

**Written Committee Reports
Faculty Senate Meeting
June 13, 2014**

College-wide committees:

Academic Standards (Gerwald Koehler)

The Academic Standards Committee met on May 13 and 22, and interviewed students and made recommendations regarding the following issues:

- Deficient grade in Cardiovascular (2)
- Surgery COMAT failure (2)
- Pediatrics COMAT failure (1)
- Non-cognitive grade (2)

Curriculum Oversight Committee (Randy S. Wymore)

The committee is scheduled to meet June 12.

Learning Resources (Joseph Price)

It is anticipated that the committee will meet in September.

Research Committee (Ron Thrasher)

The following Special/regulatory committees initially report through the Research Committee: Institutional Review Board, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the Institutional Biosafety Committee, and the Chemical Hygiene and Radioisotope use Committee.

The committee is scheduled to meet July 9.

Student Affairs Committee (Steve Eddy)

The committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate committees:

Budget and Benefits Committee (Richard Bost)

The first meeting of the committee for the 2014-2015 academic year will be scheduled for September 3, noon to 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Affairs Committee (Bill Meek)

The Faculty Affairs Committee met on May 5th and May 30th. The Committee members reviewed and revised nine ballots that were given to the voting faculty at the General Faculty meeting on May 15th. The Committee members conducted the voting, counted most of the ballots at the meeting, and made recommendations to the Faculty Senate regarding all issues that were raised by the election. Current versions of the governance documents, which included the amendments that passed for the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, and the current Committee Assignment list were sent to the webmaster to be posted. (These had not been posted as of 6/11/14). Revisions to the Academic Standards Handbook were made by Dr. Harriet Shaw, former chair of the Academic Standards Committee, and Johnathan Franklin and will be sent to

the webmaster. The Committee has requested suggestions from Sandy Copper, Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee, for a replacement for committee member, Teri Bourdeau, Ph.D., who has resigned from OSU-CHS. The Committee will meet next on June 18 and will plan on discussing any item coming from the Faculty Senate regarding the recent General Faculty meeting and election.

Promotion and Tenure Committee

The 2014-2015 chairperson will be elected at the first committee meeting.

Other committees/task forces/liaisons:

Affirmative Action Committee (*Sandra Cooper*) (A regulatory committee)

The committee has not met since the previous Senate meeting.

Biomedical Sciences Graduate Committee (*Anne Weil*)

Franklin Champlin reporting:

The following tabulation is a summary of the major agenda items addressed at the most recent meeting of the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Committee. Their respective outcomes and any items requiring eventual Graduate Faculty or Faculty Senate action are included.

The committee met at 11:00 am in Conference Room E-469 with members Champlin, Kaul, Patneau, K. Curtis, T. Curtis, Miller (Graduate Studies Director), and Davis (Graduate Program Director) in attendance.

- I. The May 13, 2014 meeting minutes were considered and approved.
- II. Director Miller informed the Committee that Graduate Student Orientation would most likely take place on July 28th. She next presented the Committee with five MS/DO Dual Degree Program plans of study which were discussed and approved.
- III. Director Davis thanked Kath Curtis for mentoring three graduate students as they prepared NSF pre-doctoral fellowship applications. He also informed the Committee that two M.S./D.O. Dual Degree Program students are exploring the possibility of changing over to the Ph.D./D.O. Program. A discussion regarding the process by which this could be carried out ensued. It was decided that the Director would consult with the College of Medicine and that no stipend discussions would be conducted until the spring when they would be considered alongside other applicants. The students will be directed to make the change with Advisory Committee oversight should they decide to move forward with making the change.
- IV. Four M.S./D.O. Dual Degree Program applications were evaluated; three were accepted and one was rejected.
- VI. A discussion regarding possible impacts of the curriculum changes on the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program was conducted in order that any consensus thoughts could be relayed to the Curriculum Oversight Committee by the Chair at their meeting on Thursday. There was concern that some aspects of some BMF courses did not meet the needs of graduate students as

they tended to go beyond fundamentals of the subjects under study. The Chair will remind the Curriculum Oversight Committee that the review process must include an evaluation of how the courses impact graduate students as well as medical students.

Prepared and respectfully submitted to the Faculty Senate on June 10, 2014 by F.R. Champlin, Chair.

OSU-Faculty Council Representative (*Richard Wansley*)

The Faculty Council suspends meetings during the summer months; there is no report.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative (*Warren Finn*)

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<http://www.okhighered.org/statesystem/powerpoints/powerpoints.shtml>.