

# OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2012-2013

June 8, 2012 Minutes

## **OSU-CHS Faculty Senate Members**

Warren Finn, Ph.D., President

Robin Dyer, D.O., President-elect

Johnny Stephens, Pharm.D, Past-President

Dennis Blankenship, D.O., Sergeant-at-Arms/Treasurer

William D. Meek, Ph.D., OSU-CHS Representative to OSU Faculty Council

Sarah Hall, D.O., Secretary

William Po, M.D.

Charles Sanny, Ph.D.

Jarrad Wagner, Ph.D.

*Recorder: Jean Keene*

**Members Present:** Dr. Finn, Dr. Blankenship, Dr. Dyer, Dr. Hall, Dr. Meek, Dr. Po, Dr. Sanny, Dr. Stephens, Dr. Wagner

**Members Excused:**

**Guests:** David Money, Dr. Jarolim

**Reporting Administrator:**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Finn called the meeting to order at 12:00; it was held in the Board Room, as is customary.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes of the prior meeting was moved by Dr. Wagner and seconded by Dr. Stephens. They were unanimously approved as presented.

**Senate President's Report:**

Dr. Finn invited those in attendance to introduce themselves and to include their area of expertise.

Dr. Finn said he was pleased to have the Senate honor David Money in recognition of his thirty-three years of extraordinary and dedicated service to the students, faculty, and staff of OSU-CHS. Dr. Finn advised that Dave was included in the history of the school. Dr. Finn noted that he is an archivist, and a national expert on substance P, a neuropeptide.

Dr. Finn said he believed Dave should be called a colleague. Dr. Finn presented a certificate honoring David Money. The Senators applauded Mr. Money.

Mr. Money commented that he has enjoyed working with the wonderful students, faculty and staff. He said he is retiring effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, and he hopes that he will be able to return at .25 time in a few months. He reiterated that he enjoys working at CHS and has always done his best to find the information that was needed.

The honored guests and the Senators enjoyed refreshments as the meeting continued.

**Election of Senate Secretary and Sergeant-of-Arms**

Dr. Finn explained that the Secretary and Sergeant-of-Arms for the new term are elected from the Senators, and by the Senators, traditionally at the June meeting. He opened the floor for nominations:

Secretary: Sarah Hall, D.O.

Sergeant-at-Arms Dennis Blankenship, D.O.

The candidates accepted the nominations, and the Senators unanimously elected them to the open positions. Dr. Finn congratulated them and advised that they would be attending the Executive Committee meeting each month in preparation for the Senate meeting.

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**Administrators' Reports:**

The administrators were out of the city attending a Regents meeting and were therefore not able to attend the Senate meeting.

**Written Committee Reports:**

Dr. Finn called attention to the *Written Committee Chairpersons' Reports* that were included in the Agenda packet. (*The reports are included as a unit and begin on page three of the minutes.*)

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

**Combined Written and Verbal Reports  
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**College-wide committees:**

**Academic Standards (Harriet Shaw)**

*Dr. Jarolim advised that Dr. Shaw would be taking over the chairship of the committee for the 2012-2013 term. He advised that the committee had the following actions during the previous month.*

The Academic Standards Committee met with 8 MS I students on May 10, 2012 and made the following recommendations:

- One student recommended for dismissal due to multiple academic deficiencies.
- One student recommended to repeat the year.
- Six students to remediate deficiencies during the summer.

Seven MS I students were removed from academic probation having successfully completed a repeat of the first year.

Also considered was the approval of the list of students for graduation and for promotion to the next year for the other classes.

**Curriculum Committee (Bill Meek)**

*The Phase III Committee met after the following written report was submitted. The updated information announced at that meeting included: Due to tight timing, a preliminary report would not be submitted to COCA for their review and feedback. The report would be submitted to the Curriculum Committee for their review/recommendation probably the last week in June. The Curriculum Committee would submit the report to the Senate for their review/recommendations. A special Senate meeting would be scheduled, most likely in mid-July. The Senate will submit their recommendation to the Provost/Dean soon thereafter.*

The 2012-13 Curriculum Committee met for the first time on Monday, June 4. All members were in attendance. Dr. Bruce Benjamin reported on Renovations and Phase III:

**RENOVATIONS**

Over the summer, work in D-107 in CAME and the Dunlap auditorium will be the focus.

- In D-107, the decision was made not to push back the wall, and that room will have front-screen projection. In the interest of time, the plan is to cover over the current glass screen rather than remove the screen and install a different one. The lighting project in that room will also be completed.
- In Dunlap, the front part will be gutted. The wall has been straightened for one screen in the middle. The lighting project and the sound system will be worked upon. There is a current issue to identify the most beneficial location for the podium. It is now in the center, however when the new larger screen is placed directly behind that space, there is a potential for blocking a portion of the view of the screen.
- Dr. Benjamin advised that the work on both of the rooms is on schedule right now. He explained that in mid-July, we are scheduled to have the AV personnel install all of the AV equipment. He noted that he is not concerned regarding completing these two projects on time.

