

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2020-2021

October 16, 2020 Minutes

(Approved: TBD)

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

*Invitees: Drs. Weil, Beaman, Cotton, Curtis, Gardner, Hall, Lewis, Sanny, and Warren
Drs. Stephens and Stroup
All OSU-CHS Faculty*

Recorder: Charles Sanny

Attendance:

Senate members present for all or part of the meeting: Drs. Weil, Beaman, Cotton, Curtis, Gardner, Hall, Lewis, Sanny, and Warren

Senate members absent:

Guests: Drs. Arias, Wheeler

Administrator Present: Eric Polak

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Dr. Weil. Dr. Weil reported that Jean Keene had retired. Special thanks to Jean for her many years of service to the OSU-CHS Faculty Senate!

Action Items during this meeting:

Approval of Minutes from September 2020 Senate meeting.

Action: Approved

Ratified faculty vote for OSU-COM Curriculum Oversight Committee members representing the Cherokee Nation campus (Shawna Duncan, D.O., and George (I-Hsiu) Huang, Ph.D.)

Administrative Reports:

Eric Polak reported on the following items:

- Construction:
 - Construction of the North Hall is on schedule and under budget.
 - Loading dock project continuing well.
 - Move-in has begun in Legacy Plaza.
- OSU-MC: “Neck deep” in three-year strategic planning, such as
 - Service-line development,
 - facility renovations, and
 - strategies for adjusting to any future change in managed care.
- State budget: Much better than predicted or expected.
- Covid-19:
 - Localized spread,
 - Oklahoma is experiencing a surge.
 - OSU-MC Covid-19 ICU is operating at full capacity.

- Vivarium: OSU Foundation putting together a fundraising plan for “5th floor” renovations; a recent virtual site-visit to the University of Missouri to talk with them and their vivarium architects.
- PA Program: Accreditation site-visit went very well.

Mr. Polak referenced newspaper articles regarding an agreement between OSU, Langston, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He commented that Dr. Stroup would know more about this topic.

Dr. Curtis asked a question about previous discussions regarding vivarium (and renovations of “5th floor”). Mr. Polak commented that the prior planning was done before Purdue assets were made available, therefore, additional discussions are evaluating how to leverage the new assets with the needs of the research programs.

Faculty Senate President’s Report:

Dr. Weil reported on action items approved at the last meeting:

- *“Dr. Weil will work with Melenda Knight to develop a non-anonymous form on the website that would provide a means for faculty feedback to the Senate.”*

Dr. Weil reported that the form was easily developed, but is not yet available on the website. Other items not yet available on the website are the current Faculty Senate roster, and faculty senate minutes from the past three years. Dr. Weil encouraged the Faculty Senate to look at what the Stillwater Faculty Council has in terms of a web page where they have posted the agenda and approved minutes of every meeting. Discussion followed.

- *“Two weeks prior to Senate meetings, an email reminder is to be sent to the full faculty advising that Senate meetings are open and they may attend, and inquiring if they had items to suggest for the Senate meeting agenda.”* Dr. Weil sent out an email message to the faculty.

Dr. Weil welcomed the faculty who had joined our meeting.

Dr. Weil indicated she had contacted Mr. Hunter in regard to some concerns by the Research committee over mask violations. He said he would relay complaints to unit administrators.

Committee chairs have been contacted by the Faculty Affairs Committee to determine if their committee membership represents the various academic programs.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the September 9, 2020, Faculty Senate meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Agenda Item presented for voting:

It was moved that the Faculty Senate ratified Shawna Duncan, D.O., and George Huang, Ph.D., as the new COM-CN members of the COC committee. The Faculty Affairs Committee conducted the Spring 2020 general faculty electronic voting for the OSU-COM Curriculum Oversight Committee members representing the Cherokee Nation campus. Voting opened on Thursday, 10/1/2020, and concluded Friday, 10/9/2020. The motion passed.

Discussion Items:

- A. Brought forward from the IBC to the Research Committee and from the Research Committee to the Faculty Senate: ABSL 3 lab in the Vivarium (see materials from last meeting for justification)

Mr. Polak commented that cost of level 3 facilities would require clear, concrete, demonstration of need for such a facility. Dr. Benjamin would be the contact person.

- B. Brought forward from the Research Committee: new Web site domain, possibly instituted without faculty input, seems to exclude all portions of CHS other than Medicine

Mr. Polak commented that website development was influenced by the need to bring the OSU-Medicine “brand” to greater public awareness (analogous to OU Medicine). Discussion ensued.

Senate Review of Committee Reports:

Verbal reports were given by Sarah Hall, OSU-Faculty Council Representative, and Lora Cotton, Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative. Details are included in written committee reports distributed prior to the Faculty Senate meeting.

Old Business: No items to consider.

New Business: No items to consider.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Charles Sanny, Faculty Senate Secretary.