P. Lovern called the zoom meeting to order with the following members present: Bach, Cole, Conway, Curry, Dimotakis, Dunn, Fathepure, Finchum, Gardner, Hall, Hiney, Jaroni, Krishnan, Liu, M. Lovern, Melancon, Nelson, Neurohr, Noden, Parveen, Peek, Perkins, Pranger, Reichard, Shan, Slevitch, Smith and Stansberry.

Also present: Bayles, M., Cheves, T., Colquhoun, C., DeSilva, U., Drees, K., Eastham, G., Eck, T., Francisco, C., Grover, A., Hallenbeck, D., Hancock, B., Iakovakis, C., Kirksey, J., Krutz, G., Louthan, C., Mendez, J., Miller, B., Ormsbee, C., Peaster, R., Sewell, K., Sheehan, R, Shrum, K., Stephens, J., Tucker, S., Upson, M., Vasquez, Y., Weaver, D. and Weaver, J.

Absent: Khojasteh and Ma.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Special Reports:

Brandee Hancock – Federal Contractor vaccine mandate………....………………….

Matt Upson/Clarke Iakovakis – Scholarly Publications………………………………

Remarks and Comments – President Shrum………………………………………..………....

Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations and other Vice Presidents…….…….

Reports of Liaison Representatives …………………………………………………….……..

Emeriti…………………………………………………………………………………

Women’s Faculty Council ……………………………………………………………..

Staff Advisory Council………………………………………………………………….

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Reports of Standing Committees ………………………………………………….…………..

Academic Standards and Policies ……………………………………….…………….

Athletics ………………………………………………………………….……………

Budget …………………………………………………………………….…………...

Campus Facilities, Safety and Security ………………………………….……………

Diversity………………………………………………………………….……………

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Long-Range Planning and Information Technology ………………….………………

Research ……………………………………………………………….………………

Retirement and Fringe Benefits ……………………………………….………………

Rules and Procedures ………………………………………………….………………

Student Affairs and Learning Resources …………………………….………………..

P. Lovern welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated we are hoping to be back to in-person for the March meeting. This will depend on how the public health situation is looking. If we do go back to in-person, a zoom option will still be available. P. Lovern stated that we will be taking attendance based on the name displayed on the screen. P. Lovern asked everyone to make sure their name appears on the screen. If you are calling in, please put your name in the chat so we can make sure to count your attendance. P. Lovern asked everyone to mute themselves if they are not speaking to help keep the background noise to a minimum. P. Lovern also said you could turn off your video to help with any bandwidth issues. Please put any technical issues you may have in the chat. White and one of the other officers will be monitoring the chat and help with any issues. P. Lovern stated the first item of business was the approval of the January 11, 2022 minutes. These were electronically distributed and are available on the Faculty Council website. P. Lovern asked for corrections or objections to the minutes. Seeing none, stated the minutes are approved. P. Lovern stated the second item of business is adoption of the agenda which was also electronically distributed and is also available on the Faculty Council website. P. Lovern stated we have a few modifications to the agenda to include a few additional liaison reports. P. Lovern asked if there were any additional corrections to the agenda. Seeing none, P. Lovern asked for a motion to adopt the modified agenda. Since we are on zoom, please state your name first so it will be correct in the minutes. Bach moved and Gardner seconded the motion. P. Lovern asked for a vote. P. Lovern asked those attending to either enter “Aye” in the chat or raise your hand. Motion passed and the agenda is adopted.

P. Lovern stated that today we have two special reports. The first is an update from Brandee Hancock with OSU Legal. She will talk about the status of the Federal Contractor vaccine mandates.

**Special Reports:**

1. **Brandee Hancock – Federal Contractor vaccine mandate**

Hancock stated that OSU Legal has received a lot of questions. There is a lot of confusion surrounding the Federal vaccine mandate, and she wants to provide some clarity to the Council. Hancock stated that most people do not realize that there are actually three separate Federal mandates that are either in process or being litigated around the country.

The first one is from OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). This is the one applicable to employers with more than 100 employees. This one is not applicable to OSU. OSU obviously has more than 100 employees; however, we are a state agency, and this is only applicable to private employers. OSHA is not applicable.

The second one is the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) which is related to Healthcare works. We are not a healthcare facility, so this one is not applicable.

