Cole called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bach, Barker, Conway, Curry, Fathepure, Finchum, Gardner, Hiney, Hoff, Jadeja, Khojasteh, Knapp, Lawson, Lovern, Neurohr, Noden, Parveen, Perkins, Pranger, Reichard, Shan, Slevitch, Stansberry, Warren, Yates and Yough.

Also present: Colquhoun, C., Essmiller, K, Hallenbeck, D., Mendez, J., Miller, B., Peaster, R., Peek, G., Pfeiffer, M., Pritzlaff, R., Quintero, K., Ringsmuth, S., Sanders, S., Sewell, K., Shrum, K., Weaver, D., Weaver, J., Wray, K.

Absent: Cecil, Jaroni, Krishnan and Ma.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Special Reports:

Assoc. Dean Extension, Engagement & Continuing Education and Asst. Director of Family & Consumer Sciences OSU Extension Gina Peek – OSU United Way Campaign.

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Cole established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. Cole asked everyone to please sign the sign-in sheet that is being passed around. Cole asked those attending via zoom to please put their name in the chat so their attendance can be recorded. Cole let those attending via zoom know if they have a question they could private message Gardner who is watching the chat. He will then communicate the question(s) to the group. Cole stated the first item of business was the approval of the August 16, 2022 minutes. These were electronically distributed and are available on the Faculty Council website. Cole asked for corrections or objections to the minutes. Seeing none, stated the minutes are approved. Cole 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. Cole asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Seeing none, Cole asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Stansberry moved and Lawson seconded the motion. Cole stated that it had been moved and seconded to adopt the agenda. Cole asked those in favor to say “Aye”; those on zoom to enter their vote in the chat. Motion passed and the agenda is adopted.

Cole stated that we have one special report today from Associate Dean Gina Peek on the United Way.

**Special Reports:**

**A. Dr. Gina Peek – OSU United Way Campaign**

Peek thanked the council for the opportunity to give a special report. Peek stated the purpose of today’s presentation is to talk about the OSU United Way Campaign. This year’s theme is *“United We Thrive”.* Peek presented the following PowerPoint to the Council members:



Dean Jon Pedersen asked Peek to co-chair this year’s campaign. Peek stated that the University has a long-standing relationship with United Way. In terms of impact, Peek stated that more than 73,000 Payne County residents are impacted by United Way agencies every year. The United Way of Payne County improves the lives of individuals and families by uniting resources. The United Way does this by investing donated dollars, volunteer time and nonprofit partner agencies. Peek stated that 99% of the dollars raised in Payne County stay in Payne County. These donated dollars are invested in three primary areas:

1. Improving education.

2. Improving health and safety.

3. Reducing poverty.

United Way of Payne County also supports 22 nonprofit partner agencies. See slides for list.

Peek discussed this year’s goal for the University. The United Way of Payne County goal is $1,000,000. The OSU United Way goal is $250,000. Peek stated that each unit/area/college have identified their own specific goals. Peek stated that OSU has set these goals so we can help United Way meet their objectives. Peek said in terms of impact, 1 out of 4 Payne County residents received direct help from a United Way agency in 2022. Peek stated there are a lot of ways you can help. Go to the United Way website to see ways to help and see some of their stories. Peek stated that the following are close to her heart:

1. More than 27,000 free or reduced meals were provided to those in need.

2. 2,300 individuals received help for their mental health.

3. Over 200 individuals with disabilities were empowered with job assistance in a supportive environment.

4. Over 150,000 volunteer hours, valued at over $2 million, were provided to United Way agencies in 2022.

To find out more about United Way campaign resources, the easiest way is to snap a photo of the QR code listed on slide 5 that will take you to the website to find out more about OSU’s role in the campaign and upcoming events in our community. Peek stated the kick-off lunch was last week. Peek stated the campaign thermometers will be around town and one posted on campus. This is how we mark our goal. You will see it rising as we move toward the goal. Peek stated this was a brief presentation but wanted to get everyone excited about the campaign. Peek opened the floor for questions.

Cole asked for questions. Cole stated that the information Dr. Peek provided will be in the minutes. Since there were no questions, Cole introduced President Shrum.

**President’s Report and Comments on matters of interest to the faculty – President Shrum**

Shrum thanked those who attended the inauguration. She really appreciates everyone’s support and hopes that everyone enjoyed the event as well. It was a wonderful day and Shrum was very honored.

Shrum gave the following updates:

Freshman enrollment – record class of 4,643 students. This is up 9% from last year.

11% increase in students enrolling in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and

Math) programs.

7% increase in First Generation students.

Retention is 84% which is up from last year.

Total enrollment is 25,359. This is up 700 students from last year.

Shrum stated that today OSU hosted Inspire Orange for principles and counselors from school districts across the state and region. They were on campus to learn more about our admissions process.

Shrum stated that the New York City Philharmonic will be back on campus at the McKnight Center in a few weeks. They will have several performances during this time. There will also be a Gala celebrating Beethoven’s Symphony #9. This is a great opportunity for our students to get to learn from and spend time with world class musicians.

Last spring, Garth Brooks was planning an event. It was cancelled due to weather, but we anticipate him returning to do some classes and seminars for students. This is tentatively set for October 25th. This will be open to all students. We are looking forward to having him on campus.

