

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

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Special Meeting

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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

Dr. Finn called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.; it was held in the Board Room, as is customary.

Dr. Finn welcomed all in attendance and advised that this meeting was special, and that President Barnett would be providing information in connection with the proposed building site location. Dr. Finn invited President Barnett to address the Senators.

President Barnett thanked the members for the opportunity to meet with them and provide information. He noted that he had written his remarks since they were of importance, and involved information regarding the future plans for OSU in Tulsa, and the success of the CHS campus, the Tulsa campus, and the hospital. In addition, he provided some information regarding legislation that will affect OSU in Tulsa. President Barnett read this statement to the Senators. As a part of his presentation, he referred to maps of the OSU Tulsa campus and identified a specific potential building location, and mentioned some legal limitations for the use of the space.

President Barnett provided information regarding the background processes that generated the plan to utilize the OSU Tulsa campus space. He noted the increase in class size was one important component, as was the plan by President Hargis to not just increase class size, but to actually triple it. He noted the building space limitation on the CHS campus, including the challenge of the water diversion/disposal.

President Barnett reported on the enrollment increase at the Tulsa campus, noting that a large part of the increase was in online classes. This produces a significant need for faculty office space. A land-use study was originated to identify a plan for the highest and best-use for the future of OSU in Tulsa. A plan for a joint building was explored. This included the opportunity for philanthropic efforts in connection with the building plans.

In summary, President Barnett indicated his desire to communicate with the faculty. He recalled his meeting with the Senate Executive Committee, and a report at the December General Faculty Meeting. Several other meetings were mentioned in which he spoke regarding the new building, including meeting with the OSU Board of Regents, Vision II public hearings, and meeting with the mayor. In addition, he met with the City Council regarding our funding needs for both our building needs and the hospital, including a meeting held during hours.

President Barnett continued his summary by commenting on some myths regarding the building:

Myth 1: *CHS will be paying for most of the building costs.*

Comment: Although the total financing for the building is not known at this time, the plans include: The costs will be approximately \$22 to \$23 million. When adding the costs for landscaping, parking lot, equipment, furniture, etc., it becomes approximately \$28 to \$30 million. Further, President Barnett advised that he wanted to add in the funds needed for the completion of the fifth floor of the Research/Forensics building, and that would bring it to approximately \$34 million. Additional faculty will be needed and the biomedical faculty will want labs.

President Barnett said he plans to raise at least \$10 to \$12 million. He believes we can raise more than that. He said each school can contribute \$2 to \$3 million from their capital reserve funds. With the Vision II funds, that leaves us about \$10 to \$15 million short. That is well within OSU guidelines for borrowing for new buildings. So for the remaining amount, we can borrow. Therefore, CHS will not be funding the new building.

Myth 2: *OSU-Tulsa cannot bear the costs for operating the new building.*

Comment: OSU-Tulsa will carry their own weight.

Myth 3: *This is all being built for CHS with OSU-Tulsa just getting some add-ons.*

Comment: While the design of the building will be driven by the medical school, the fact is that OSU-Tulsa classes will probably use the building as much as the CHS classes. Faculty will no doubt be competing for the new classrooms since they will be state-of-the-art classrooms. The online teaching facility will be very busy—perhaps 14 hours per day.

Myth 4: *The effect of this is to move the Medical School to OSU-Tulsa.*

Comment: No final decision has been made on what will be in the new building. The only minimum is to include two large classrooms. After that, we are all open to what makes sense for the students and the faculty, and the preservation of the importance of this campus for CHS.

Dr. Finn called for a transition, with Senators offering some ideas upon which President Barnett could reflect. Questions or comments were invited.

Dr. Meek thanked President Barnett for his information. A question was asked regarding the housing around the area suggested for the building site. President Barnett said that was a place-holder, and commented that apartments would be the most needed; dormitories are not being considered. He indicated the areas that were hillside and flood plains.

Dr. Wagner commented that splitting the medical school will place a burden on the students for study time since they will be spending time in transit. This would not be in their best interest; the concern is not the transit, it is the time. In response, President Barnett said the current street renovations are lengthening the travel time. It would be possible to have a transportation system, if needed.

Dr. Dyer thanked President Barnett for taking the time for this discussion with the Senate. She noted that one of the things that emerged as a result of the students spending time on that campus during the

renovation project, was that there was a decrease in mentorship and collegiality due to the split campuses. She said some kind of compromise that would keep the first two years together is very desirable. President Barnett said through the planning process, there was a focus on the culture in maintaining the positive aspects in connection with the class size increase. He noted that funding is an element of the increase, and he will go back to the legislature and make it clear that they must fund the increase.

Dr. Blankenship commented that one of the things that was of real value to him was the participation of the student in actually attending classes. Obviously, one of the challenges would be to take out the road blocks for students attending classes. The value of student mentoring and participation was recognized.

Dr. Finn said it is important for the faculty to be cognizant of all of the areas—teaching, research, and service. Regarding teaching, we must keep years one and two together on this campus. So that means that keeping years one and two together on this campus is a prime principle. Students need to have access to faculty. He also noted that teaching methods are changing, and using the large classrooms is not the current focus.

Dr. Finn said another element is research, and we need to consider whether some of our graduate programs could be located there. Perhaps Institutes or Centers could be relocated. It is important to look at options and alternatives that will satisfy the needs for all stakeholders as we look at how that space could be used. We need to develop usage that will have faculty, student, and alumni support.

Dr. Sanny said change can occur over time as CHS becomes even more of a national figure; that is a dynamic opportunity to be considered as a part of the building proposal.

A question was raised regarding examining the CHS campus for a potential building footprint. President Barnett said we can do that. It would be doable, but the extra costs and other factors that don't have anything to do with CHS, are elements are part of the process. A further question was raised regarding when the next building might be constructed on the CHS campus. Extensive discussion followed which included the statement that we are five years behind in getting another building on the CHS campus. In addition, we need a library, a student building, additional clinical experience space, etc. President Barnett said he would welcome a catalog of the needs. In addition, as we grow, we will need faculty and they of course will want labs—and that should be first-class space. The value of completing the fifth floor was acknowledged.

The topic of having a faculty Task Force on this issue was raised. President Barnett said both faculty and students should participate in such a group. There was agreement that a Task Force should be created. President Barnett said it is time to get that input. He asked Dr. Finn to converse with Dr. Shrum and to move forward with the creation of a Task Force. The timing of the needs for meeting accreditations should be included in the considerations by the Task Force.

Dr. Finn thanked President Barnett for his time and information, and for his consideration of student and faculty concerns. Following President Barnett's departure, the Senate revisited some of the previously discussed elements. Dr. Finn will move forward toward the development of a Task Force.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.