### PHASE III

Dr. Benjamin reported that several meetings have been held on the 12 different systems. Those reports are now being finished and will be submitted shortly. There are two new courses: *Introduction to the Patient*, and, *Foundations of Clinical Medicine*. These groups have met and developed the information in sufficient detail for the COCA report. The Biomedical Foundation course, under Dr. Wilson's leadership, has been leading that group; smaller sub-groups have also been meeting. That represents a total of 15 groups with some sub-committees. When all of that information is received, Dr. Benjamin will distribute the reports to all of the chairs of the committees, for their review. The combined report is planned to be provided to the Curriculum Committee by the third week in June.

Dr. Benjamin reported that in his conversations with members of the various groups, he noted that it has been a very positive process. He indicated he valued the open discussions of various viewpoints and ideas and the opportunity to evaluate and incorporate ideas.

Concerning the timeline, Dr. Benjamin said once the report is provided to the Curriculum Committee, the members will have approximately one week to review it. After that, the report will be presented to the Senate; they will have a limited time to review it. The members were advised a tentative Special Senate meeting will be scheduled.

The final report is to be submitted to COCA the first week in August; it must be received one month prior to being placed on the COCA agenda in September. The Curriculum Committee is seeking more information on COCA requirements so the members can use that in reviewing the Phase III report, to be certain those requirements have been met. In response to a question regarding the process for submission for approval, Dr. Benjamin indicated the Phase III report would be going to the Senate, and that the general faculty had already approved the Phase I and Phase II reports. He noted that the current Phase III process was just fulfilling the process already approved in Phase II recommendations. Dr. Benjamin advised that if a system were to be added for the final report that would not be problematic. COCA is primarily concerned with faculty adequacy to effectively deliver the new curriculum. He also advised that there is not a great level of detail required in the report at this time; if a new course were to be added, we would need to include the name of the course, the description of the course, and the number of contact hours—the course schedule would not be necessary. Focus courses will also be a part of the report document, and the Steering Committee was planning to address that element at their next meeting.

### Fall 2012 Course and Exam Schedules

The latest set of schedules for MS I and MS II fall 2012 courses and the exam schedules were distributed by Dr. Linsenmeyer. Following discussion the committee moved, seconded, voted, and approved the schedules with one modification to the MS I final exam schedule.

*The following questions were raised:*

1) *Was it determined who would serve on the focus groups committee?*

*Response: Not at this time.*

2) *Would we be able to submit a portion of our documentation be submitted to COCA for their review?*

*Response: That would be a question for Dr. Benjamin; he would make that final decision. Dr. Finn asked Johnathan Franklin if he had any information on this topic. He advised that the requirements for submission to COCA are not very detailed. He said we are either at, or exceeding, the level needed for submission. Mr. Franklin was advised by COCA that they are looking for a good description of the direction we are going for the new curriculum. Detail beyond that is not required at this time.*

*Mr. Franklin advised that the July 1 submission date for the preliminary report was selected by the school; it was not a deadline from COCA. He noted that it could be submitted later, just so there would be time for their review and feedback in time for incorporation into the final report submission on or before August 8.*

*Overall, Mr. Franklin said we are beyond what is needed to submit the report. He noted that it is a possibility that the preliminary could be submitted later in July.*

*Dr. Finn inquired who would be writing the report; Mr. Franklin responded that the structure was discussed. He advised that the Phase I, Phase II, each of the systems reports, and a preamble were all likely to be included. In response to the question of who would write the report, Mr. Franklin advised that Dr. Vassar, Dr. Benjamin, and he would be working on it. Subsequently, different groups would have a chance to review it. In addition, it is likely that a person would be hired to work on the formatting and structural consistency of the document.*

*Dr. Finn mentioned that the Senate was listed as one of the groups to review/approve the report. The governing body that is to approve the report refers to the Board of Regents.*

*The faculty adequacy aspect of the report is currently being addressed.*

*Dr. Finn provided his cell phone number to the attendees: 918-688-6989; he noted that they should feel free to use it if a matter arose that required Senate consideration.*

**Learning Resources (Lance Frye)**

The committee met on April 19; Dr. Stroup, chair for the 2011-2012 term, provided the following report from this meeting.

