

**Written Committee Reports
Faculty Senate Meeting
September 12, 2014**

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and are not being submitted for Senate approval.*

College-wide committees:

Academic Standards (Gerwald Koehler)

The Academic Standards Committee met on July 10, August 13, and August 25, 2014.

The committee met with 15 students, addressing the following issues:

- Surgery COMAT failure (1)
- One “N” non-cognitive grade (3)
- First COMLEX Level 1 failure (12)

Release from academic probation was recommended for 13 students who successfully remediated course work (12) or fulfilled requirements related to a non-cognitive grade (1).

Curriculum Oversight Committee (Randy S. Wymore)

The Curriculum Oversight Committee met on 08/21/2014. The course reviews and final recommendations of the COC from the first semester of the new curriculum were completed. All of the BMF courses, OMM, Clinical Anatomy and ITP were completed and the information sent to the course coordinators. A copy of each final report has been submitted to the faculty senate as requested by the current Senate President.

The Curriculum Oversight Committee also spent time discussing the merits of providing Combank to all of our current students. The proposal to purchase an institutional license was submitted to Dr. Pettit and the Curriculum Advisory Committee where they moved to purchase the Combank package at no cost to our students. The merits and usefulness to students will then be evaluated in the future.

The COC began a conversation about the process for evaluating the spring courses, and approved the fall course schedule and exam schedule.

Learning Resources (Joseph Price)

The committee has not met since the previous Senate meeting.

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 Research Committee held its organizational meeting July 9th. We established meeting times for the remainder of the year, received reports from: The Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the Institutional Biosafety Committee and the Chemical Hygiene and Radioisotope Use Committees. Dr. Stephens also provided a research update from his office. The August 13th meeting again received and discussed committee reports followed by a discussion of a research article addressing osteopathic research presented by Dr. Rock. The September 10th agenda includes bylaws for the Research Committee and an opportunity to discuss committee goals, objectives and focus for the upcoming year.

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 2014-15 academic year was held September 3, noon to 1:00 p.m. The Committee was honored with the presence of Dr. Tony Alfrey as a new committee member and Dr. Johnny Stephens in his new administrative role.

Mr. Polak gave an update on progress with preparing for construction of the new building. His report offered both information about features of the building and parking garage as well as an opportunity for discussion in response to questions from committee members.

Mr. Polak also discussed the current state of the College budget. This information focused on the impact of the new construction on College finances, including the use of portions of the reserve fund and issuance of bonds for this purpose.

Dr. Bost proposed the development of topics for Committee research and subsequent administrative advisement. Committee members are to submit topics that will then be prioritized to create an agenda for this activity.

Faculty Affairs Committee (Bill Meek)

The Faculty Affairs Committee did not meet in August, they carried on some business via email, regarding the Digital Media Guidelines for OSUCHS. The Committee will meet in September.

Promotion and Tenure Committee

The 2014-2015 chairperson will be elected at the 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)

Chair's report for the BSGC Meeting of 8/12/2014:

- Membership and Chairmanship of the BSGC turns over on July 1 of each year. Since the committee did not meet in July, new members and a new chair were welcomed at this meeting. The new roster is as follows:
 - Anne Weil, Chair
 - Rashmi Kaul
 - Earl Blewett
 - Nedra Wilson
 - Kath Curtis
 - Tom Curtis
 - Ex Officio:
 - Bavette Miller, Graduate Studies Director
 - Randall Davis, Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Director
- Graduate Studies Director Ms. Bavette Miller was asked to send an e-mail to Graduate Faculty members with the Web for Faculty link so that they could view class lists. (This has been done.)

- Graduate Program Director Dr. Randall Davis has e-mailed the graduate faculty to schedule a discussion forum about what worked and what didn't in last Spring's graduate courses. (This meeting occurred.)
- Also, Biomedical Sciences may delete or temporarily decommission courses from the catalog that are not currently being offered. Dr. Davis, Dr. Weil, and Ms. Miller will work together to identify courses that may be pruned and query the graduate faculty as to what they prefer. (This has been done.)
- The BSGC was late with 2013-2014 Graduate Student Annual Reviews. At this meeting the BSGC reviewed the progress of all graduate students, voted to require meetings with some of the students, and reiterated its policy of allowing any graduate student to request a meeting with the BSGC, even if one is not required. Dr. Davis would send letters to each student indicating whether they needed a meeting. (This has been done.) Required and requested meetings will be scheduled with the BSGC. (As of September 9, this process has been started but not completed.)
- Dr. Weil agreed to organize a scheduling process to find a better meeting time for the BSGC, so that everyone could attend. (This has been done.)
- Dr. Davis agreed to update the BSGC Guidelines for students with accurate course numbers and e-mail the updated guidelines to the faculty.
- Dr. Weil agreed to update the BSGC Bylaws to reflect the results of graduate faculty voting that occurred more than a year ago. Dr. Blewett will contribute substantial updates from Group VI that are also included in that document. (This is in progress.)

Chair's report for the BSGC Meeting of 9/9/2014:

Due to unexpected events, the BSGC did not have a quorum.

- Progress reports were heard.
- As Group VI representative, Dr. Blewett requested that the BSGC provide recommendations on the definition of scholarship required for Full membership in the Graduate Faculty.
- Ms. Bavette Miller reminds all members of the graduate faculty that course change forms must be in by October 1.

OSU-Faculty Council Representative (Richard Wansley)

Dr. Wansley provided a verbal report which appears on page three of the minutes.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative (Warren Finn)

Full information on the State Regents Faculty Advisory group can be accessed at:

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

Dr. Finn provided a verbal report which appears on page three of the minutes.