Hancock stated the one that is applicable is the Federal Contractor Vaccine Mandate. Hancock stated the status of this mandate right now is several states have a suit against the Federal Government alleging that the President exceeded his authority under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act. This is the act in which the President can issue executive orders under related to Federal Contractor status. Hancock stated that several courts issued what she would call localized injunctions, meaning they halted the order as to the states under their jurisdiction. In December, a Georgia court issued a nationwide injunction. This nationwide injunction was then upheld by the 11th Circuit and is still in place today. Hancock said that arguments in this case have been set for early April and until such time that this case winds its way through the courts. Hancock stated that the courts have been very clear about the primary legal question - is this within the President’s authority because this is considered by most what the courts are calling a wide sweeping public heath policy and the question is – is this the right place for this to be implemented and within the President’s authority. This is the current status, and we are monitoring it literally on a daily basis. If there are any updates they will be communicated with the campus community as soon as possible.

P. Lovern asked for questions. P. Lovern asked if the case will not be heard until April that there will not be any further updates or actions until after this time. Hancock stated that is correct. Once the oral arguments happen, the court will make a decision usually within a fairly short period of time at the appellate level. It’s possible it would be appealed to the Supreme Court. Hancock does not know how this will all play out. Hancock believes there will be no changes this semester. Even if it’s reinstated, the timelines will need to be readjusted from what was originally announced from the Federal Administration.

P. Lovern thanked Hancock for the update and introduced our second special report.

1. **Matt Upson/Clarke Iakovakis – Scholarly Publications**

Upson, Assoc. Dean for Research and Learning Services in the Library and Iakovakis, Head of Scholarly Services and Research Engagement, presented the following PowerPoint to the Council members:



Upson stated if there were any questions to let them know. Here's the Open Education reminder I referred to earlier:

If faculty are teaching courses that do not require students to purchase books or other materials (would include materials made available digitally through the library), you can have your course marked in the course schedule with an “OER” designation. Students can browse course by this designation. This request should be completed by tomorrow (2/9) for consideration for the summer and fall semester schedules.Individual section request - <https://forms.library.okstate.edu/machform/view.php?id=171444> Multiple sections course marking request - <https://forms.library.okstate.edu/machform/view.php?id=172341>.

P. Lovern opened the floor for questions. P. Lovern stated they had mentioned that most of the titles in the “Big Deal Bundles” tend not to be used very much. She asked if OSU was looking at cutting back on some of these bundles in the future, is there a plan to survey faculty on which titles are important or can they analyze the usage through the Library? Upson stated yes, they would do an initial analysis, and reach out to faculty in a variety of ways (newsletter and/or Faculty Council Research Committee) on the criteria they will use. They want to consider the cost, who is using it and faculty needs. They will take a more holistic approach. They will not just go through and sweep everything out. They will do their due diligence with everyone to make sure they do it correctly. They are not at that point now, but should it reach this point, they will stay in touch. Udaya DeSilva stated that for awhile they were told that OSU had a subscription to BMC Journals. He believes this notice came through OSU Tulsa Medical School. He would like to know if these are still available. Upson stated he'd have to get back with him on this. He’ll check on the status and let him know. Nikos Dimotakis asked about the support that they provide; he is looking at the “Share OK” and there is a list of journals and their policies. Is this something we have to take care of ahead of time with the publisher or do faculty members send/upload the article to them and they figure out what goes where. Iakovakis stated you could do either one. If you upload the article, the Library does a check for copyright compliance. They may ask to view the faculty member’s publishing agreement (if it’s still available) to make sure there’s no ambiguity. Iakovakis stated that with some of the big publishers and journals there may be an embargo period of 12, 18 or 24 months before it’s legally permitted to deposit. Iakovakis said to go ahead and deposit it, and they will review it and let you know if there are any questions.

Upson stated that if any departments or individuals are interested, they would be happy to present this type of presentation for their faculty.

**Remarks and Comments –President Shrum**

Shrum wanted to let Faculty Council know first that OSU is opening the search for a new Provost. We have retained the Buffkin/Baker search firm. Shrum stated that they have asked Dr. Tom Coon and Dr. Johnny Stephens to be co-chairs of the search committee. They have both agreed to serve. Shrum anticipates the search committee to consist of 20 members. Administration is requesting that the search committee submit three potential candidates to the President’s office. An announcement will be sent out to the entire campus after this meeting. Shrum wanted to let the Faculty Council members know first. Shrum stated they hope to have someone appointed and here by August. Buffkin/Baker said this is an appropriate timeline. When the announcement goes out later this afternoon, we will be asking for nominations to serve on the search committee.