- 1) Phase 3 committee is active and developing working groups for systems courses
- 2) Library is minimizing it's in print periodicals to utilize space
- 3) IT is working on renovations at CHS; reviewed report given at faculty senate on Apple computers and student purchase recommendations
- 4) HERO was discussed by Heidi Holmes; implementation dates and training
- 5) Students wanted an update on campus wide calendar and future ability to gain access to online lectures if possible

**Research Committee (Doris Patneau)**

A written report was not received; Dr. Stephens said the committee had not met.

**Student Affairs Committee (Shawna Duncan)**

Student Affairs Committee has not met since the previous Senate meeting.

**Special/regulatory committees:**

*The Institutional Review Board, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the Institutional Biosafety Committee, and the Chemical Hygiene and Radioisotope use Committee initially report through the Research Committee.*

**Chemical Hygiene Care and Radioisotope Use Committee (David Wallace)**

This committee reports through the Research Committee.

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Tom Curtis)**

This committee reports through the Research Committee.

**Institutional Biosafety Committee (Frank Champlin)**

The committee has not met since the previous Senate meeting.

**Institutional Review Board (Paul B. Rock)**

This committee reports through the Research Committee.

**Affirmative Action Committee (Sandra Cooper)**

The committee has not met since the previous Senate meeting.

**Students with Disabilities Committee (Michael Pollak)**

No report for the June Senate meeting.

**Faculty Senate committees:**

**Faculty Affairs Committee (Anne Weil)**

*Dr. Meek inquired of Dr. Finn if he had the opportunity to relay commencement information that faculty could not hear the program in the faculty seats. A question was raised whether there could have been a speaker that was just not turned on. Dr. Jarolim said the information had been provided to the administration.*

The Faculty Affairs Committee met on May 2, 2012, to discuss the Spring General Faculty Meeting and possible changes to the Bylaws documents

1) Minutes of the April 10 Faculty Affairs meeting were approved.

2) The Faculty Affairs Committee proofread and approved the General Faculty Election Ballot for the May 11, 2012 election. We accepted the format changes suggested by Dr. Meek on the Faculty Senate, and discussed the option of specifying that two of the candidates are from the Emergency Medicine part of Family Medicine. We decided not to specify that, since no other particular division of a department has been made or suggested for the ballot

3) The Faculty Affairs Committee proofread the draft P&T Committee ballot. The change from last year, listing people with their rank and Department rather than by their full title, was approved. Alternatives to alphabetization by last name were discussed, and we decided on alphabetizing by Department and then by last name within Department as a way to mix up names without being utterly confusing

- 4) The ballot for the Bylaws change in IACUC membership was admired, having already been circulated to the faculty.
- 5) We discussed procedures for the Spring General Faculty Meeting, which Dr. Weil was unable to attend. We agreed that Dr. Wilson would take Dr. Weil's place in announcing votes and any New Business in the meeting.
- 6) We discussed some of the complexities of changing the governance documents to cover CHS instead of COM. The Faculty Affairs Committee is still getting everyone on the same page, but we did discuss the college committees in the Faculty Senate Bylaws, which Dr. Weil judged to be the most problematic part.

**Budget and Benefits Committee (Kirby Jarolim)**

The Budget and Benefits Committee met the prior day; Dr. Jarolim provided a few highlights. He reported at the end of the current fiscal year, we will be using the reserve fund to cover the deficit amount. However, there would be approximately \$18 million remaining in the reserve account. The proposed tuition increase was 5.6%. Regarding a salary plan, Dr. Hess said he would still like to have a program, but the likelihood was not strong. The topic of the faculty-adequacy model was briefly discussed; the most efficient and logical method of providing that information is under consideration.

*Dr. Finn commented that our faculty members have research, clinical time, and teaching. Other schools may not have that profile. Dr. Stephens said that we must take care when we are doing the calculations to only count the appropriate number of hours for each member, i.e., the calculation for a clinical faculty member should not show all of his/her hours as teaching hours.*

**Promotion and Tenure Committee**

*A report was not received; the Chair IS to be elected at first meeting. Dr. Stephens said the committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.*


**Other committees/task forces/liaisons:**

**Biomedical Sciences Graduate Committee (Randall Davis)**

A written report was not received.

**OSU-Faculty Council Representative (Bill Meek)**

From the May 8 Faculty Council Meeting:

 **President's Report given by VP Gary Clark:**


Clark explained that President Hargis had been called to the Governor's office. The Governor is signing a bill requiring state agencies to improve their energy efficiencies by 20% by the year 2020. This bill is based on the OSU program. Since OSU was involved in starting this program, Governor Fallin wanted President Hargis to be in attendance. Clark extended President Hargis's apologies for not being at today's meeting. Clark stated that Hargis extends his appreciation to the out-going councilors for their service on the Faculty Council. Clark said it is very clear to him that the President really appreciates the working relationship with the entire Faculty Council this past year. Clark feels that Faculty Council has fulfilled its mission to represent the faculty's view on ideas that are in OSU's best interest and makes things better for OSU faculty, staff and students.

