

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE
2021-2022
November 12, 2021 Minutes
(Approved:1/14/2022)

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, Lewis, Hall, Sanny and Deole.

Administrator Present: Dr. Jeff Stroup

Faculty Guests: Josh Muia and Laurie Clark

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Cotton called the meeting to order at noon with quorum.

Action Items

1. *Motion to approved agenda*
Action: Approved
2. *Motion to approve minutes with minor edits from October 2021*
Action: Approved
3. *Motion to approve Course Content Director/Chair Discretion*
Action: Approved

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Cotton began by adding to the agenda a motion from Dr. Weil regarding intellectual property, seconded by Dr. Stroup, with time allowed.

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Stroup began by giving an update on the following:

Facilities: Elevators in Barsons are being replaced. North Hall is on schedule with July 7th due date. A delay with IT equipment. With the Forensics building a committee is being compiled to begin that process which was approved by the Board of Regents, estimate is 21 million.

United Way Lunch: held Nov. 12th 11-1

Mandate Vaccine for employees: Employees are continuing to log in and submit their information. Updates will be provided in the near future. Have until January to get into compliance.

Research Office: Continuing to hire staff in the Research office. VPR candidates were on campus for the hiring process.

Approval of the October 2021 Minutes:

Motion to approve with minor changes. Minutes unanimously approved.

Faculty Senate President's Report:

Dr. Cotton updated that the PNT Resolution Committee report to the Faculty Senate is being developed and will be submitted soon. The Executive committee spend significant time researching and digesting a response to the tabled item: Course Content Director/Chair Discretion.

Discussion Items:

- Fall General Faculty Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Weil.
- Annual Reaffirmation of AOA Code of Ethics -

Senate Review of Committee Reports:

The senate reviewed the reports with no additional comments/discussions.

Dr. Hall, OSU-Faculty Council Representative, the Faculty Council met on Nov. 9th and discussed the federal mandate vaccination. Also made updates about Afghanistan families being relocated to the Stillwater area. Dr. Hall didn't get a chance to ask her question during the Nov. 9th meeting, however, Dr. Stroup addressed the question: Is CHS going to be having Afghanistan families relocated to Tulsa, if so would we, CHS, be able to help them with supplies, medical care, etc.? All the families are coming through Tulsa through Catholic charities, then being distributed to sites from there. Stillwater's is providing housing for the families. All the information is provided on the OSU Global partnerships webpage.

Dr. Wilson, Oklahoma State Board of Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Representative, reported that they met two in November. The first meeting they discussed an Oklahoma City community college mentoring program that was ran for a year to ensure/encourage students to continue with their education and to graduate. The second meeting was the assembly meeting, discussed increase number of fully online programs offered in Oklahoma and how 80% of the students who are enrolled in their programs are Oklahoma students. There's a group called the Online Consortium of Oklahoma which is designed to support faculty who teach online and that might be relevant to the Forensic faculty at OSU CHS who has courses online. Also discussed the importance of micro credentials in our programs for example it would be appropriate in our graduate program so that students can display to employers' specific skills they have learned in earning their degrees. There was discussion about setting aside money for a Nursing fund to support Nursing program initiatives, setting some legislative goals to encourage the development and maintenance of residency programs in Oklahoma

Old Business:

Table item: Course Content Director/Chair Discretion – In response to the request brought to the Faculty Senate to consider what discretion Course Directors and Chairs have over course content, the Faculty Senate makes the following recommendations in the form of a motion, which was approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on 11/12/21:

1. Implementing changes to improve OSU COM courses is typically accomplished through collaboration between stakeholders. When the Course Director disagrees with the recommended changes, it is appropriate for the Curriculum Oversight Committee (COC) to review the requested changes and make recommendations. The Faculty Senate recommends

that any stakeholder within the COM can bring a curriculum concern to the COC. The Faculty Senate also recommends that the Curriculum Oversight Committee submit recommendations directly to the Dean of OSU COM. If the Dean of OSU COM agrees with the recommended changes, the Dean of OSU COM can then communicate these changes to the parties involved and assist with resolution of any remaining disagreements.

2. Department Chairs are responsible for providing feedback to department members to facilitate faculty development, including lecture development and presentation skills. Student evaluations of faculty teaching in courses would be a valuable resource for Department Chairs to use for faculty development planning. The Faculty Senate requests that Course Directors forward faculty evaluations to their respective Chairs.
3. Course Directors are responsible for ensuring that course lectures support the goals and objectives of the course and support learners' academic success.
4. It is the role and responsibility of the Department Chair to engage in conversations with the Deans, if necessary, to ensure that work is assigned fairly within departments such that faculty members have the opportunity to excel in all facets of the work they are appointed for.

Motion to approve by Dr. Cotton, seconded by Dr. Gardner

New Business:

Intellectual Property regarding faculty lectures – Dr. Weil began by saying that is topic has come up nation wide when classes were moved to online teaching in 2020. There has been some questions about who holds the copyright when intensive use of University resources. Dr. Stroup commented that OSU-CHS follows the policy at Stillwater developed by the Board of Regents. Dr. Stroup recommended that if there are specific questions, those can be directed to the IP attorney in the President's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.