Strategy update: The steering committee is in place and six working groups have been identified. The topics of the working groups have been approved by the steering committee and will be presented to the deans next week. Once this is done, we will be requesting nominations for each of these working groups. Dr. Gina Peek is the Faculty Council representative on the steering committee. This process continues to move forward.

State Legislation: Yesterday kicked off start of this Legislative session with The State of the State. Shrum was asked by the Speaker of the House to attend and be in the gallery of which she did. There has been a lot of discussion about the budget. At a minimum they are saying we have had good revenues and are not anticipating any cuts. Everyone is saying the budgets will be flat, but Shrum sees opportunities for some targeted increases. She doesn’t think there will be an across-the-board increase. There is a desire to put more money into the rainy-day fund. We will be fully engaged throughout the session. We will be asking/seeking some targeted funding opportunities.

P. Lovern opened the floor to questions. P. Lovern asked if the information regarding the Provost search would go out campuswide later today? Shrum stated yes, she was holding the announcement so she could update the Faculty Council first. P. Lovern thanked the President for the update.

**Report of Status of Council Recommendations:**

**Interim Provost Mendez and Vice Presidents**

Mendez wanted to give an update on a couple of groups that we have talked about this last year.

Gen. Ed.: Mendez stated that we have instituted a Gen. Ed group to look at our general education curriculum and make some recommendations. They will be making these recommendations by the end of this semester. It will be working simultaneously with the strategy process.

Equity Group: We talked about an Equity Group that is looking particularly at Covid related issues. Faculty Council made some recommendations about a Covid impact statement in annual appraisals and RPT. This group will look at some impacts that Covid has had on various groups and make some recommendations hopefully by the end of this semester. This group will hopefully have its first meeting next week, and I will have an update at the next Council meeting.

Other working groups: Mendez has been working with the deans on series of other working groups.

Hamm Institute: They have identified members within all the related colleges to have a representative that will be a liaison between the Hamm Institute, the administration and the Associate Deans of Research (those that are in energy-related, policy-related research).

Arts group: We have solicited nominations from the deans as we think through the strategy; we wanted engage a group of faculty from the arts.

Mendez gave the Council members an update on current recommendations:

21-12-01-DIV: Land Acknowledgement Statement for the OSU Stillwater Campus. Pending. Review and discussion pending with Staff Advisory Council, Council of Deans, Stillwater Cabinet and others as determined.

21-02-01-RES: Modify P&P 1-0505, The Care and Use of Animals in Research, Testing and Teaching. Pending. Revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Research and by the Council of Deans on 3/11/2021. The draft has been approved by OSU-OKC campus representatives and by Legal Counsel, and the modified policy will be submitted to Executive Team for approval. This should come off in March.

18-05-02-FAC: Proposed changes to the Preface and Body of the “Policy Statement to

Govern Appointments, Tenure, Promotions, and Related Matters of the Faculty of OSU”. Pending. Revisions have been reviewed by a working group of representatives from Legal Counsel, Academic Affairs, and Faculty Council. The document will now be referred back to the Faculty Committee for review.

P. Lovern opened the floor to questions. Seeing none, introduced Dr. Johnny Stephens for an update on Covid.

**Other Vice Presidents:**

**Johnny Stephens – Interim President at OSU Center for Health Sciences and Senior VP for**

**Health Affairs at the OSU Stillwater Campus**

Dr. Stephens presented the following PowerPoint to the Council members:



P. Lovern opened the floor to questions. P. Lovern stated this is an encouraging report and thanked Dr. Stephens. Stephens did state that the Covid committee will begin meeting once a week now.

**Dr. Doug Hallenbeck – VP Student Affairs**

Hallenbeck updated the Council regarding food insecurity issues on campus and its impact on students. Hallenbeck stated that they have opened “Pete’s Pantry” in the Student Union. It’s located in the basement of the Student Union in the old barber shop space. This is a partnership with Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread is staffing and stocking the pantry. They are also helping us manage it. It is a great opportunity for faculty, students and staff to go get nutritious/healthy food and meals. Hallenbeck is very excited about this new service. Our Daily Bread will continue to do their nights for OSU students as well as the mobile markets will continue to come to campus. Hallenbeck stated that student government will continue to work on micro pantries across campus. These are in a lot of the colleges. There will be food available right then for students who are hungry and going to class. Pete’s Panty is more geared more toward the bigger meals.

