

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

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April 13, 2018 Minutes

OSU-CHS Faculty Senate Members

Charles G. Sanny, Ph.D., President

Jarrad Wagner, Ph.D., Past-President

President-elect position election to be held prior to next Senate meeting.

Franklin Champlin, Ph.D., (19) Secretary and OSU-CHS Representative to OSU Faculty Council

Regina Lewis, D.O., (17), Sergeant-at-Arms

Jason Beaman, D.O., (18)

Justin Chronister, D.O., (18)

Kathleen Curtis, Ph.D., (20)

Aric Warren, Ed.D, (20)

Recorder: Jean Keene

Members Present: Dr. Sanny, Dr. Wagner, Dr. Champlin, Dr. Chronister, Dr. Lewis

Members Absent: Dr. Beaman, Dr. Curtis, Dr. Warren

Guest: Dr. Stephens

Administrators Present: Dr. Stephens

Call to Order: Dr. Sanny welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Board Room.

Approval of Minutes:

Since quorum had not yet been achieved, Dr. Sanny said he would call for Approval of the minutes later in the meeting. With the arrival of an additional Senator, the motion for approval was made by Dr. Wagner and seconded by Dr. Chronister; the minutes were approved.

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Sanny advised that Dr. Stephens would be joining the meeting later on the agenda; he was traveling back to Tulsa from a meeting in Oklahoma City.

Upon Dr. Stephen's arrival at the meeting, he provided the following report. He advised that he had attended a meeting at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. He noted that earlier in the week, Dr. Shrum and he had attended a meeting at the capitol regarding the waiver and deferral. The funding through the state has been secured through physical year 2019. On the federal monies, we are monitoring and watching closely the parts associated with the waiver and the deferral: 1. Funds that had been clawed-back from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (deferral) and 2. Our ongoing funds that had not been renewed (waiver).

The process is that we submit our response—we did that about 65 days ago—and they need to respond by May 1. Technically, they don't **have** to respond, but they need to give the money back to HCA, and ultimately to the state legislature which goes to the general fund. Dr. Stephens said we are doing our due diligence. On the waiver side, we had our last call (there had been three) to CMS—they had some questions and we responded. The last call was focused on hypothesis and methodology. Basically, the model we proposed will save the federal and state governments money through taking care of Medicare patients. So, at the end of the last call, there were no follow-up questions, so we are not gathering Anything to submit. We are in a waiting period now. Dr. Stephens said he would be in DC the following week and he would plan a couple of visits and he may be in touch with the staffers.

In response to a question, Dr. Stephens said we had never entered into a formal travel-freeze, although everyone was asked to be careful regarding travel expenses.

Dr. Sanny thanked Dr. Stephens for his informative and interesting report.

Faculty Senate President:

President's Report:

Dr. Sanny advised that he had provided a DRAFT Executive Summary on the Additional Sites report; it had been made available along with the agenda packet at the beginning of the meeting.

Voting Items:

Formal Recommendation FS 17-18-006, Proposed Revision to the Academic Standards Handbook, had been submitted by the Academic Standards Committee. The recommendation had been voted upon and approved at the committee level, and thereafter moved forward for Senate consideration, voting and approval. The motion served to clarify the handbook content on three areas:

- A. Computing overall GPA and Class Rank
There was confusion due to the wording in the formal recommendation, and it was noted that if worded more clearly, it could possibly be voted upon by email and therefore could still be presented for a vote at the General Faculty Meeting.
- B. Section 13.0 Requirements for Graduation
- C. Sections 8.2, 10.3, 10.6 as associated with the transition to Pass/Fail Grades for Clinical Rotations.

The various sections of the motion were discussed. Some members strongly expressed a lack of clarity in the section regarding computing overall GPA and Class Rank. The wording: "*Current method of determining GPA and class rank is by using only the repeated, i.e., not the original grades, for students who repeat coursework*" was unclear whether use of the term "current" refers to current handbook wording, or current practice, as the starting point for understanding this Motion content. Following more discussion, **it was recommended that the motion be referred back to the committee for clarification**; the Senators agreed that the three elements be prepared as individual motions so that the content could be voted upon individually, and those that were approved could be moved for inclusion into the handbook.

A Senator said if the motion is just to update the wording of the handbook to reflect current practices, then that should be clearly stated. If the Senate's input is desired, three motions should be provided for separate voting. Dr. Sanny will contact Dr. Rouch to request this clarification and potential modification of the motion(s).

*Subsequent to the meeting, a ballot for the revised version of the Academic Standards Handbook motion was distributed to Senators for their vote; this ballot included the opportunity for a vote on whether the sections of the ASH motion should be presented on separate ballots when the vote by the general faculty was conducted. All senators voted and **both motions passed**; Dr. Ballard was advised so the appropriate steps could be taken for the General Faculty process.*

Committee Reports:

Dr. Sanny called the Senators attention to the written committee chairperson's reports and invited them to review them at their leisure in order to keep abreast of the actions occurring at the committee level.

Old Business:

There was no old business to address.

New Business:

Since Formal Recommendation FS 17-18-007 had not been submitted in time to be included in the "Items for Voting" agenda item, it was considered under new business. Dr. Sanny called Senators attention to the document.

Formal Recommendation FS 17-18-007, Research Office pursuit of scientific journal access for OSU-CHS faculty. Discussion ensued; following which, Dr. Sanny called for a vote. The motion was approved. The approved Senate recommendation will be forwarded to the administration.

Regarding the Ad Hoc Committee on Additional Sites, which included the reference to the associated formal recommendations FS 17-18-002 for creation of the Ad Hoc committee, and FS 17-18-004, which called for an Executive Summary to be developed. Senators returned to a discussion of the DRAFT Executive Summary. Discussion followed regarding accepting the summary as presented; there was agreement and it was noted it would therefore no longer be a DRAFT. With that decision, there was discussion regarding the appropriate next steps; the following were agreed upon:

1. The Executive Summary should be distributed to the faculty with an invitation to send any questions or comments to the Senate President for reply.
2. Although earlier it seemed that a Faculty Forum would need to be scheduled, since we have now had the opportunity to gather answers and extensive information, the Senate was therefore ready to move forward. It was determined that a Town Hall or Faculty Forum was not needed.
3. It was agreed that Dr. Sanny, as the Senate President, would communicate to the administration the steps the Faculty Senate had taken, and that we are comfortable with moving forward with the additional site and working alongside with the administration to realize this important step in fulfilling our mission.

It was agreed that this self-assignment by the Senate to gather information had been completed; the Executive Summary had been distributed, and faculty questions had been addressed. Accordingly, it was agreed that a Town Hall was not necessary.

The Senate members indicated their approval of all of the efforts that had been taken, and subsequently indicated their approval for an additional campus site in to be located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Dr. Sanny said he would indicate this Senate approval to the administration.

Dr. Sanny noted that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, coupled with the distribution of the Executive Summary to the full faculty with the invitation to send any comments or questions to him and his subsequent answers, constituted a full response to formal recommendations FS 17-18-002 and FS 17-18-004 regarding the Tahlequah additional site.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.