

**OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE**  
2021-2022  
September 10, 2021 Minutes  
(Approved: 10/15/21)

*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 and Deole.

Administrator Present: Dr. Jeff Stroup

**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**  
***Request to table discussion on Course Content Director/Chair Discretion by Dr. Sanny, seconded by Dr. Weil***
2. *Motion to approve minutes with minor edits from June 2021*  
**Action: Approved**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Dr. Cotton added to the agenda from the last meeting tabled item “Course Content Director/Chair Discretion.” Motion to approve agenda by Dr. Gardner and seconded by Dr. Weil. Agenda unanimously approved

**Administrative Reports:**

Dr. Stroup began by saying emails from Mr. Hunter Barrett, Director of Compliance and Risk Management, regarding a COVID update are sent out every Friday includes where we are in numbers of cases on campus. Testing through employee health is continuously being administered for employees and students on campus. Mr. Barrett also sent out an email on September 7<sup>th</sup> a COVID resources page for students who have questions. Dr. Stroup stated the following information:

- 99% of cases in the U.S. are delta variant. In June there were only 14% of the cases.
- In Oklahoma in August, there were 72,000 cases, 95% of those cases were unvaccinated individuals
- The hospitalized patients in Oklahoma in the last 30 days were 3,000 hospitalizations, 94% of those were unvaccinated.
- Of the 1.76 million Oklahomans fully vaccinated, 86 of those have passed away. There were 9,500 deaths from COVID.

RPT notifications were sent out to the Chairs. Chairs will be connecting with their faculty as it relates to promotion, re-appointments, or cumulative reviews.

Board of Regents are meeting today in Stillwater. Dr. Stroup asked if they can approve a job description for the Vice President of Research. Once approved the position can be open and start the search process. The goal/feedback received from the Research Office is to have someone more customer service oriented.

On the academic side, a COCA report will be due sometime in December for year 2 progress report for additional location.

There are two-degree programs that are undergoing review at the higher regents 1) professional doctorate in healthcare administration and 2) professional doctorate in forensics. There are ongoing discussions with the state legislator as it relates to a nursing program with OSU Tulsa, OSU Stillwater, and Langston.

Dr. Stroup opened up for questions:

The status of CHS President. No updates as of now.

The status of budget increases. The budget is strong but could change in the next couple of months. Budget increases are pending.

Dr. Stroup added that President Biden came out with some new changes to the vaccine mandates/recommendations. No update on how it will affect OSU-CHS. Administration will provide updates.

**Approval of the June 2021 Minutes:**

Motion to approve with minor changes. Minutes unanimously approved.

**Faculty Senate President's Report:**

Dr. Cotton updated that there has been several announcements and discussions regarding vaccine requirements for COM students and that there are exceptions permitted or certain circumstances that are reviewed.

An update on the RPT document subcommittee. There has been a couple meetings that worked on it but on hold while the non-renewal concern looked at by the RPT resolution committee.

**Discussion Items:**

**Senate Review of Committee Reports:**

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

Dr. Hall, OSU-Faculty Council Representative, could not attend the meeting. Dr. Lewis was going to update but had an appointment. No report given.

Dr. Wilson, Oklahoma State Board of Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Representative, reported they did not meet.

**Old Business:**

Course Content Director/Chair Discretion – tables item

**New Business:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:18 p.m.

Approved