

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2014-2015

June 13, 2014 Minutes

OSU-CHS Faculty Senate Members

Randall Davis, Ph.D., President

Robin Dyer, D.O., Past-President

Sarah Hall, D.O., President-elect

Christopher Thurman, D.O., Secretary

William Po, M.D., Sergeant-at-Arms

Charles Sanny, Ph.D. (16)

Kent Smith, Ph.D. (15)

Jarrad Wagner, Ph.D. (15)

Richard Wansley, Ph.D. (16), OSU-CHS Representative to OSU Faculty Council

Warren Finn, Ph.D. , Continuing Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative

Recorder: Jean Keene

Members Present: Dr. Davis, Dr. Hall, Dr. Po, Dr. Sanny, Dr. Thurman

Members Excused: Dr. Dyer, Dr. Finn, Dr. Wansley

Reporting Administrator: Due to out of state conferences and prior commitments, an administrator was not in attendance.

Call to Order: Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.; it was held in the CHS Board Room.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Faculty Senate President's Report:

Dr. Davis advised the Senators that since there were two Formal Recommendations upon which discussion and voting were to occur. These were FS 14-15-001 and FS 14-15-002, and they would be addressed shortly. He further advised that due to Dr. Johnny Stephens serving in an assistant decanal role, he could no longer serve on the Senate as a representative of the faculty. Therefore, the candidate with the next highest number of votes will fill the position vacated by Dr. Stephens. Accordingly, Dr. Davis, as Senate President, will communicate with Drs. Stephens and Wagner and so advise.

Dr. Davis invited the Senators to consider the topics they would like to address during the 2014-2015 Senate term, and to email their suggestions to him. The topics will be included on a future Senate agenda for discussion.

Voting items:

FS 14-15-001 Recommendation to hold the OSU-CHS Graduation Ceremonies at a different venue in the future
ACTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

FS 14-15-002 Replacement member on the Affirmative Action Committee Mousumi Som, D.O. to serve in open position created by departure of Teri Bourdeau, Ph.D.
ACTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Dr. Davis will transmit these voting outcomes to Dr. Pettit.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Davis called the members attention to the Written Committee Reports document included in the agenda packet and asked if there were any questions/discussion the Senators would wish to raise.

A Senator raised a question regarding the evaluation process now being conducted on the foundation courses in the new curriculum. During discussion, Dr. Davis reported that he believes the process is going well, and that the Curriculum Oversight Committee is very active in conducting a very valuable and practical evaluation process that will provide information that will be of use in making appropriate adjustments to the quantity of information included within the foundation courses. Following discussion, it was decided that Dr. Wymore would be invited to attend the September 12 Faculty Senate meeting and give a Status Report on the process and recommendations for modifications achieved thus far. An invitation memorandum will be sent to Dr. Wymore.

OSU Faculty Council Representative Report:

Dr. Wansley was out of the city, and he had advised previously that the council does not meet over the summer.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative:

Dr. Finn had reported by telephone prior to the meeting that he would not be attending, and that he may be out of state over the summer. He expressed the hope that he would be able to attend in the fall.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

**Written Committee Reports
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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.

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*)

Full information on the State Regents Faculty Advisory group can be accessed at:
<http://www.okhighered.org/statesystem/powerpoints/powerpoints.shtml>.