Faculty Senate Agenda
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
January 17, 2020 meeting
Noon

Executive Board Room, 4th Floor

I. Roll call

II. Report from Administrators in attendance:

III. Approval of minutes from previous Faculty Senate meeting

IV. Faculty Senate President’s Report: Dr. Beaman

V. Items presented for voting: FS 19-20-005

- Faculty Senate Bylaw Revision
- Article VIII, Section G.5
- Institutional Biosafety Committee Description
  (Attached)

VI. Discussion items: Student Research Information (Attached)

VII. Information Reports from Various Committees:
(These are information reports only and they are not being presented for Senate approval. Some committees may not provide a report.)

A. Academic Standards (Bill Meek)
B. Biomedical Sciences Graduate Committee Gerhard Koehler)
C. Budget and Benefits (Jim Hess)
D. Committee on Students with Disabilities (Vivian Stevens)
E. Curriculum Oversight Committee (Stacy Chronister)
F. Faculty Affairs (Matthew O’Brien)
G. Learning Resources (Tom Cutis)
H. Promotion and Tenure (Vivian Stevens)
I. Research (Anne Weil)
(Restrict related Special/Regulatory committee reports may also be included in the Research Committee report.)
J. Student Affairs (A. Bacon and J. Hackler on behalf of Steve Eddy)

Other committees/task force/liaison:
A. OSU-Faculty Council Representative: Sarah Hall
B. Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative: Anne Weil

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business: (Will include items arising/provided after the approval of the agenda.)

X. Adjournment
Faculty Senate Recommendation Number: FS 19-20-005
To be presented: January, 2020

Moved by: Institutional Biosafety Committee
Seconded by: Second not required if moved by committee

Senate Action taken: Date: January 17, 2020

Recommendation Title: Bringing Faculty Senate Bylaw language current with NIH Guidelines

Motion: The IBC description, and Alternate Member voting eligibility information (which occurs when a submitting member has recused voting) as represented in the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article VIII, Section G. 5) requires updating/addition to reflect current NIH guidelines language, and to provide a quorum for voting.

Rationale: The proposed revisions would address the following:
1. It is necessary to have the Faculty Senate Bylaws reflect the language and terminology that is used in the current federal NIH Guidelines.
2. The proposed insertion to allow a knowledgeable person with pertinent expertise to serve as an Alternate Member (on an ad hoc basis), would permit a vote to be taken when a member submitting an application for review has recused him or herself thereby reducing the count toward achieving quorum. The proposed Alternate Member process would be more efficient, and would allow action to occur rather than being delayed or denied for lack of quorum. This Alternate Member approach would be in concert with the NIH Guidelines.

Senate Formal Recommendation: FS 19-20-005
Action:
Recommendation forwarded to: Date:
Recommendation Process:

Considerations leading to this Formal Recommendation are listed below.

Committee(s) involved:

Proposed Faculty Senate Bylaw change presented as FS 19-20-005

Voting by: Institutional Biosafety Committee
Action: Approved Date:

Faculty Senate action: Date:
(To be presented 1-17-20)

If approved, will this recommended action need to be approved by General Faculty?

☑ Yes By digital voting

☐ No
Proposed Revision to OSU CHS Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article VIII, Section G, 5.

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5. **Institutional Biosafety Committee**  
The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) shall review all research and instructional activities performed by individuals acting as agents of OSU-CHS (e.g., faculty, researchers, staff, students, and employees) requiring protection of workers and the environment from the biological consequences of recombinant and pathogenic organisms, as well as their products. The committee may formulate recommendations and guidelines concerning biosafety policies in order to assure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines, as well as OSU-CHS policies. The policies, procedures, and duties of the IBC will adhere to the guidelines set forth by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Office of Biotechnology Activity (NIH-OBA) Office of Science Policy. Membership shall be congruent with NIH **Guidelines** and will consist of no fewer than five (5) individuals having expertise in the areas of biological safety, animal containment, recombinant DNA, and infectious agents. At least two (2) members must represent the local community and not be affiliated with OSU-CHS and one (1) member must represent the laboratory technical staff. **The appropriate One (1) Office of Research official(s) will serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member(s).** While following NIH-OBA guidelines, there will not be more than 8 voting and 2 non-voting members at any one time. Members may have one or more of the above areas of expertise, but each of the areas must be represented in the final roster of at least five (5) members. OSU-CHS members will serve in their respective roles indefinitely, while unaffiliated members will serve for a term of three years. **Alternate members having pertinent expertise will serve in an ad hoc capacity when a quorum cannot be established due to the recusal of regular members.** Should any member decide to step down, a replacement will be recommended by the IBC, except as noted in section VIII.B.4 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws. Meetings shall be held monthly (unless otherwise indicated) and are open to the public. The committee may close to the public any meeting, or part of a meeting, consistent with protecting privacy, proprietary interests, the health and safety of University employees, the environment, and/or the community, or as otherwise required by law or regulation.
The primary objective of the office of student research is to connect students to meaningful research opportunities. I have provided a summary of some of the activities I have been working on below.

1. We have interviewed and hired two faculty who will assist with coordination of student research with OSU faculty. One faculty hire is slated to work 3 days per week at the Tahlequah campus to expand research opportunities for medical students there.
2. We convened a committee comprised of the library and IT to identify a research tracking platform that can accommodate internal tracking, COCA tracking, and other mandatory student research reporting and have begun pilot testing the platform before we go live.
3. We have been considering the values that will drive the office of student research, and once finalized, we will develop a mission statement for the office that reflects those core values.
4. We have created a website for the office of research that is available via the office of research homepage. We are currently pilot testing the website.
5. We have queried the faculty and have obtained descriptions of their research as well as the types of research opportunities they have available to students.
6. We have submitted a T-35 NIH grant to fund 6 medical student research spots in conjunction with 10 NIAAA-funded research centers from across the country. The grant was scored and the advisory committee is meeting in February.
7. We are partnering with Kazan Medical University and the Cochrane Collaboration in Russia to organize a peer-to-peer program focused on the use of evidence based medicine. We are submitting the initial funding application this week.