

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE
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OSU-CHS Faculty Senate Members

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Amanda Foster, D.O., (20)
Paul Gignac, Ph.D., (20)
Sarah Hall, D.O., OSU-CHS Representative to OSU Faculty Council

Recorder: Jean Keene

Members Present: Dr. Beaman, Dr. Sanny, Dr. Weil, Dr. Curtis, Dr. Foster, Dr. Gignac, and Dr. Warren.

Members Absent: Dr. Chronister

Administrators Present: Dr. Stroup

Call to Order: Dr. Beaman welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Action Items during this meeting:

- Approval of Minutes of prior meeting
Action: Approved as presented.

- The discussion of hiring faculty and inclusion of Department Chair in the process resulted in a request for the specific documents mentioned being provided for Senate review, coupled with related information in the AAUP Guidelines.
Action: Dr. Weil volunteered to gather the requested information; it will be distributed to Senators for their review and subsequent discussion.

- Discussion regarding committee reports resulted in a verbal motion for a title of agenda item *VII. be changed to read, Senators' Comments on Committee Reports*
Action: Approved

- Formal Recommendation FS 19-20-002
Revision-Bylaws of the General Faculty and the Faculty Senate, Article III, Section 2.
Voting Rights (Full-time faculty and part-time faculty with at least 0.75 FTE will have voting rights.
**Action: The Tabled motion was removed from the table, discussed and voted upon.
Motion approved.**

Approval of the Minutes:

Dr. Beaman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Moved by Dr. Gignac; seconded by Dr. Warren, voted upon, and approved.

Administrative Report:

Dr. Beaman invited Dr. Stroup to provide an administrative report. First, he reported that Dr. Shrum was recognized the previous day as the Woman of the Year in Oklahoma. He noted there would be a news release on it. That is really positive for us.

Dr. Stroup advised that he had four items on which to report:

- An update on facilities projects included:
 - Dunlap will be coming down and doing some work with the parking lot—that activity should start in December, with the goal of once Dunlap is down, that will all be surface parking.
 - The North Hall building is approximately a \$65 million project, with ground preparation around April of 2020.
 - The Cherokee Nation campus is progressing; we have to have at least the first phase of that completed with classroom construction by June of 2020 for COCA to accept the first class.
 - The Legacy Tower Project, which we hope to have the first phase for move-in about June of 2020 Which will extend through November; that is approximately an \$8 million project.
- The Board of Regents will be here at the end of October; one agenda item is a request for them to approve an architect to come in and look at the Barson building and to go through and provide an estimate of the cost to reskin the building and internally, to look at the plumbing. The original long-range planning was to get rid of Barson and construct a new building. However, with the cost estimates for the North Building at \$65 million, it was decided it was prudent to get an estimate for getting Barson at least functional for the next ten years. That does not include bringing the labs up; that is being approached as a separate project.
- From an academic standpoint, Dr. Stroup provided the current information on COMLEX examination scores. Overall, we are doing well.
 - Level 1: We are awaiting three scores; the rest are in. We are at 90%; the national rate is at 95%, so we are a little low. We are looking into that with the AECC and COC have been given some guidance on what to look at and to talk with the Course Directors.
 - Level 2: We have had 97 scores reported. We are at a pass rate of 98.97%; the national pass rate is 97%, so we are well there.
 - Level 2 PE: We have had 86 attempts and we have a 98.8% pass rate. They do not provide a national pass rate.
 - Level 3: We have had 104 scores with a pass rate of 99%; the national pass rate is 97%.
- Dr. Stroup gave an update on the topic of Research Start-Ups. He advised that he, Dr. Stephens, and Eric Polak had met with the faculty that were involved with the start-up package discussion. He said they had a good and open dialog between the administrators and the faculty. He said the plan was to work individually with those faculty to develop a plan regarding their start-up packages. He reiterated that it was a good discussion, and he believes it is a good way to go to look at these individually.

Dr. Stroup said these were the points he had to report on and asked if there were any questions. One was raised asking whether there were any plans regarding animal facilities. Dr. Stroup advised that there had been some discussion regarding the fifth floor, and whether that was large enough or if perhaps we need two animal facilities. Discussion on this continues. There are architectural plans, but the question is identifying the appropriate funding source. He commented that, yes, the need is recognized, and the Research Committee is well aware of that need also.

Dr. Beaman said that discussion with CWR that week mentioned that animal studies will likely significantly increase. He said he was glad to hear that animal facilities were on the radar and had been included in discussions. There was additional discussion regarding animal facilities and related information requests.