Clark stated he would be happy to answer any questions that he could. Ken Bartels asked if there have been any updates on legislative issues that Clark is aware of. Clark stated that the most recent item regarding open carry are that the proposed revisions to the statue should not change things from the

way they are now for college campuses. OSU has a policy that stays you cannot have gun in a trunk on campus. In reality, by state law, you can. There's an argument that the constitutional provision providing that our Board of Regents governs OSU trumps state statute but Clark doesn't think this would hold up in court. OSU will probably move to amend its policy to be in line with the state law. Clark does not expect this law to support concealed carry of guns on campus. Right now an individual on campus can request permission to carry which the President has denied in the past due to lack of justification.

Clark stated on the budget aspects of things, the administration is working hard to annualize the \$10 million in one year funds that the state gave OSU last time. Clark feels reasonably positive about this. Getting the mandates over and above the flat budget, some \$30 million in round numbers, and the administration is not too optimistic about this part. The President, Boone Pickens and George Kaiser all went to the capitol in March to ask the legislative leaders and Governor to support moving funds from the hedge fund to partially match some of the chairs and professorships that are in the queue that have been there for a number of years now. They are cautiously optimistic that this may come through in part. There doesn't seem to be huge opposition to it at this time. You never know as things go down to the wire but the nice thing would be a reaffirmation by the legislature that they recognize that the promise they made to these donors and intend to keep it. Even a portion. It could work out that some of these chairs and professorships could be awarded. There would not be any bond issues other than one to fix up the capitol. This is OSU's best hope to make progress on this issue.

### **Recommendations passed by the Faculty Council:**

 The Faculty Council Recommends to President Hargis that: The OSU Policy on Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Process for Ranked Faculty (2-0902) be modified as follows (*also note that this is a part of the OSU-COM RPT Guidelines, May 2003, all underlined material is new according to my knowledge of our document*):

(7) The documentation file for a candidate being considered for tenure and/or promotion should include at least three letters from external reviewers who have been asked to evaluate the candidate's accomplishments and potential. Such evaluators should be leading scholars in their disciplines and especially knowledgeable about the candidate's areas of expertise. All units shall solicit outside reviews as a part of the RPT review process and shall develop rules for solicitation of such reviews that are consistent with policies of the academic college and with this document.

Because external letters are of considerable importance, certain cautions should be observed. First, in determining who are selected as reviewers, the candidate should be asked to provide a slate of names; the unit administrator and the unit personnel committee should also provide names; and from these two lists a group of at least three should be selected in a fair and objective manner for contact. Additionally, the candidate should be aware that a letter from his or her dissertation advisor is not acceptable as part of the external review. Similarly, letters from former students are irrelevant for this purpose although they may be useful as indicators of teaching quality. External review letters will be used by departmental personnel committees, department heads, deans, and other University administrators for personnel decisions, such as reappointment, tenure, and promotion. However, the letters will be kept confidential from the candidate. In accordance with the Oklahoma open records law (OK Stat 51 § 24A.1.7.C), candidates may request to see their personnel file. Candidates who request access to their external review letters will be provided with copies of letters in which the external reviewer's name,




institutional affiliation and relationship with the candidate are redacted. The University will provide the candidate with copies of the original external letters, which reveal the identities of the letter writers, only when required to do so by a legal proceeding. A copy of the letter that is sent to reviewers shall be provided to the faculty member and included in the documentation file. The letter that is sent to reviewers should include a statement that the content of their letter may be reviewed by the candidate with the reviewer's name and institutional affiliation redacted and that the entire review letter may become available to the candidate in the event of a legal proceeding. The following language should appear in letters sent to reviewers:

OSU policy requires that the names and affiliations of external reviewers be kept confidential from the candidate; however, the candidate may receive a redacted copy of your letter with your name, affiliation, and relationship to the candidate removed. In order to facilitate this redaction process, we ask you to provide the information about your relationship to the candidate below your signature at the end of your letter. We also ask that you refrain from using language in the body of your letter that might inadvertently identify you. Unredacted letters would only be provided to the candidate as required under the law or discovery rules in a legal proceeding.

Units should be careful to allow sufficient time to gather outside peer review letters so that they can be included in the file by January 15. Candidates who request copies of their external review letters in redacted form should make their request to their Department Head. Requests should be fulfilled within 72 hours of the request.