P. Lovern asked if there was a way for faculty to donate/support to the pantry. Should they go through Our Daily Bread? Hallenbeck stated it would be better to go through Our Daily Bread for the Pete’s Pantry. You can support them financially or donate items. Peek asked where she could find a list of all the micro pantries on campus. Hallenbeck believes it’s available on the Student Support website: <https://lcl.okstate.edu/basicneeds/index.html>. The list would only be the ones that his office is aware of. There are many others that may not be on the list. J. Weaver stated that the most efficient way to donate/help Our Daily Bread is to make a cash donation. It will go farther.

Hallenbeck stated that the Red Pantry (for feminine products) and the SGA food pantry are still up and running in the campus life area (211 Student Union). If you would like to donate to either pantry please do so. Hallenbeck also stated that OSU has an employee “self-care” website:

<https://wellness.okstate.edu/employee-wellness/self-care.html>.

**Dr. Kenneth Sewell – VP Research**

Sewell stated since our last Faculty Council meeting the Carnegie Classification System has finalized their 2021 classifications. Sewell is happy to report that OSU is firmly ensconced in the highest research activity. This is equivalent to the old R-1 designation, which is the highest research university designation. We have maintained our status in this regard through the 2021 reclassifications. We continue to monitor how these classifications are made and where we fit within the overall as well as within our Big 12 peer institutions. Sewell wanted to congratulate everyone on the faculty because we have maintained our status in the tier one of research universities. He is proud to be a part of this along with all faculty.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

1. **Emeriti – Barbara Miller**

The Emeriti Council met for the first time in 2022 on January 31st, under new President Kent Sampson.  Outgoing Treasurer Ron Elliot presented the annual treasurer’s report and brought up several financial questions to help transition in new treasurer Ron Miller. Council thanked Ron Elliott for the excellent service as treasurer for the past seven years. The Council is in very good shape financially, and as such considered creating more scholarships for OSU students.  There was a unanimous vote to permanently name one of the two existing scholarships for Katherine McCollum, who made a generous donation to the Council. This will be taken up again as language in the two endowments needs to be examined for any updating necessary for this and for any future scholarships offered.

The Council has representative positions filled on the nine Faculty Council Committees, as well as on other University Committees. In addition, members of Emeriti Council will be working with the Hargis Leadership Institute, serving as mentors for students seeking leadership training. Emeriti will also be available with other various OSU programs such as Commencement and Welcome Week.

We are continuing with our monthly dinners, held the first Monday of each month. Several interesting speakers are lined up. Miller wanted to again thank Kyle Wray for speaking at last nights dinner.

1. **Women’s Faculty Council (WFC) – Aditi Grover**

Announcements:

* We are currently accepting submissions for our **WFC Student Research Awards**. Since the early 2000s, the WFC has sponsored an annual award acknowledge, celebrate, and reward OSU undergraduate and graduate students for their research and creative projects. With generous support from OSU’s colleges and administrative offices, we have been able to offer a number of awards each year. Topics vary widely, and have included literary projects in the humanities, design projects in engineering, and studies of Oklahoma’s environment and wildlife.
  + To apply, please visit <https://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/research-awards/research-awards-2021-rev.html> The deadline for submissions is March 7th.
* We are currently **seeking faculty reviewers** for our WFC Student Research Awards. If you would like to review, **please use this form to sign up:**<https://forms.gle/kcVcV6XBKmUG7MAd9>
  + If you have any questions, please email Sarah Milligan, sarah.milligan@okstate.edu
* We are currently accepting undergraduate student submissions for the **Ann Ryder and Clara Smith WFC Leadership Endowed Scholarship**.
  + To apply, please visit <https://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/scholarship.html>
* Details of our **WFC Research Symposium and Student Research Awards** Ceremony, to be held on Wednesday, April 20th, 2-4pm. More details to be shared soon.
* We are continuing to work on exciting speakers through the semester.

Past Meeting:

Our first meeting of the semester is being held on 9th of February 2022 from 2-3 PM via [Zoom](https://educationokstate.zoom.us/j/98485747016).