A question was raised regarding parking space, and whether it will be affected/reduced. Dr. Stroup advised that Dunlap will be taken out, plus all of the space where there is grass will also be made into available surface parking space.

Speaking of parking, Dr. Stroup said that the students will be allowed to sell parking for Octoberfest. Maps will be distributed indicating where faculty and staff can park.

Dr. Stroup said at the next Senate meeting, he would provide a COMLEX report and will include the breakdowns by disciplines.

Faculty Senate President's Report:

Dr. Beaman said he wanted to continue on the topic of faculty research start-up funds. He invited the Senators to provide their views. He asked if he thought the issue was being addressed and was in the path of being resolved. There were comments offered, and following discussion, it was decided that Dr. Amlaner would not need to be on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. At this point, it appeared that there was no further issue for the Faculty Senate on the faculty research start-up funds since a compromise had already been reached. In response to a Senator's comment that there was concern that this same set of circumstances could arise again in the future, Dr. Beaman said the process that produced the conditions leading to that particular complex event would not likely be repeated due to the procedures that would be put in place going forward. He said the Senate had been useful in bringing an individual compromise for the faculty who were involved.

Discussion items:

A Senator raised a concern regarding guidelines or procedures that did not include faculty in their development, or that deserve faculty or Senate attention. Related to this, a Senator commented about the RPT process, and the perception that the guidelines may not have been followed, or that an uneven application occurred that could negatively affect faculty. Extensive discussion ensued, which culminated in the decision that additional information was needed before the Senate could adequately discuss it or make any motions. Dr. Weil offered to gather further information and to locate associated information from available AAUP documents. If the information is ready in time, a discussion may be included on the Joint November/December Senate agenda.

Another Senator raised a second issue regarding following existing guidelines, or the creation of new guidelines, without the benefit of adequate participation by faculty or individuals who would appropriately be involved in the overall process. It was noted that in the past, during the process of hiring of new faculty, the process of negotiating salary and startup funds for research included the department chairperson. That process has apparently changed. It was expressed that this condition may merit Senate attention. Dr. Beaman asked for a motion and none was given.

Items to be presented for voting:

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Senate write a congratulatory note to Dr. Shrum on her being named the Woman of the Year in Oklahoma.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Senate give increased attention to the Committee Reports.

Motion: The title of Faculty Senate Agenda item **VII. Information Reports from Various Committees** Should be changed to read: **VII. Senators' Comments on Committee Reports**

Moved by: Dr. Curtis, Seconded by: Dr. Sanny

ACTION: Approved

Committee Reports:

Dr. Beaman indicated the various Committee Chair's Reports for the October Senate meeting were distributed in the agenda packet and they had also been distributed by email prior to the meeting to permit early review of the content. He commented that the new title for Agenda item VII would be used for the next Senate agenda.

Old Business:

Dr. Beaman turned Senator's attention formal recommendation FS 19-20-002, which had been tabled at the prior meeting so additional information could be gathered.

He called for a motion to remove the item from the table. Dr. Gignac moved and Dr. Curtis. Motion carried.

Dr. Beaman reported that he now had that information:

1. Regarding faculty hired, or intended to be hired for the Tahlequah campus, Drs. Pettit and Bray advised that believe changing it from 0.50 to 0.75 would not impact Tahlequah at all. They are not at this time planning to hire any faculty with an FTE of 0.50 to 0.75.
2. Regarding how many faculty we have who fall in this window, Dr. Beaman contacted Tina Tappana and she reported **there were no faculty** in that FTE range.
3. Regarding faculty within that range who voted on ballots distributed to the general faculty, Dr. O'Brien, who chairs the Faculty Affairs Committee and oversees and reports the results of the electronic voting process indicated he would need the names of faculty who fall within that range in order to check on attendance at general faculty meetings and their voting history. Since there are no faculty within that range, there were no votes, and it is a moot point.

Given the information above, a question as to how the proposed change would affect anyone within our system, the answer was, "Not at all".

Turning to the vote on FS 19-20-002, Dr. Beaman called for the original motion to be formally moved and seconded so a vote could occur. It was moved by Dr. Curtis and seconded by Dr. Sanny, voted upon, and approved by the Senate. A comment was made that since it involved a change to a governance document, it would need to go forward for the appropriate next level approvals, beginning with the general faculty.

New Business: There was no New Business to address.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.