FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

# Zoom meeting

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of the October 13, 2020 Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Special Reports:

1. Todd Misener – Chief Wellness Officer – Campus Mental Health & Mental Health Resources

5. President Hargis – Remarks and Comments

6. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:

A. Provost Sandefur and Vice Presidents

7. Reports of Liaison Representatives –

1. Emeriti Association – Barbara Miller

The Emeriti Board has decided to not charge dues for 2021, due in December of this year, to those who were paid members for 2020.  This decision was based in part on the fact that the dinners and other events have been cancelled for the year.

1. Women’s Faculty Council – Liz McCullagh

* Our Zoom meeting of the WFC on November 2nd, 2020 featured Dr. Hendratta Ali. Dr. Ali spoke about how to create diverse networks using social media and professional organizations as well as her own personal path in her career.
* We are looking forward to announcing the winners of our outstanding achievement and mentorship of women awards soon- stay tuned!
* **Announcements:**
* Seeking reviewers for the Student Research Awards please email wfc@okstate.edu if interested in volunteering. We are also in the process of seeking funds for these awards, thank you for those who have already committed!
* Canvas page created to help volunteers become organized to offer social groups, book

clubs, etc. Email wfc@okstate.edu to join this page.

* Anyone interested in the WFC can visit our website at womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu and sign up to be put on our email list.

1. Wellness Center – Kim Beard



1. SGA – Hadley Griffith

* Senate has continued on Zoom.
* This month we are coordinating new SGA Senate Intent to Run Forms and Applications.
* SGA is continuing to work to create a more inclusive community and student body. As a part of that mission we have “Pride Month” activities for students this month.
* SGA just passed official legislation signed by our SGA President and Vice President, Executive Committee, and Senate Chairs, to offer official student condolences to the families of the students, the cowboy family has lost this semester.
* We are continuing to work hard in ensuring accurate information about the university and its students is being shared on social media and elsewhere.

1. GPSGA – Maegan Berg

**Group Fund Applications Open**

The group fund application is now open! All student organizations that are affiliated with GPSGA and are in good standing are eligible to apply! [Find more information and the application here.](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2FBQM-IylQKwVhFDmSUz94JKH4ndfIobk2IHGq96wH54LLmKEK9g7fOMmw1xDgSvHOxMKB6tenpSsUtxrQXEFlB8r1tjKPsa6SE0g-ekzNNJI%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh23%2FB25a3W0CBA8PCJH2HDcVLuwGAStDV6xCCSoY07MxHE0&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195735086%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lIJDIipI1bxdHpZV2Ay5PjhJYJnfSitS5eO7Z5mSoBY%3D&reserved=0)

**Announcements**

* Nominations for Parliamentarian positions are now being accepted. Send us your statement of interest, a brief bio, and your picture to [gpsga@okstate.edu](mailto:gpsga@okstate.edu)
* The third GPSGA General Assembly [meeting minutes are now available in Canvas](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2FBQM-IylQKwVhFDmSUz94JKH4ndfIobk2IHGq96wH54LLmKEK9g7fOMmw1xDgSvHOqlCn9ajvc-oms_yB-C7gDETtLpWJJxRTQfZApXwPsxPmk1X1szyNizR9rOT2ERJB%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh24%2FisOUbsjt2DoHJUXtdtnphd0q3WQgnNUCy4cm2TVKArY&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195745075%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6PKIO2pOkKKzCF%2FpJx3rFrPCGQ9pBZY0CSkGQ9%2BR0wI%3D&reserved=0).
* GPSGA has launched its networking group for graduate students on LinkedIn. Connect with [OKSTATE GPSGA](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2Fgsby7xed_Q9kJKoUKuDGdDwsLyg64Cb31K4Axf4jcvsZIy8uO3hHIXyxVR924Ax-%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh25%2FeRxrZWVYB9SwZB0S8z053TbU_WpHPp4tdlvo7hqPUkE&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195745075%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=E4gkbdiws6digg7z%2B0Ir5uIublz8NHrJZjnkQbOiId0%3D&reserved=0) and request to join the [networking group](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2Fgsby7xed_Q9kJKoUKuDGdDwsLyg64Cb31K4Axf4jcvuBBhsN287ALysqByAzTr5S%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh26%2FYb745UFobPeVfsBuUPV4Pw6gdg-OMeOCGej-f3t78W4&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195755074%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OhhV8moxiUSN7%2FatCee6uIlSyNXMkJh15bTcrawQM6s%3D&reserved=0).
* Representatives and liaisons can now compensate your attendance for good standing by volunteering or donating blood at the Bedlam blood battle 2020. [Interested volunteers can sign up here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2FyoYk2D2UBkKolXlytdQ2hSOmKeLgg1rlQ56Y_u4ai0nHE6IrtWfAR0d6cILKDVMr0TWxCJN94rjppwORHBd10P-rZgP9ZcfJL-rzPFZnt5P6VvWJoLyTYyW3mXN09acJK8QINU0Nur9JvSmHiQ3aHw%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh27%2FAwdG6nITU4XnVaWvpd28CTcH_E0k-cv3vo-9l2sgExY&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195765067%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bxrkpPZq73T9lIJag6LH0xDInxcWcJExH1A9FnBaR%2BQ%3D&reserved=0) or [register yourself as a donor by making an appointment here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2Fgsby7xed_Q9kJKoUKuDGdMtQ-H3-7uBTncKxRdy7ptWLJs8B63zenomu5kR7vhtw7IpzRXXjAVZJ2FkUo7N5Dw%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh28%2FOQmhzIWQGNG3teG-M1Mss45VSvIafaVR0ZEHHC46gug&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195765067%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eh0ClP3ZdJ2%2Fq%2BXlUO%2Fjpcl8cYLMzz97filAxfaawaY%3D&reserved=0). (Enter Stillwater Zip code and select the dates from November 9 - 13 to make appointments for the Oklahoma State University Bedlam Event!)
* The CORD reception is coming soon to appreciate and honor the graduating students for their commitment to service. [Learn more about the CORD program here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmx.technolutions.net%2Fss%2Fc%2FbFxy-dQOuvRhgvP-yg7fw2b7qLAy_x52kATJ1jkn3i00QrN5HCDJl-7BE9W1584OQN7K1jt6jGIQ6-LnMkLsmg%2F36j%2FmhjER9UkQWmKnyNl5vytNA%2Fh29%2F5fZueUB-MBeAvH-voXbn-YfjlPPvYZRmT11eUrNclNc&data=04%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C9a8b93b3ad824833a86d08d8804f06bd%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637400424195775056%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6S1Rz4PqYtwkvNrPa6v50MJE%2FXtTTSNQyuZmEzso9g8%3D&reserved=0)!

