OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2026-2027

September 11, 2026 Minutes

Zoom meeting: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Invitees: Dionne, Julie; Harp, Eric; Harrison, Amy; Murray, Kelly; O'Brien, Matthew; Stroup, Jeff; Thai, Mark; Vazquez Sanroman, Dolores; Coffman, Darci; All OSU-CHS Faculty

Attendance: Dionne, Julie; Harp, Eric; Harrison, Amy; Murray, Kelly; O'Brien, Matthew; Thai, Mark; Vazquez Sanroman, Dolores; Coffman

Administrator Present: Stroup, Jeff

Other Faculty Present: None

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. O'Brien, called the meeting to order at 12:00, with a quorum present.

Action Items

1. Motion to approve June Meeting minutes
   Action: Approved
2. Motion to approve having a faculty resources subcommittee created to review and update the document.
   Action: Approved
3. Motion to approve holding Faculty Senate meetings online.
   Action: Approved

Approval of Agenda: The Executive Committee met and approved the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the June minutes.

- Approved at Executive Committee 09/3/2026
  - Motion by Dr. Dionne, seconded by Dr. Murray.

Administrative Reports:

- Our student enrollment for the fall: we have about a 22% increase in enrollment from a year ago. Most of that is driven by graduate programs. We currently have over 2,500 graduate programs at CHS.
- Regarding dining on campus, we are looking at a Fooda (pop-up kitchen company) to come in a few days a week along with Chick- fil- A.
  - We will try this for 6 months and see how it does.
- Dr. Hess will be visiting campus in a couple of weeks, and I think there'll be a free lunch, but he's going to do a strategic plan kickoff for the system.
- We did our strategic plan over the last year, so right now, what we've done is we've kind of mapped our strategic plan to the main plan. If you saw our strategic plan, we had built in several KPIs under our pillars. And we feel like we're positioned in a good spot to meet the needs of the Stillwater System Plan.
- Provost Mendez is going on a sabbatical. Chris Francisco will be interim provost.
- We are still working with Stillwater on the end-of-year budget cycle with the university overhead charge that they send out to all campuses.
  - This is typical in major universities to have finance charges hit all campuses.
- An email came out this week from HR regarding health plan changes that will occur this upcoming year. OSU A&M system will be moving away from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma and moving to a different system.
  - More details to come closer to annual enrollment time.

Faculty Senate President's Report:

- We have an open vote for the replacement of the president-elect.
- We also have to come to some form of an agreement on who's going to serve on the Oklahoma State Regents, where they want a 2-year commitment.
  - In the past, it was the President- elect that attended, but only for one year.
- We need to look at the Faculty Resource manual for updating purposes.
  - We have asked Dr. Croft to be on the subcommittee. Ideally, we would like to have past Faculty Senate members (past president) and some individuals from both the clinical and the graduate studies on the subcommittee.

    - They would provide us with suggestions so that we can then vote and then put it out for a general faculty vote.
- Regarding the quorum policy, we need to define what quorum is so that we aren't waiting until the very last minute to try and get people up on Zoom or get people in the doors for the General Faculty meetings when something needs to be voted on.
    - In the bylaws currently, we have to have two faculty meetings, one in the fall, one in the spring. For any business to occur at those meetings, you need a quorum, which is a majority plus one. This is a little hard to accomplish each year, especially for the Spring meeting where we must vote on the promotion of student classes.
        - Suggestion: a quorum of 50% plus 1 is necessary for charter changes, or those types of things. With a lower quorum for general votes/ meetings.
    - Dr. Dionne motioned to approve of having a faculty resources subcommittee created to review and update the document. Dr. Murray seconded. All Favored.
- Faculty Senate meetings: in-person or online?
    - Dr. Dionne moved to keep them online. Dr. Vazquez seconded. All Favored.

OSU-Faculty Council Representative by Dr. Eric Harp: Report was submitted.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative by Dr. Matt O'Brien:

- Spoke with the Vice Chancellor yesterday regarding who would be our representative and serve for 2 years on the committee.
    - Does this encompass both the president-elect year and the president's year? Because they're asking for a minimum of 2 years of representation, just so that there's some continuity from the university or from the campus.
    - Suggestion: elect a member of the Senate to serve; since a senator comes on board to the faculty senate, it's typically a 3-year term.
    - Suggestion: identify a member of the faculty who would like to serve in that role, and then that name comes forward, and the Senate could endorse that.
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Other Business: None

Other Discussion: None

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Murray; seconded by Dr. Dionne; unanimously approved.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:46 p.m.