**Rationale:**


The proposed recommendation would eliminate the current RPT procedure that asks candidates to waive their rights to access external review letters. All external review letters will be treated confidentially in RPT deliberations. Faculty who wish to see the content of external review letters may be able to receive copies of the letters with the identifying information of the letter writer removed. The faculty committee believes that the recommendation balances the best interests of both the University and faculty members who are RPT candidates. For the University, there is a need to have external review letters that are of the highest possible quality. For RPT candidates, there is value in having objective, candid feedback about professional development. The current recommendation satisfies both of these competing needs by allowing the letter writers to maintain anonymity from the candidate and allowing candidates to view the content of external letters.

 **The Faculty Council Recommends to President Hargis that:** Accept the proposed draft OSU Stillwater and OSU Tulsa Institutional Laser Safety Policy as presented.

**Rationale:**

At the request of the VP for research, the FC research committee has reviewed the "Institutional Laser Safety Policy." The policy formalizes OSU Stillwater and OSU Tulsa obligations to ensure the safe use of Class 3B and Class 4 lasers. The research committee found that the policy presents a reasonable and appropriate set of guidelines for the safety of OSU researchers. We ask that the full FC endorse this policy with an affirmative vote for approval.

Policy is available online.

 **The Faculty Council Recommends to President Hargis that:** the proposed changes to the OSU Attendance Policy (2-0217) recommended but the Faculty Committee of the Faculty Council in Recommendation No. 11-12-01-Faculty be further modified as follows (Note: The changes recommended in 11-12-01-Faculty are *Italicized* while the material specific to this recommendation is in **Bold** type. Changes suggested by the Administration to the text of Recommendation 11-12-01-Faculty are in red and have not been reviewed by the Faculty Committee of the Faculty Council).

This policy changes deals with absence due to military service.

Available online.

For your information regarding attendance at OSU:

The Attendance Policy currently in force is listed below for reference.

**POLICY 2-0217 (approved July 2009)**

1.01 Class attendance is a critical component of learning. Students are expected to attend and participate fully in all scheduled class meetings.

1.02 A written attendance policy should be provided to students within the non-restricted add period of the semester. The non-restricted add period is defined as the sixth class day of a regular semester, or the third class day of an eight-week session, or the proportionate period for block or short courses. (For additional information see P&P 2-0206: Adding and Dropping Courses and Withdrawing from the University.)

1.03 Faculty may choose to set a maximum total number of excused, sick, and unexcused absences. Faculty may also specify when absences will not be excused under any circumstance.

1.04 If no policy is provided, no penalty may be assessed for class absences although students may not be allowed to make up certain in-class activities such as presentations and “pop” quizzes.

1.05 Faculty are encouraged to provide reasonable accommodation for students who are required to participate in sponsored activities of the University. For the purpose of this policy, a sponsored activity of the University includes any activity sponsored by an academic college or department, by an organization recognized by Campus Life, or by intercollegiate athletics.

1.06 Faculty may require written documentation from the designated University sponsor for a sponsored activity and/or require that the organization demonstrate that it has no reasonable option in scheduling the activity except during regular class periods.

1.07 Students who will be absent from class for sponsored activities shall provide prior notification of their planned absence to their course instructor as early as possible.

1.08 Faculty at their discretion may require homework, reports, papers, compositions, and projects to be turned in ahead of the missed classes and examinations to be taken before the planned absence.

Bill Meek OSU Faculty Councilor Representing OSU-CHS (Term Expires May, 31, 2013), serving on Faculty Council Research Committee for 2012-13.

**Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative (Steve Eddy)**

May 9, 2012 Legislative Reports attached.

The Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) supports the Student Advisory Board's concerns and proposes the following actions in lieu of offering these resolutions jointly.

**Improved Teaching Methods for Faculty**

The FAC provided preliminary feedback clarifying the issue as the need for administrative attention on the use of course evaluations, training in instructional methods including the use of technology, and the use of established student complaint processes. FAC members will share this student concern with their respective faculty senates.

**Academic Advising**

The FAC jointly offered a 2011 resolution on academic advising and now shares the students' concerns about the length of time and amount of resources that obtaining a college degree may take. Although students should be allowed to change their majors, more assistance may be needed at these times of transition so that students do not accumulate more hours than needed for an associate or bachelor's degree. Three suggestions that will be shared with administration and faculty at their respective college or university are (1) identify students who have requested a change of major and assign advising, including faculty, specifically for the purpose of transitioning; (2) emphasize this issue as part of Complete College America activities; and (3) distribute the SAB resolution to the academic vice presidents in the Council on Instruction.

**Common Core State Standards Initiative**

The FAC has been briefed twice by the math and English faculty members involved in implementing these standards the assessments (PARCC). They have shared information with faculty at their respective college and university and have suggested steps for State System involvement and support. For example, math and English faculty need to meet with high school teachers to close any gaps in what is being taught at both levels. Also, research on the impact of these standards should be used to modify curricula and teaching methods to reflect changes in the preparation of future K-12 students enrolling to college.

