

**OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE**

2021-2022

June 11, 2021 Minutes

(Approved: 9-10-21)

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

*Invitees: Drs. Lora Cotton, Nedra Wilson, Anne Weil, Gavin Gardner, Sarah Hall, Regina Lewis, Charles Sanny, Ratnakar Deole  
Dr. Jeff Stroup  
All OSU-CHS Faculty*

*Recorder: Danielle Duke*

**Attendance:**

Senate members present for all or part of the meeting: Drs. Cotton, Wilson, Weil, Gardner, Sanny, Lewis, and Deole.

Faculty Guests: Dr. Randy Wymore and Dr. Randall Davis

Administrator Present: Dr. Jeff Stroup

**Call to Order:**

**Action Items**

1. *Motion to approved agenda  
Action: Approved  
Request to table discussion on Course Content Director/Chair Discretion by Dr. Sanny, seconded by Dr. Weil*
2. *Motion to approve minutes from March 2021 by Dr. Cotton, seconded by Dr. Gardner  
Action: Approved*
3. *It is moved by Dr. Weil that the Faculty Senate President/designee will be the representative to the Staff Advisory Council, Dr. Wilson seconded. Unanimously approved  
Action: Approved*
4. *It is moved by the President, Dr. Cotton that a subcommittee be formed to discuss areas of improvement in the RP&T document, seconded by Dr. Weil.  
Action: Approved*

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda with the request to table discussion item “Course Content Director/Chair Discretion.”  
Agenda unanimously approved

**Administrative Reports:**

Dr. Stroup began by stating that CHS is working with Walgreens clinic located by the hospital to administer vaccines. The testing pod located in the CHS parking lot has shut down. CHS has availability to bring back the testing pod if necessary. Administration has no plans of mandating vaccines.

Dr. Stroup updated the senate regarding the transition with Dr. Shrum moving to Stillwater campus. Interim positions have been selected. The position for Dr. Pettit has yet to be determined.

COCA report for Tahlequah campus is due in December 2021 which will focus on clinical rotations.

RPT has gone to the board of regents for next Friday's meeting.

Faculty Evaluations have been completed.

**Approval of the March 2021 Minutes:**

Motion to approve with minor changes by Dr. Sanny, seconded by Dr. Weil. Minutes unanimously approved.

**Faculty Senate President's Report:**

Dr. Cotton said it's an honor to serve as Faculty Senate President for this year. She also introduced new members Dr. Wilson and Dr. Deole. She also noted we will have in person meetings as well as zoom.

A brief update on the Promotion and Tenure resolution committee. There was a non-renewal dispute brought up with the previous committee members. Dr. Weil is presiding over that committee and process. The recommendation is to keep the same numbers from that same dispute. If there are any new disputes that will be the new committee members. Dr. Cotton will chair that committee.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. Course Content Director/Chair Discretion – request to table
- B. Representative to Staff Advisory Council  
The Faculty Senate President, Dr. Cotton moved the discussion to Dr. Weil. Dr. Weil noted that last year they decided to extend the COVID-19 award to Faculty and Staff. It was discussed that a Faculty Representative be invited to Staff meeting and vice versa.

*It is moved by Dr. Weil that the Faculty Senate President/designee will be the representative to the Staff Advisory Council, Dr. Wilson seconded. Unanimously approved*

An invitation will be sent to the President, Diana Sanders of the Staff Advisory Council to attend Faculty Senate meetings.

- C. RP&T Document – two observations have come up: 1) definition of clinical faculty 2) parts of the document that need to be clear. Dr. Cotton wants to initiate a subcommittee from the Faculty Senate. This subcommittee will identify the areas that need attention then will send requests to the RPT committee.  
The members had discussions of topics such as titles of faculty and the roles/responsibilities of Chairs of departments.

*It is moved by the President, Dr. Cotton that a subcommittee be formed to discuss areas of improvement in the RP&T document, seconded by Dr. Weil. Unanimously approved*

**Senate Review of Committee Reports:**

Dr. Hall, OSU-Faculty Council Representative, reported they had not met since last month.

Dr. Cotton, Oklahoma State Board of Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Representative, noted this will be the last report to give as the OK Board of Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Representative. At the meeting was a presentation about the challenges of learners returning to in person

learning. An annual townhall for OK Board of Regents for Higher Education was held and discussed tuition. The OSU Faculty Advisory Council recommended to not raise tuition also recommended they consider a program for key areas where Oklahoma suffers from people going into those fields such as K-12 teachers. Dr. Baits is researching other states and schools that do something similar to tuition forgiveness.

Dr. Stroup added that OSU has not finalized the budgets yet for the campuses. They will discuss Friday at the meeting. Allocations for the State Regents were relatively flat. Any increases are what they call “targeted increases” which are for schools that have nursing programs and schools that have aerospace engineering programs. The decision will be made at the Friday meeting. Dr. Stroup opened the meeting to questions. There was no questions received.

**Old Business:**

No old business to discuss

**New Business:**

Election of officers: Parliamentarian and Secretary and Representative to Staff Counsel

Parliamentarian – Dr. Regina Lewis

Secretary – Dr. Gavin Gardner

Representative to Staff Counsel

Review and vote on acceptance of new committee membership – with minor edits committee membership was unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:11 p.m.