faculty’s position. Jamie Payne has stated that not all employees are state funded and this also creates an additional block in the process.

Q – Nate was asked where the money goes for any tobacco ticket that is issued.
A – The county receives these funds.

Public Relations – Ray Catalino
Ray stated that the committee met last week and has developed the DSA nomination flyer that went out to staff on Tuesday.

Awards & Recognition – Shawna Goodwin
The A&R committee met last week. She handed out packets that contain Homecoming Raffle Tickets, flyers to post, and instructions. 1st prize is 2 South Side Club seats donated by Joe Weaver; second and third prizes are two (each) seats near the 50 yard line on the North Side of the stadium donated by CIED. They are still seeking prizes for the baskets.

The committee then began a discussion about the service pins and what may be done in place of them this year.
The picnic is scheduled for May 16 at the same location at the West end of Boone Pickens Stadium.

**Faculty Council Report** –

1. Sue Moore – August – The open carry law goes into effect on November 1. On-campus firearms are to be secured in a vehicle.
   
   President Hargis announced 100% occupancy in the dorms.
   
   President Hargis announced that they are asking how many faculty and staff are members of the Phi Beta Kappa organization? This is the new honor society that is coming to OSU.
   
   A possible change in the OSU calendar was brought forth; however, President Hargis said that it is unlikely.
   
   Joe Weaver was asked about the sidewalk completion – he stated they should be completed in about 2-3 weeks. Construction will begin on Farm Road next summer.

2. Nani Pybus – September - President Hargis talked about the accident between a bicyclist and a skateboarder that put both students in the hospital. The administration will look into a solution that clearly shows bike vs. pedestrian lanes. No discussion was held about areas where there are no bike lanes.

   The residential life issue of students sleeping in the foyers came up. Anna Van Cleave stated that although Res Life had spaces ready, they never had to use them. They were able to locate all students in the res halls or off campus. Currently they are showing 96% occupancy.

**Officer’s Reports**

**Secretary’s Report:** Kathie Tanner

No report

**Vice Chair’s Report:** Darlene Croci

Darlene introduced the newest member of SAC – Terrin Williams and presented her with a member’s folder.

She has received 5 DSA nominations as of today. She has been getting some questions about the nomination forms. The deadline is September 28, 2012.

Q – Do you give more weight to a person who receives more than one nomination?

A – No

Darlene introduced Lorinda Schrammel, the Director of HR Training and Development.

Q – Will the Foundation Professional Development fund be used to help staff pay for licenses and certifications?

A – The actual use of this fund has not been determined. Currently they are working on planning a “staff” professional program.

**Chair’s Report:** Marta Kocenower

No report – Marta was absent

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

SAC meeting – October 10, 2012 1:15pm room 408 Student Union

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Tanner, Secretary