**Concealed Weapons on Campus**

The FAC jointly offered a 2010 concealed weapons resolution and led the way for faculty at all colleges and universities to pass similar resolutions opposing weapons on campus. If needed to oppose future legislation, FAC members will propose the same again.

**Review of Tenure**

As in the "Improved Teaching Methods for Faculty" resolution, the FAC recognizes the student concerns for quality teaching. Since post-tenure review processes already exist at all colleges and universities, the recommendations offered in the previous resolution apply here also.

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Support for Veteran Affairs and Benefits

The FAC shares the student concerns that services be available to specific populations such as veterans and have participated in presentations on veteran conferences. Based on a presentation from a Program Director for PTSD Clinical Team, the same presentation was provided at the annual Faculty Assembly in 2010.

Space Utilization Committee (*Eric Polak*)

The focus of this committee has been incorporated as a facet of the Curriculum Revision/Space Requirements issue; Dr. Benjamin serves as point-person for this process. He has been invited to attend and verbally report at the Faculty Senate meetings.

## Attachment

### Legislative Report

May 28, 2012- June 1, 2012

#### Appropriations

**SB 1975**// Senator Clark Jolley and Representative Earl Sears// The legislation is the General Appropriations bill for agencies of executive, legislative, and judicial departments of Oklahoma. The total appropriation for the State Higher Education System for FY 2013 will be \$955,260, 277.00. This figure represents a \$10 million increase in Higher Education's base appropriation as a result of the annualization of last year's \$10 million one-time supplemental appropriation to Higher Education.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 29, 2012.**

**SB 1969**// Senator Clark Jolley and Representative Earl Sears// The legislation abolishes the EDGE Fund and transfers the monies to the State Regents Endowment Trust Fund and certain monies into Quick Action Closing Fund.

**UPDATE: The bill has been sent to Governor Fallin for her consideration.**

#### Tax Initiatives

**HB 3061**// Representative Kris Steele and Senator Brian Bingman// The legislation provides for a state income tax reduction. The State income tax rate would be reduced from 5.25% to 4.80% in the 2013 tax year. In the 2015 tax year, a trigger provision would lower the income tax rate from 4.80% to 4.50% if 5.0% revenue growth is achieved in the 2015 tax year.

**UPDATE: The bill was not taken up by the House to be heard on the House floor. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**HB 3038**// Representative Leslie Osborn and Senator Clark Jolley// The legislation provides for a state income tax reduction. The State income tax rate would be reduced to 4.50%. The bill provides for 3 growth triggers that would lower the tax rate .25% if the state would have 5.0% revenue growth.

**UPDATE: The bill was not heard in the Senate General Conference Committee on Appropriations. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

#### Tuition/ Funding

**HB 2927**// Representative Don Armes and Senator Bryce Marlatt// The legislation creates a revolving fund for the Commissioners of the Land Office to be designated the "Multiyear Education Distribution Stabilization Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of bonus and delay rental income received by the Commission, and if it is determined by the Commission to be in the best interest of the trust it may make distributions of the income upon a five-year rolling average.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on April 23, 2012.**

#### Joint Resolutions

**No pending legislation.**

#### Concurrent Resolutions

**SCR 30**// Senator Patrick Anderson// The resolution disapproves the Medical Examiner's Facility Project proposed by the University of Central Oklahoma which appears on the Master Lease list submitted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**UPDATE: The resolution has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee.**

**SCR 31**// Senator Patrick Anderson// The resolution disapproves the Medical Examiner's Facility Project proposed by the University of Central Oklahoma which appears on the Master Lease list submitted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**UPATE: The resolution was filed on March 13, 2012.**

**CIO**

**No pending legislation.**

**Consolidation/ Transparency/ Modernization**

**HB 2197**// Representative Jason Murphey and Senator Josh Brecheen// The legislation directs the State Purchasing Director to form an advisory committee consisting of representatives from entities exempted from the provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. The purpose of the committee is to allow committee members to provide input into the development of shared state purchasing contracts, collaboratively participate in the integration of their purchasing platforms or electronic purchasing catalogs, analyze solutions that may be used by state government to meet the purchasing needs of the entities, explore joint purchases of general use items that result in mutual procurement of quality goods and services at the lowest reasonable cost and explore flexibility, administrative relief, and transformation changes through utilization of procurement technology.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on April 23, 2012.**

**HB 2520** // Representative Jason Murphey and David Holt// The legislation creates the Government Reorganization Act. The legislation requires the Director of the Office of State Finance to develop metrics and standards for evaluating each state agency and agency specific initiatives.

