

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE
2020-2021
November 20, 2020 Minutes
(Approved: TBA)

Zoom meeting: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

*Invitees: Drs. Weil, Beaman, Cotton, Curtis, Gardner, Hall, Lewis, Sanny, and Warren
Drs. Stephens and Stroup
All OSU-CHS Faculty*

Recorder: Danielle Duke

Attendance:

Senate members present for all or part of the meeting: Drs. Weil, Stroup, Beaman, Cotton, Curtis, Gardner, Hall, Lewis, Sanny, and Warren

Senate members absent:

Guests: Drs. Wilson, Wheeler

Administrator Present: Dr. Stroup

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Dr. Weil. Dr. Weil introduced Mrs. Danielle Duke who replaced Ms. Jean Keene.

Action Items

1. *Minutes from last meeting Moved by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Cotton
Action: Approved*
2. *General Faculty Meeting Agenda approved. Moved by Dr. Cotton, seconded by Dr. Curtis
Action: Approved*

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Stroup updated the committee about some notifications that went out early that morning which state that managers and department chairs are to be flexible with their staff on campus if they felt that remoting is an option. Dr. Stroup noted that the campus was not shutting down but just being flexible with staff working remote. Dr. Stroup wanted to remind everyone that when wearing a mask, you must also socially distance. For staff that work in tight areas, they have been working with Human Resources and department managers to coordinate schedules for social distance. The last item Dr. Stroup mentioned was the testing for COVID. The swab pod is running about 200 tests a day. In addition, test is being run for Athletics. Rapid test is now being done in the swab pod due to lack of lab tests on site. In the OSU hospital, 37% are COVID cases. With the city hospitals it's 19% with COVID. Dr. Stroup welcomed any questions from the committee. Dr. Weil confirmed the percentage of cases in hospitals.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dr. Weil introduced Dr. Sanny to present the minutes from October 16, 2020. Motion by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Cotton. Minutes unanimously approved.

Faculty Senate President's Report:

Dr. Weil informed the committee that the succession planning committee at OSU and Board of Regents asked the CHS Faculty Senate to nominate two members for consideration for placement of new presidential search committee to replace Mr. Hargis. Dr. Stroup and Dr. Hess were nominated which were forwarded to the Succession Committee. Ms. Sweet was chosen from the Staff Council to represent the CHS campus on the search.

Dr. Weil updated the committee on the OSU General Faculty Zoom Meeting held 11/19/20 that she attended. Dr. Weil expressed her gratitude for the number of CHS faculty that attended the meeting. Rick Davis, Chair of OSU and Board of Regence reminded everyone that the incoming President will need support from a wide variety of constituents in all segments of the campus. The timeline for choosing is mid-March and early April. OSU Stillwater has a page on the website about the search so community members can provide helpful suggestions. Dr. Peek, Chair of faculty council, suggested a couple of articles (“Professor, Interrupted The Legacy of Constant Disruptions” and “The Long Tail of an Unprecedented Crisis”) that have appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education which Dr. Weil downloaded and shared with the committee in Zoom Chat. Mr. Hargis was asked at the General Faculty Meeting about the planned January 18th return for the Undergraduates and Graduates. He responded with a flexible plan and implied it could be changed if the conditions were warranted but no specifics were offered.

Dr. Weil introduced to the committee the Faculty Senate Website that is being developed. Two year of back minutes will be available on the website to view/print. Concerns from the faculty are already being received regarding the campus bookstore. Dr. Weil confirmed the bookstore is selling writing utensils and notebooks. Dr. Weil welcomed any questions from the committee.

Agenda Item presented for voting:

The Agenda for the General Faculty Meeting held December 15th written by Mr. Johnathan Franklin which has been approved by the administration. Dr. Weil noted that the only item to address is the name of the who calls for adjournment which Dr. Shrum’s name was mentioned. Motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Dr. Cotton.

Discussion Items:

No discussion items.

Senate Review of Committee Reports:

Dr. Weil mentioned student updates from Student Affairs Committee. She expressed that the student's wellness is overall positive and a lot of constructive requests and suggestions. Also noted that a lengthy report from the Affirmative Action Committee was received. The Faculty Affairs Committee was instrumental in helping the Faculty Senate select individuals to serve on the Presidential Search Committee. No additional action items were received. Lora Cotton, State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative and Sarah Hall, OSU-Faculty Council Representative gave a brief overview of their committee report.

Old Business: No items to consider.

New Business: Dr. Weil will report at the General Faculty Meeting about the new Faculty Senate Website and will emphasize the link provided on the website for faculty to make comments/complaints etc. Dr. Weil confirmed with the committee that a zoom link will be provided at in person meetings. Dr. Beaman requested that a tribute to Ms. Jean Keene be announced at the General Faculty Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:38 pm.