

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2020-2021

March 12, 2021 Minutes

(Approved: April 9, 2021)

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

*Invitees: Drs. Anne Weil, Jason Beaman, Lora Cotton, Kath Curtis, Gavin Gardner, Sarah Hall, Regina Lewis, Charles Sanny, and Aric Warren
Drs. Steven Stroup and Bruce Benjamin
All OSU-CHS Faculty*

Recorder: Danielle Duke

Attendance:

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

Faculty Guests: Drs. Jasmine Croghan and Hugo Arias

Administrator Present: Dr. Jeff Stroup

Call to Order:

Action Items

1. *Minutes with minor edits. Moved by Dr. Curtis, seconded by Dr. Sanny
Action: Approved as corrected*
2. *Motion by Dr. Cotton to adopt wording from COVID-19 Above and Beyond solicitation, seconded by Dr. Sanny
Action: Approved*
3. *Motion by Dr. Curtis to move proposed bylaws change for membership of Student Affairs Committee to present at the Spring General Faculty Meeting, seconded by Dr. Cotton.
Note: Proposal will be drafted as Ballot Form
Action: Approved*
4. *Motion by Dr. Curtis to reaffirm the resolution of weapons on campus, seconded by Dr. Sanny
Action: Approved*

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Stroup advised the committee on the CDC guidance that came out this week which applies to in-home settings. The guidance does not apply to CHS campus or public settings. Dr. Stroup addressed the question on “when the mask mandate would be removed?” There are no plans to remove it in the near future.

COCA surveyed the Tahlequah campus. There were no citations but COCA noted several items which administration is responding to. In mid-April administration will meet with COCA to answer any questions they have. The Physician Assistant program went through their site visit. Positive results were received. An official recommendation will be received in 30 days.

RPT Packets are being received. Dr. Stroups is lso working with Dr. Curtis and other chairs on recruitments. Dr. Stroup opened the discussion to questions:

Dr. Weil asked regarding the vaccinations and international travel “if there has been any evaluation on travel within the continental United States for research?”

Dr. Stroup answered that they are approving the requests with grants that have required travel, a rationale for research, or a rationale for accreditation. Dr. Stroup advised for approval of travel contact the Chair of your department and provide the rationale. He also noted that administration is not allowing global health trips. The rationale is the risk of COVID globally and guaranteeing a safe return.

Approval of the February 2021 Minutes:

Motion to approve with minor edits by Dr. Curtis, seconded by Dr. Sanny. Minutes unanimously approved.

Faculty Senate President’s Report:

Dr. Weil reported that on the Faculty Senate Webpage there are current Charter and Bylaws links as well as nomination forms for Faculty Distinguished Service Award, Faculty Senate, and President Elect of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Weil noted that the IRB has seven new documents on the Research webpage. She also asked for some input on writing a new paragraph on the introduction page of the faculty senate webpage. Drs. Gardner and Curtis have taken over the nominations for COVID Above and Beyond Award. The Executive Committee Meeting will be held next month. The Faculty Distinguished Service Award and Faculty Senate agenda will be voted upon at that meeting.

Agenda Item presented for voting:

No items for voting

Discussion Items:

No discussion items.

Senate Review of Committee Reports:

The reports were received by the Senate members. Dr. Weil solicited any comments or question from the committee. Dr. Curtis commentated on the Budget and Benefits Report asking about renegotiating of the F and A’s and when will that go into effect? Dr. Stroup answered that they sent them on for approval and will send a note to the research office for an update. Dr. Weil pointed out the Research Committee is discussing the animal facility and that there is a need for faculty to identify their core research needs. Dr. Weil confirmed that the IRB has revised documents that are ready for viewing.

Dr. Hall, OSU-Faculty Council Representative, was not available to attend the Faculty Council meeting, therefore, Dr. Weil attended the meeting. She reported that Dr. Weaver gave a report about international travel and OSU policy will be updated on a monthly basis. President Hargis announced that everyone at OSU can be vaccinated as part of phase 3. Stillwater is vaccinating 1,000 people a day for 2 days a week until they receive more supplies. A question was raised regarding the cleaning staff that are contracted through OSU. There was no knowledge if the cleaning staff is getting vaccinated. The Vice-President will follow up on the contracted company. In regard to CHS, Dr. Stroup will inquire with facilities. President Hargis announced about his upcoming retirement and that he was going to hold the position for the Center for Ethical Leadership on campus. The graduation will be held at the Broken Arrow Stadium.

There were three formal recommendations that were approved at the Faculty Council meeting:

- Attendance Policy for Student in Military Service which was directed to students in the national guard as well as active armed forces.
- Attendance Policy for Students regarding faculty and students participating in University Sponsored Events.
- Cumulative Review of Tenured Faculty

Dr. Weil forwarded the document “Cumulative Review of Tenured Faculty” to Dr. Vivian Stevens.

Dr. Cotton, Oklahoma State Board of Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Representative, reported they did not meet since the last meeting.

Old Business:

The Procedural document for the Faculty Senate will be ready at next meeting.

Drs. Curtis and Gardner wrote the request for recognition of faculty and others who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic. The recognition request will be emailed to the faculty and staff. Certificates will have to be printed by May 3rd. Nomination will be sent to Danielle Duke by 5:00p.m. April 2nd. The nominators will send the following:

Name of Person

Role at OSU-CHS

Specific examples supporting nomination

1-2 additional letters support

1 sentence description of the nominee’s contribution which will be read at the General Faculty Meeting

Motion by Dr. Cotton to adopt wording from COVID-19 Above and Beyond solicitation, seconded by Dr. Sanny; unanimously approved

Best practices regarding research and regulatory committees. Dr. Weil advised the members to review the documents on the Research webpage.

New Business:

Proposed Bylaws change for membership of Student Affairs Committee. Dr. Weil suggested this be a ballot. Danielle Duke will put this proposal as a ballot.

Motion to move by Dr. Curtis to General Faculty for voting, seconded by Dr. Cotton, unanimously approved.

Dr. Cotton introduced the Resolution on Weapons on Campus 2021.

Motion to reaffirm by Dr. Curtis the resolution on weapons on campus, seconded by Dr. Sanny, unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:12 p.m.