**UPDATE: The bill was laid over in the Senate General Conference Committee on Appropriations on May 16, 2012. The bill was not heard in the Senate General Conference Committee on Appropriations. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**SB1890**// Senator Randy Bass and Representative David Brumbaugh// The legislation deletes higher education's exemption from the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division.

**UPDATE: The current version restores higher education's exemption from the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division. The Senate accepted the House conference report and passed the bill out of the Senate on May 23, 2012 with a vote 47-0. The bill was not taken up by the House to be heard on the House floor. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**HB 2647** // Representative David Brumbaugh and Senator Clark Jolley// The legislation requires higher education to provide a list of vehicles to the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division. The legislation preserves higher education's exemption from the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 30, 2012.**

**OKPromise**

**No pending legislation.**

**Governance**

**HB 2443**// Representative Dale DeWitt and Senator Eddie Fields// The legislation creates a board of nine (9) trustees to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at Ponca City.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on April 2, 2012.**

**SB 1111**// Senator Eddie Fields and Representative Lee Denney// The legislation creates a board of nine (9) trustees to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at Ponca City.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 15, 2012.**

**SB 1797**// Senator Clark Jolley and Representative Lee Denney// Creates Commission for Education, Instruction Quality and Accountability. The Secretary of Education will oversee the commission.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 8, 2012.**

**Faculty**

**No pending legislation.**

**Reporting**

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**Tuition Waivers**

**HB 2689**// Representative Charlie Joyner and Senator Jerry Ellis// The legislation allows students who are dependents of certain military personnel be eligible for in-state residency status.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by the Governor Fallin on May 25, 2012.**

**Bond Issues**

**SB 1989**// Senator Brian Bingman and Representative Earl Sears// The legislation provides for a \$20,000,000 bond issuance for the Oklahoma Popular Culture Museum.

**UPDTATE: The bill passed out of the Senate on May 23, 2012 with a vote of 25-21. The bill was not taken up by the House to be heard on the House floor. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**SB 1990**// Senator Brian Bingman and Representative Earl Sears// The legislation authorizes the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to issue obligations up to \$40,000,000 to provide for completion of the American Indian Cultural Center.

**UPDATE: The bill failed to pass out of the Senate on May 23, 2012 with a vote of 22-24. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**HB 3156**// Representative Earl Sears and Senator Clark Jolley// The legislation authorizes the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to issue obligations for the State Capitol Complex.

**UPDATE: The House failed to adopt the conference report on May 23, 2012 with a vote of 77-15. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**Other**

**SB 1980**// Senator Clark Jolley and Representative Earl Sears// The legislation appropriates to the University Hospitals Authority, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to be used for patient care at the University of Oklahoma Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 30, 2012.**

**HB 3058**// Speaker Kris Steele and Senator Brian Bingman// The legislation creates the OK Hospital Residency Training Program. The training program will establish new residency training programs affiliated with the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University Of Oklahoma College Of Medicine in eligible hospitals, focused on meeting the healthcare needs of medically underserved areas. "Medically underserved areas" means areas having too few primary care providers, high infant mortality, high poverty, a high elderly population, and/or a population census of at least fifty percent (50%) Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured mix. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall, in consultation with the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University Of Oklahoma College Of Medicine, designate eligible hospitals for the creation of new residency training programs to serve medically underserved areas.

**UPDATE: The bill has been sent to Governor Fallin for her consideration.**

**SB 1280**// Senator Mike Schulz and Representative Kris Steele// The legislation is a trailer bill to HB3058. The bill allocates the funding for the OK Hospital Residency Training Program. The bill appropriates to the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority Disbursing Fund the sum of Three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$3,080,000.00) to implement the provisions of the Oklahoma Hospital Residency Training Program Act.

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**Retirement/Health Insurance**



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**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on April 27, 2012.**

**HB 3053**// Representative Kris Steele and Senator Kim David// The legislation creates the "Office of Enterprise and Management Services and the Capital Assets, Human Capital Management, and Employee Benefits divisions.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 29, 2012.**

## **Carry Over Bills from Last Legislative Session**

### **Concealed Weapons/Open Carry**

**HB 2522**// Representative Steve Martin and Senator Greg Treat// The legislation allows the Attorney General or any Assistant Attorney General to carry a firearm on his or her person anywhere in the State of Oklahoma, except while off-duty on private property if prohibited by the owner or occupant of the private property. In order to carry a firearm, the Attorney General or Assistant Attorney General must successfully complete an approved course of firearm training conducted by a certified firearms instructor which is equal to the minimum requirements for training as set forth by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

**UPDATE: The bill was not taken up by the Senate to be heard on the Senate floor. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.**