Dr. Elizabeth Grubgeld, Regents Professor and Director of Literature Program & Honors Coordinator and Dr. John Kinder, Associate Professor, College of Arts and Sciences will hold a discussion on disability and accessibility at OSU.

The working group brings together faculty from across the university with research, teaching, and service interests related to the intersection of our disciplinary fields with disability and medicine. The group currently consists of nineteen faculty and is in its nascent stage. The purpose is to provide a supportive community for faculty interested in these issues.

Upcoming Meetings:

Spring 2022 Monthly Meetings

Our WFC all-membership meeting will be on the second Wednesday of every month from 2-3 PM via Zoom.

Anyone interested in the WFC can visit our website at [http://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%253Dhttp%3A%2F%2Fwomensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu%2526amp%3Bsa%253DD%2526amp%3Bsource%253Deditors%2526amp%3Bust%253D1628813758358000%2526amp%3Busg%253DAOvVaw2qprLSPr4hvMFx1e3NkD_r%26sa%3DD%26source%3Deditors%26ust%3D1628813758367661%26usg%3DAOvVaw3JRdo5Rt3fHMuGPtqlHKXZ&data=04%7C01%7Caditi.grover%40okstate.edu%7C706189d28b1e4a324efc08d974e18c64%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637669334331320294%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Xgnm3%2FhMrx%2Bs1eIbSZDgWaku7eXjp4%2FYos0z6Hvv7EM%3D&reserved=0) and email [wfc@okstate.edu](mailto:wfc@okstate.edu) to sign up to be put on our email list.

1. **Graduate and Professional Student Government Assoc. (GPSGA) – Marcia Sun**

Important Deadlines**:** Travel Awards, Co-sponsorship Funds, Group Funds, and Research Materials Grant are all due April 1, 2022, on Canvas.

Upcoming GPSGA Awards:

* Doctoral Student Phoenix Award
* Master’s Student Phoenix Award
* Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
* Graduate Faculty Phoenix Award

  Nominations and applications will open on Feb. 7 on Canvas.

General Assembly Meeting Information

The second General Assembly Meeting of Spring 2022 will be held at 5:30 PM CDT in an online format (Zoom) on Feb. 16. The link to participate in the meeting remotely is always provided in the Monday Memo and sent out via email the day before the meeting.

1. **Staff Advisory Council (SAC) – Melanie Bayles**

* Staff Advisory Council is now accepting applications for our Staff Scholarships. The deadline is 4:00 pm on March 11. More information is available on the SAC website.
* Our Staff Advisory Council meeting this month is going to be virtual only. Those interested in attending the meeting can request a Zoom link by sending an email to [staff.advisory.council@okstate.edu](mailto:staff.advisory.council@okstate.edu)

1. **Graduate Council – Rebecca Sheehan**

*Non-Resident Tuition Award*. Dean Tucker announced that nine graduate programs are included in this pilot program to increase enrollment. The program will begin in the Fall 2022 semester.

*International Teaching Assistant Exam*. Dr. Lovern reported that 63 students took the exam in January, with 47 passing fully and 13 passing provisionally. Only three students failed. Thank you goes to Dr. Nathan Horton and Dr. Carol Powers for their assistance.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference*. The conference was held with topics that highlighted inclusive teaching. Seventy-six people participated. Thank you goes to Dr. Carol Powers and ITLE for their efforts.

*Fall 2021 Clearing* *of Degrees*. Dr. Van Delinder reported that 500 students had been cleared so far for Fall 2021. Diplomas were being printed on January 28, 2022.

*Application Fee Waiver.* The fee waiver is for military personnel rather than only veterans. The program includes active duty, veterans, National Guard, and Army Reserves. It will be in place for Spring 2023.

Council of Graduate Schools April 15 Resolution Replacement Language. Council discussed the minimum time for students to respond to an assistantship offer and endorsed a minimum of two weeks to respond to an offer unless there is less than two weeks before the beginning of a term. Language for consideration at the Spring Graduate Faculty Meeting.

*Deadline on Offers of Admission*. Currently, there is no minimum time that admitted applicants have to accept or decline admission offers into a program. Council will consider potential program deadlines in future meetings.

*Spring Graduate Faculty Meeting.* Dean. Tucker requested additional topics for the Spring Graduate Faculty Meeting. Potential topics include changes to the ITA Program, important graduate education legal cases, assigning Satisfactory Research/Unsatisfactory Research grades, and annual reviews of graduate students.