1. Graduate Council – Rebecca Sheehan

*Spring Applications*. Dr. Smith reported that there are over 900 applications for Spring 2021 admission, a 50% increase over Spring 2020. However, 460 of these are deferrals from Fall 2020. Most of the deferrals are international students, who deferred because of the pandemic.

*Council of Graduate Schools April 15 Resolution Update*. Starting in Fall 2021, any graduate student who decides to rescind their acceptance of a financial offer from a graduate program only has to notify the Graduate College and/or graduate program. In the past, they were required to obtain a release from the original program prior to accepting another financial offer. This change reflects the recent legal challenges to undergraduate admissions practices.

*Graduate Faculty Database.* Dr. Van Delinder announced that the Graduate Faculty Database has been rebuilt and may be found under “Faculty Resources” in Canvas and on the Graduate College webpage.

*Graduate College Commencement.* A combined Spring/Fall 2020 Graduate College Commencement Ceremony will be held virtually on Friday, December 11.

*Doctoral Hooding Photo Opportunity.* Dean Tucker noted that the Graduate College will be holding a doctoral hooding photo opportunity with staging and professional photographers after the Fall Break. Hooding is by appointment only and will be held on Monday, December 7 from 10 am to 7 pm. Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 20 at 5 PM CST. Additional details can be found at <https://grad.okstate.edu/portal/hooding>.

*Pandemic Tuition Waivers.* Dean Tucker stated that tuition waivers for students with financial offers who start their graduate programs online outside of the US will continue for Spring 2021.

*Graduate Faculty Survey*. Dr. Self provided an update on the Graduate Faculty Survey, which seeks input on what would help graduate faculty better serve graduate students. Results from the survey will be used to inform future programming for graduate faculty. The15-minute survey link is located in the Graduate College Monday Memo. As incentive, graduate faculty may choose to enter a drawing to win one of three Amazon Gift Cards (one at $500, two at $250). At the end of the survey, graduate faculty will be asked to participate in an optional interview to further explore how best to help graduate faculty serve graduate students. Interviews will take place in Spring 2021.

*Dual M.S. Degrees*. After input from the Fall Graduate Faculty Meeting, Council approved the ability for graduate programs to offer approved dual master’s degree programs. Such programs will reduce the time to earn the master’s degrees by sharing up to 30 percent of the coursework required for two stand-alone master’s degrees. Typically, these are non-thesis, professional master’s degrees.

*Theses and Dissertations Templates*. After input from the Fall Graduate Faculty Meeting, Council approved a policy that does not allow changes to theses and dissertations templates.

*Changes to Theses and Dissertations after Approval*. After input from the Fall Graduate Faculty Meeting, Council approved a policy where changes to theses or dissertations are prohibited after they have been approved by the Graduate College.

*Graduate Faculty without a Graduate Program Home*. Dr. Van Delinder explained that the Academic Programs Committee (APC) recommended that faculty should be affiliated with a graduate program to be a graduate faculty member. The APC will continue to discuss the details concerning the level of graduate faculty membership for such faculty.

*Academic Program Committee.* The following program modifications were approved:

* MS DHM – offer in electronic format
* Graduate Certificate in Effective Teaching Elementary Schools – course requirement change
* MS Teaching, Learning and Leadership – option name change from Elementary, Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education to K-12 Education
* MS Counseling – course requirement change
* MS Physician Assistant Studies – change in number of required hours in the degree from 128 to 124
* MS Teaching, Learning and Leadership option in Special Education – course requirement change

The following new program was approved:

* Graduate Certificate in Facilitating Career Development – traditional, online, Tulsa, Stillwater

*Wellness Initiative*. Dean Tucker and Graduate Council will be working together to explore how to better serve graduate students’ wellness.

1. Staff Advisory Council – Tashia Cheves

Distinguished Service Awards are November 17th.

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

a. Academic Standards and Policies: Cristina Gonzalez – No Report

b. Athletics: Justin Talley – No Report

c. Budget: Tyrrell Conway – No Report

d. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tieming Liu – No Report

e. Diversity: Divya Jaroni for Ki Cole – No Report

f. Faculty: Matt Lovern – No Report

g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Christopher Crick – No Report

h. Research: Bruce Dunn – No Report

i. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Sarah Hall – No Report

j. Rules and Procedures: Karen Neurohr – No Report

k. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Toby Nelson – Update

9. Unfinished Business –

10. New Business –

11. Adjournment