**SB 1785**// Senator Steve Russell and Representative Leslie Osborn// The legislation allows out-of-state persons in compliance with the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a concealed firearm in the State.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 7, 2012.**

**SB 1733**// Senator Anthony Sykes and Representative Jeff Hickman// The legislation allows justices and judges to carry weapons in any courthouse in Oklahoma. The legislation also allows for unconcealed weapons in certain areas.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 15, 2012.**

## **Legislative Report**

### **May 14, 2012- May 18, 2012**

#### **Appropriations**

**No pending legislation.**

#### **Tuition/ Funding**

**HB 2927**// Representative Don Armes and Senator Bryce Marlatt// The legislation creates a revolving fund for the Commissioners of the Land Office to be designated the "Multiyear Education Distribution Stabilization Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of bonus and delay rental income received by the Commission, and if it is determined by the Commission to be in the best interest of the trust it may make distributions of the income upon a five-year rolling average.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on April 23, 2012.**

Joint Resolutions

No pending legislation.

Concurrent Resolutions

**SCR 30**// Senator Patrick Anderson// The resolution disapproves the Medical Examiner's Facility Project proposed by the University of Central Oklahoma which appears on the Master Lease list submitted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**UPDATE: The resolution has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee.**

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**UPATE: The resolution was filed on March 13, 2012.**

CIO

No pending legislation.

Consolidation/ Transparency/ Modernization

**HB 2197**// Representative Jason Murphey and Senator Josh Brecheen// The legislation directs the State Purchasing Director to form an advisory committee consisting of representatives from entities exempted from the provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. The purpose of the committee is to allow committee members to provide input into the development of shared state purchasing contracts, collaboratively participate in the integration of their purchasing platforms or electronic purchasing catalogs, analyze solutions that may be used by state government to meet the purchasing needs of the entities, explore joint purchases of general use items that result in mutual procurement of quality goods and services at the lowest reasonable cost and explore flexibility, administrative relief, and transformation changes through utilization of procurement technology.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on April 23, 2012.**

**HB 2520** // Representative Jason Murphey and David Holt// The legislation creates the Government Reorganization Act. The legislation requires the Director of the Office of State Finance to develop metrics and standards for evaluating each state agency and agency specific initiatives.

**UPDATE: The measure was laid over in the Senate General Conference Committee on Appropriations on May 16, 2012.**

**SB1890**// Senator Randy Bass and Representative David Brumbaugh// The legislation deletes higher education's exemption from the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division.

**UPDATE: The current version restores higher ed's exemption from the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division. The measure passed out of House Conference Committee on Government Modernization and Rules on May 16, 2012.**

**HB 2647** // Representative David Brumbaugh and Senator Clark Jolley// The legislation deletes higher education's exemption from the Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division.

**UPDATE: Senator Jolley has offered a proposed floor substitute that restores Higher Education's exemption from Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division. The bill passed out of the House Conference committee on Government Moderation and Rules and Senate General Conference Committee on Appropriations.**

OKPromise

No pending legislation.

### Governance

**HB 2443**// Representative Dale DeWitt and Senator Eddie Fields// The legislation creates a board of nine (9) trustees to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at Ponca City.

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**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 15, 2012.**

**SB 1797**// Senator Clark Jolley and Representative Lee Denney// Creates Commission for Education, Instruction Quality and Accountability. The Secretary of Education will oversee the commission.

**UPDATE: The bill was signed by Governor Fallin on May 8, 2012.**

### Faculty

**No pending legislation.**

### Reporting

**No pending legislation.**

### Legal Reform

**No pending legislation.**

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### Tuition Waivers

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**UPDATE: The Senate appointed a conference committee: General Conference Committee on Appropriations. The House appointed a conference committee: General Conference Committee on Education. The bill passed out of the House conference committee on May 9, 2012. The bill passed the House on May 17, 2012.**

**Bond Issues**

**No pending legislation.**

**Other**

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**UPDATE: The bill passed out of the House April 24, 2012 with a vote of 88-0. The House and Senate appointed a conference committee.**

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## **Legislative Report**

### **May 7, 2012- May 11, 2012**

#### **Appropriations**

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**UPDATE: The bill passed out of the Senate on April 24, 2012 with a vote of 39-2. Senator Treat offered a floor amendment that will allow an individual to carry a concealed or unconcealed weapon without a permit for the lawful self-defense and self-protection or any other legitimate purpose in or on property that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by the person. The House appointed a conference committee: Conference Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Military Affairs. The Senate appointed conferees: Treat, Barrington, Sykes, Russell, Burrage, Garrison.**

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**UPDATE: The Senate concurred with House amendments and the bill passed out of the Senate on May 10, 2012 with a vote of 33-10.**