

Faculty Senate Agenda
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
February 14, 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 19-20-007 Faculty Senate overarching approval for OSU-CHS Cherokee Nation campus service on ASC, LRC, COC and Faculty Senate
- FS 19-20-008 ASC – FS Bylaw Rev. Committee Membership-adds CN faculty, plus identifies ex-officio, non-voting, support members.

VI. Discussion items:

- Governor Stitt's interdiction re: travel to California with state money
Background information:
 - A. Governor's announcement on ban [See attached]
 - B. Defining terms example-OU [See attached]
- No additional items at this time

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*)

(Research 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

Attachment A

Governor's Announcement re: ban on state-funded travel to California

Oklahoma Gov. Stitt limits state-funded travel to California in response to San Francisco's ban

Gov. Kevin Stitt announced an executive order to ban state-funded travel to the state of California, according to a press release.

Stitt issued an [executive order](#) Thursday in response to actions taken in October by the city of San Francisco banning city-funded travel to Oklahoma, according to the release. The order bans “non-essential travel to the state of California for all employees or officers of agencies” paid for by Oklahoma.

“If California’s elected officials don’t want public employees traveling to Oklahoma, I am eager to return the gesture on behalf of Oklahoma’s pro-life stance,” Stitt said in the release.

In October, San Francisco implemented a city ordinance banning business with 22 states with “severe anti-choice” laws, according to a [news release](#) from the mayor’s office.

“California and its elected officials over the past few years have banned travel to the State of Oklahoma in an effort to politically threaten and intimidate Oklahomans for their personal values,” Stitt said in the release.

In [2018](#), the California State Assembly added Oklahoma to its state-sponsored [travel ban list](#) for laws it considers discriminatory against LGBTQ individuals, according to a release from the California Attorney General’s office.

The state-sponsored travel ban came after former Gov. Mary Fallin signed a [bill](#) allowing private adoption agencies to refuse to place a child if the

placement “violates its written religious practices,” according to a [release](#) from the governor’s office in May 2018.

“I am proud to be governor of a state that fights for the most vulnerable among us, the unborn,” Stitt said.

Attachment B

OU Example re: defining terms

OU to continue with essential travel to California, citing exemptions in Gov. Kevin Stitt's executive order

OU employees can continue travel to the state of California that is funded by federal or private money, or that is necessary to "core university functions" despite Governor Kevin Stitt's [recent executive order](#).

According to the email, due to the "scope of University operations and its legal status," OU will have certain discretion in maintaining travel to California, despite Stitt's order that banned non-essential state-funded travel to the Golden State.

"As it seeks to align its travel protocols with those set forth in the Executive Order, the university may exercise that discretion as appropriate to maintain university operations," OU officials said in a statement.

Employees are encouraged to continue travel to California that is funded privately or federally and that supervisors decide are "needed for core university functions." The statement does not say what criteria will be used to make that determination.

The executive order is in response to the fact that Oklahoma is on California's list of 11 states where state-funded travel is prohibited. California created the list due to laws within the 11 states that California's government considers discriminatory.