

Written Committee Reports
Faculty Senate Meeting
March 13, 2015

*The committee reports are for information purposes only
and are not being submitted for Senate approval.*

College-wide committees:

Academic Standards (Gerwald Koehler)

On February 17, the Academic Standards Committee met with one student addressing a COMLEX Level 2 Performance Evaluation (PE) failure.

In addition, the committee discussed revisions of Academic Standards Handbook sections.

Curriculum Oversight Committee (Randy S. Wymore)

The prior meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather; the next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015.

Learning Resources (Joseph Price)

The LRC did not meet in February; there was no business to address.

Research Committee (Ron Thrasher)

The Research Committee has voted to hold quarterly meetings. Although the following Special/regulatory committees report through the Research Committee, there may be months when they submit a report for inclusion in the Senate Written Reports when there is no Research Committee meeting report: 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 quarterly meeting March 11, 2015 receiving reports from: The Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the Institutional Biosafety Committee and the Chemical Hygiene and Radioisotope Use Committees. The committee also received and discussed new clinical trials since July 2014. The committee finalized work on revising: *Article VIII, Committees, Section E, 7. Research Committee Description* which is now ready for presentation to the Faculty Senate. The next regular meeting is the research committee is scheduled for June 10th at 9:00 a.m. in Room E393.

Chemical Hygiene and Radioisotope Use Committee (David Wallace)

The committee had a special meeting on March 11th to discuss numerous agenda items. There was also one protocol that was submitted for 3-year renewal, protocol #RS-DW041709. There were no modifications to the previous protocol, and the renewal was approved. In addition, there were multiple other agenda items that were discussed. The items discussed were 1) Discussion on the changes in the "Supervisor's Checklist for New Personnel"; 2) Shared personnel resource for MSDS-SDS updating; 3) Restocking the first aid supplies at the stations on each floor; 4) Annual review/revision of the Chemical Hygiene manual; 5) Wallace reconfiguration of isotope use area in room E-363; 6) Possible movement of meeting time to 2nd Wednesday to avoid conflict with the Biomedical Science Graduate Committee; 7) Review of the Radiation Safety Manual (last revised in March 2010).

Institutional Biosafety Committee (*David Wallace*)

The committee met on February 18th. The committee evaluated the status of the protocol needing to be renewed at the January meeting. The PI was out of the country and could not respond to the suggestions for the renewal. A new memo and deadline (March 6th) was set. The committee is meeting 'virtually' to discuss the modifications and a final decision will be made on the renewal March 13th. Additionally, the committee welcomed its new outside member, Byron Smith, from the Tulsa Police department. The roster is now complete.

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 Budget & Benefits Committee met on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. The meeting featured a detailed discussion with Mr. Polak about a number of issues, including the likely impact of decreased state funding, targeted physician recruiting, development of a psychiatry residency, recruitment of new psychiatrist faculty, update on new building construction, status of the reserve fund, EPIC (EMR system) implementation, and future funding priorities. Several items in the Committee's research agenda were covered in the context of these discussions. The Committee is looking forward to having Sandy Cooper meet with us to add HR information to these discussions. Additional details are available in the minutes of this Committee meeting.

Faculty Affairs Committee (*Bill Meek*)

The Faculty Affairs Committee met on March 2, 2015. The Committee reviewed the fall election and noted that faculty need to attend the spring meeting in order to reach a quorum in a timely manner. A quorum was not reached until 45 minutes or later into the fall meeting. The Committee members reviewed the Memo to Faculty regarding Committee Preference and Nominations for Faculty Senate members, FS VP, and COC Members. This is the first year that COC biomedical and clinical representatives (one each) will be elected for a 3 year term. The Committee preference form should go out this week. The FAC would like the Faculty Senate to encourage all faculty to return Committee Preference Forms and nominate qualified faculty for Faculty Senate, FS VP, and COC. The Committee will meet again on April 3 to form Committees while looking at Committee preferences.

Promotion and Tenure Committee I (*Johnny Stephens*)

The RPT Committee met on Monday, March 2 and reviewed all of the packets for Promotion and Tenure. The Committee made decisions on all packets and will work on letters over the next two weeks to forward to Dr. Bill Pettit for his review. We believe that all anticipated packets have been received and reviewed.

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*)

A written report was not received.

OSU-Faculty Council Representative (*Richard Wansley*)

The Council has not met for its March 2015 meeting.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative (*Randall Davis*)

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

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

Students with Disabilities

The Committee on Students with Disabilities has approved one MSI student for disability accommodations.