1. **Student Government Assoc. (SGA) – Georgia Eastham**

SGA is doing many basic needs events this semester including the mini food pantries. There is a box in the Campus life lounge in the Student Union to donate food.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

* 1. **Academic Standards and Policies: Brandt Gardner – Update**

Gardner stated that Registrar Peaster submitted a proposal to the committee that would update OSU’s FERPA policy. She is in attendance and will by happy to answer any questions. Gardner reviewed the recommendation that was provided with the agenda. Gardner asked Peaster to provide additional information. Peaster added that the concurrent high school advisor has been responsible for obtaining the consent of our concurrent high school students. Peaster stated that there is an Oklahoma high school statute that indicates that school districts must provide academic credit for all concurrent higher education courses that students earn. Peaster stated that the true goal of this policy change is to ensure that OSU is in compliance with the state statute as well as to alleviate some of the manual efforts that are taking place right now. P. Lovern asked if there were any questions to the revisions/recommendation. P. Lovern stated that since the recommendation comes from a committee, no motion is needed. Neurohr seconded the motion. P. Lovern asked for discussion. Seeing none moved to a vote. P. Lovern asked everyone to enter their vote in the chat. Motion passed.

* 1. **Athletics: Cindy Melancon – No Report**
  2. **Budget: Tyrrell Conway – No Report**
  3. **Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tieming Liu – No Report**
  4. **Diversity: Divya Jaroni – No Report**
  5. **Faculty: Matt Lovern – Update**

M. Lovern reviewed the employee travel recommendation that was included in the agenda. This was a collaborative effort with input from the Research, and Long-Range Planning & IT committees. P. Lovern opened the floor for questions. P. Lovern stated that since the recommendation comes from a committee, no motion is needed. P. Lovern asked for a second. Gardner second. P. Lovern asked if there was any further discussion. Chat question: Does the travel policy apply to staff as well as faculty? M. Lovern stated that this particular policy applies to OSU employees on official university business so it would apply to staff (at least some parts of it). Some parts of it would also apply to students who are acting as employees. Seeing no further discussion/questions, P. Lovern asked Faculty Council members to enter their votes in the chat. Motion passed.

* 1. **Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Kris Hiney – No Report**
  2. **Research: Bruce Dunn – No Report**
  3. **Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Sarah Hall – No Report**
  4. **Rules and Procedures: Karen Neurohr – Update**

Neurohr stated that Faculty Council elections are coming up in March. Neurohr updated the Council on whose terms were expiring this year and thanked them for their service to Council.

Bruce Dunn Ferguson College of Agriculture

Cindy Melancon College of Arts & Sciences

Matt Lovern College of Arts & Sciences

Toby Nelson College of Arts & Sciences

\*Nikos Dimotakis Spears School of Business

\*Susan Stansberry College of Education & Human Sciences

Tieming Liu College of Eng., Architecture & Technology

Dr. Sarah Hall Center for Health Sciences

Anthony (Tony) Smith OSU/Oklahoma City

\*Mark Pranger OSU-IT

Neurohr stated we will need at least two nominees for the following colleges:

Ferguson College of Agriculture

Spears School of Business

College of Education & Human Sciences

College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology

Center for Health Sciences

OSU/Oklahoma City

OSU-IT

Neurohr stated we will need at least four nominees for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The \* indicates members who are eligible to run in the election should they choose to do so since they were appointed as interim appointments.

Neurohr stated that faculty members will receive election information within the next week. If you know anyone who would be a good candidate, please encourage them to run. If they have any questions, they may contact Tricia White or any current officers. The filing period for the election will be March 1-10. P. Lovern thanked Neurohr for the update. P. Lovern encouraged Council members to think of colleagues who would like to be involved in faculty governance to run.

* 1. **Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Toby Nelson – No Report**

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – Recommendation

P. Lovern stated the first new business item is to vote on the recommendation to update the membership of Faculty Councils Special Committee on the Pandemic. This committee was formed last fall. The recommendation was in the agenda. Dr. Josh Habiger from the Department of Statistics in CAS is not able to continue serving on this committee. He has nominated Dr. James Knapp for the Department of Geology (also in CAS) to be his replacement. The recommendation will update the membership of the committee. P. Lovern asked for a second for the recommendation. Dimotakis seconded the motion. P. Lovern asked for discussion/questions. Seeing none moved to a vote. P. Lovern asked all Faculty Council members to enter their vote in the chat. Motion passed.

