

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2014-2015

Joint November/December Meeting

November 14, 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 R. Wagner, Ph.D. (15)

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

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative

Recorder: Jean Keene

Members Present: Dr. Davis, Dr. Dyer, Dr. Thurman, Dr. Sanny, Dr. Wagner, Dr. Wansley

Members Absent: Dr. Hall, Dr. Po, Dr. Smith.

Reporting Administrators: Dr. Stephens, Mr. Polak

Call to Order: Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 12:10 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. Wagner and seconded by Dr. Wansley. They were unanimously approved as presented.

Administration Report:

Dr. Stephens:

The Board of Regents has approved the change to EPIC, the new electronic health record. We are waiting on letters of intent to further the process. This was mentioned at the last Senate meeting, and there has been progress. The Master Service Agreement is now being reviewed by our University Counsel. Great care is being taken regarding confidentiality for both entities.

In general, the Research area has been busy, and progress is being made on several fronts. As mentioned earlier, the Research Review process will be moving forward in a very deliberate way during the summer of 2015. The Faculty Senate will be invited to submit recommendations for individuals to serve on this important committee. Everything is on track to move forward on research.

We are continuing to work on the AOA-ACGME. We have some plans to work together with OMECO. Dr. Stephens said at first exposure the task may not seem to be significant, but upon further examination, it is clear that it is a very large and important task. Added faculty may be necessary; it could be an expensive process, but good things may result from the dedicated efforts.

Dr. Davis raised a question regarding identifying proposed areas of research, and where our strengths are, or can be. Following extensive discussion, it was noted that areas of focus can be suggested by the faculty, or suggestions can be made by administrators. Dr. Stephens said there is no administrative effort

to be dictatorial in the selection of topics for our strong research focus. It was noted that faculty interests are important, but it is also important to recognize where funding may be available. This is an aspect that also deserves attention. Continuing communication among all of the players is seen as both important

and valuable. None of the players should be coming forward heavy-handed, but good ideas can come forward from all of the participants to be reviewed and expanded. The comment was offered that the faculty members who are actually doing research have been collaborating; it is not a new concept. Dr. Wagner emphasized that he has a strong desire to have the work CHS focused, rather than having a non-CHS centered focus for our research. Dr. Stephens said not to read too much into the comments; various locations are still getting their information organized, and they are seeking general data.

Mr. Polak:

As mentioned at an earlier Senate meeting, Mr. Polak reported that a performance-based compensation adjustment program was proposed, approved, and has now been accomplished.

Concerning the new building, Mr. Polak advised that Dr. Dyer has been meeting with groups and individuals to move the process along efficiently and smoothly. We are right where we should be in this process.

The Senators were reminded that effective January 1, we are self-insured. This will allow greater flexibility. BCBS will be administering our self-insurance plan. At that time, BCBS won't care what we decide is covered or not.

Faculty Senate President's Report:

Dr. Davis reported on the following items:

- Dr. Finn had a successful surgery, and he is still in the hospital. In addition to the aneurism, other cardiac problems were identified and addressed. The recuperation period may take longer than anticipated.
- The term Dr. Finn served on the Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Group has been completed. Dr. Davis invited a member of the Senate to serve for the upcoming term. Following discussion and clarification of the associated responsibilities, Dr. Jarrad Wagner agreed to the invitation to be the CHS representative for the new term. Dr. Davis thanked him for his willingness to provide additional service in behalf of his CHS colleagues.

Voting items:

FS 14-15-005

Bylaw Change: Learning Resources

Membership Update

Discussion: A modification was moved by Dr. Wansley and seconded by Dr. Wagner.

The modification suggested would change the wording to read:

Membership shall consist of three (3) members of the faculty, and two (2) students, **the Director of the OSU-CHS Medical Library or his/her designee, a representative from educational resources**, and the Director of Information Technology. The three (3) members of the College Faculty must come from both biomedical sciences and clinical sciences.

The suggested modification was voted upon and passed. The resulting total wording was approved as modified.

**Action: Passed as modified
The modified formal recommendation will be presented for a vote at the Fall General Faculty Meeting 12/19/14.**

FS 14-15-006

Bylaw Change: Academic Standards Committee
Description and Membership Update

Discussion: A Senator commented that since this action would be a change to the Bylaws, and the Faculty Affairs Committee had not discussed the content FS 14-15-006, the question arose whether the formal recommendation should first be reviewed by the Faculty Affairs Committee. Following additional discussion, it was determined that the Faculty Senate could provisionally approve the recommendation with the stipulation that it would be referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee for review and approval. If the Faculty Affairs Committee approves the content, Formal Recommendation FS 14-15-006 would be deemed approved, and would thereafter be presented for approval by the General Faculty at the Fall General Faculty meeting, which is scheduled for December 19. It was noted that if the Faculty Affairs Committee does not approve the modified recommendation, any newly suggested wording changes would need go before the Academic Standards Committee and the Faculty Senate for review and voting by both bodies.

A letter of referral of Formal Recommendation FS 14-15-006 will be sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee chairperson from Dr. Davis in his position as Faculty Senate President. It was mentioned that if the Faculty Affairs Committee does not have a timely meeting scheduled, the voting could take place by email.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the motion to provisionally approve accompanied by a referral of the modified recommendation to the Faculty Affairs Committee, was made by Dr. Wansley, and seconded by Dr. Dyer.

Action: The modified recommendation was passed unanimously, contingent upon Faculty Affairs Committee approval. If approved, the proposed Academic Standards Committee Bylaw change will be presented for a vote at the Fall General Faculty Meeting on 12/19/14.

Committee Reports:

The written committee reports appear separately and begin on page three of the minutes. Dr. Davis noted that the reports had previously been distributed as an email attachment. He called the members' attention to the Written Committee Reports document which was also provided in the agenda packet, and asked if the Senators had any questions, or wished to discuss any of the reports. There were no questions, nor requests for discussion, on any of the reports.

Dr. Davis called upon Dr. Wansley to report on the OSU Faculty Council. Dr. Wansley called attention to his written report, and specifically mentioned that benefits were available to spouses who were legally married—regardless of the gender of the married persons.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Dr. Davis advised that the final business to be conducted called for approval of the DRAFT Agenda for the Fall General Faculty Meeting. A suggestion was offered to delete the heading line "College of Osteopathic Medicine. Further discussion noted that the proposed agenda did not include a report from the Graduate Programs. It was moved and voted upon that item VI. be enlarged to include the addition of an Update on Graduate Programs, to be delivered by Dr. Bruce Benjamin. It was noted that the suggested revision should be provided to Dr. Pettit for his review and approval. Approval of the modified General Faculty Agenda DRAFT was moved by Dr. Wansley and seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.