P. Lovern stated the special committee had a brief update to present and introduced Lisa Slevitch, Faculty Council and committee member. Slevitch stated the committee has been meeting weekly since late September. They have been communicating faculty concerns collected via college, Faculty Council meetings, emails and in-person discussions to the Faculty Council chair who in turn has been passing these concerns to the pandemic response team and the appropriate administration members. The Faculty Council Chair has communicated responses received back to the committee. The committee recently met with Dr. Stephens and Brandee Hancock. Committee members asked multiple questions. Dr. Stephens and Brandee Hancock answered all the questions to the best of their ability. These questions were related to the universities Covid 19 response. The committee plans to finish work in May and will be reformed if needed in fall 2022.

P. Lovern thanked Slevitch for the report and asked for questions. There were none.

P. Lovern stated that at this time everyone except the Faculty Council members will be dismissed so the Council can proceed to a vote on updating the by-laws of Faculty Council and also to the nomination of candidates for next year's Vice Chair. If you are not a member of Faculty Council you are able to leave at this point and thank you for attending. We hope to see all of you in person in March. P. Lovern asked all Faculty Council members to stay on the call so we can move onto the next new business items.

It was determined that only Faculty Council members were on the call and Council business was resumed.

The first item is a recommendation from Rules and Procedures to update the By-laws of Faculty Council. Neurohr stated that Rules and Procedures committee proposes several amendments to the By-laws of the Faculty Council. These proposals were discussed by the Faculty Council Executive Committee in January then distributed to the faculty for feedback. The Executive Committee considered the feedback we received and made a few modifications. A summary of the proposed changes and the By-laws with tracked changes were sent out on Friday and the summary was included with the agenda. Neurohr asked if there were any questions. If not, Neurohr will turn it over to P. Lovern to call for a vote. P. Lovern asked if there were any questions to the By-law edits. Seeing none asked for a second to the recommendation. M. Lovern seconded the motion. P. Lovern asked for further discussion. Seeing none asked council members to use the chat to enter their vote. Motion passed. P. Lovern stated that since these By-laws are able to be passed by Faculty Council we do not have to go all the way to the Regents for approval. Please keep in mind that these can be updated often. We may look at them again next year. White stated that the changes will be passed along to Academic Affairs so the website can be updated.

P. Lovern stated the last item of business is the nomination of individuals to be on the ballot for Vice Chair of Faculty Council in our upcoming election. Neurohr will give some information about this process. Neurohr stated that according to our by-laws, at the February meeting Faculty Council nominates two people to the ballot to run for Vice Chair. There can be more than two candidates for this position. Additional faculty who wish to run can follow the procedures in the by-laws. Neurohr turned the floor over to P. Lovern to call for nominations for Vice Chair. P. Lovern stated that Faculty Council needs to nominate two faculty members. We can only put forward two names from this meeting but as Neurohr mentioned, this does not mean that only two faculty members can run for Vice Chair. White will be sending out information later this week that will include a petition that interested faculty members can complete to be added to the ballot. Today we just need two nominees from Faculty Council. P. Lovern opened the floor for nominations. Peek nominated Jam Khojasteh from the School of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Aviation in the College of Education and Human Sciences. P. Lovern thanked Peek. Khojasteh was not able to attend today’s meeting but has agreed to be nominated. P. Lovern asked for other nominations for Vice Chair. Cole nominated Divya Jaroni from the Department of Animal and Food Sciences in the Ferguson College of Agriculture. Cole stated she has spoken with Jaroni and she accepts the nomination. P. Lovern thanked Cole and asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. P. Lovern asked for questions/discussion. P. Lovern stated we have two nominees for Vice Chair, Jam Khojasteh and Divya Jaroni, since we only have the two nominees, we will accept these candidates by acclamation. They will appear on the ballot but again this does not mean that other faculty members cannot run for Vice Chair. They can follow the process. As a reminder to those retiring from Council, please help us fill your seat on the Council. Think about other people from your college who would be good representatives. Talk to them and encourage them to run. Ask them to reach out to the officers if they have questions about serving on Faculty Council.

P. Lovern asked if there was any other new business? Seeing none called for adjournment. Neurohr moved, Gardner seconded, and the meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 3:00 in room 412 Student Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Neurohr, Secretary