Shrum wanted to bring to everyone’s attention and congratulate the faculty members involved in the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute for Research and Education receiving a multi-million dollar grant as a part of the Tulsa Regional Advanced Air Mobility Corridor. This was created to advance research and development in production in the field of Advanced Air Mobility. The funding that OSU will receive will create the LaunchPad Center of Advanced Air Mobility at the Helmerich Research Center on the OSU-Tulsa Campus. This Center will focus on research and development of drone technology and urban air mobility. This is equivalent to urban air taxis. The state of Oklahoma and Arkansas announced an agreement to base air mobility across state lines. OSU is central to this agreement.

Shrum is looking forward to celebrating with faculty who have recently been promoted or tenured. This is the backbone of the University and the work we do.

Shrum stated that last Friday, they unveiled the statue of Burns Hargis located on Library Lawn. This was a great day and opportunity to honor his legacy and all his accomplishments. Ann was also honored by naming the Orange Grove after her for her work in making OSU America’s Healthiest Campus as well as her work with Pete’s Pet Posse.

Shrum stated that higher education received a $60 million increase over last fiscal year. This will be approximately a $7 million increase to the OSU system. This is targeted at teacher scholarships, STEM education programs, concurrent enrollment, deffered maintenance, and retention and scholarship programs. OSU did very well in the STEM education portion. OSU graduates more STEM majors than any other university in the state. This was great recognition that OSU received from the State Regents. Shrum stated Extension got continuing funding. Vet Med got an increase in funding of $1 million. The Oklahoma Animal Diagnostic Lab got $1.5 million increase. This will offset what support the College of Veterinary Medicine was providing to them. Higher Education had a successful time at the Capitol this session and we want to continue to push for more funding for targeted programs in the future.

Shrum opened the floor to questions. Cole asked if there were any questions for President Shrum. Seeing none moved to the Provost’s report.

**Provost’s report on recommendations made by the Faculty Council and comments on matters of interest to the Faculty:**

Mendez stated that the semester is kicking off well. Senior Vice President of Health Affairs, Dr. Stephens, could not attend so Mendez updated everyone from the COVID task force. The bivalent booster shots will be available at University Health Services. They will host a clinic Friday and will roll out other clinics/appointments.

Mendez gave the Council members an update on current recommendations:

22-02-01-FAC: Modifications to P&P 1-0134, Employee Travel. Pending. Approval by the Executive Team and the OSU Board of Regents is pending.

21-12-01-DIV: Land Acknowledgement Statement for the OSU Stillwater Campus. Pending. The statement was discussed with the Council of Deans on 4/12/2022. Their input, along with input from the OSU Native American Faculty and Staff Association and tribal representatives, has been incorporated into the draft under review by OSU Legal Counsel.

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. Proposed modifications to the Policy Statement and several related Policy and Procedures documents will be reviewed with a working group of deans in the near future.

Mendez opened the floor for questions. Cole asked if there were any question for Mendez, seeing none asked any other Vice Presidents/Administrators for comments.

**Vice Presidents’ Reports and Comments on matters of interest to the faculty:**

**Ken Sewell – Vice President for Research:**

Sewell bragged that the OSU faculty continue to “knock it out of the park” with research activity. This has been ongoing through the COVID era. Sewell stated that about a year ago we had a banner month in terms of new grant awards. This is one way we track research accomplishments. Sewell stated that last September OSU had its first month over $10 million in new awards booked in a single month at least since he’s been at OSU. Sewell stated that this past month, we exceeded this mark and are close to $11 million.

Sewell stated that the partnership in Tulsa that resulted in a large grant is part of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build Back Better regional partnership program. This is an example of the federal government investing in research. Sewell encouraged everyone to think about the research enterprise and potential for going after not just federal money but getting involved in big partnerships. The Tulsa one is a partnership with Tulsa Innovation Labs, the Osage Nation and additional partners.

Sewell stated that the new directory, Technology Innovation Partnership Directory (TIP) from the National Science Foundation, does not rob money from any other parts of National Science Foundation (NSF). This is in addition to the Engineering Directorate. Sewell stated there are some new big programs coming from this new directorate. One of these is an Innovations Engines Program. OSU is going after a big integrated statewide aerospace engine in partnership with other institutions and private entities. Sewell believes there will be more and more opportunities like this in the future.

Sewell wanted to give the council members a heads up on new federal research security requirements that are coming down the pike. As a major research institution, we will be held responsible for implementing these new security requirements. There is a National Security Presidential Memorandom that is in effect and the agencies we work with are figuring out how they want to implement them which in turn will dictate how we are secure. Sewell stated there is a team currently working on this and he will bring it before Faculty Council. Sewell will work with Faculty Council leadership and the research committee but at some point it will be presented to the council so everyone knows how we need to operate in order to meet these new federal research security requirements.

Sewell stated he will take seriously the strategy document that the Council was briefed on last month. As this formally rolls out and becomes a part how we operate as a university, he will take an active role in how research will figure into the strategic plan. His office will start out working primarily with Associate Deans of Research in all the colleges. This includes the Library and Graduate College. They will bring others into the process as it comes together.

Sewell stated that the next Research On Tap meeting will be on Monday at 5:30 at Iron Monk. They will be featuring a conversation from the Spears School of Business and Entrepreneurship school. They will be talking about how entrepreneurs add value to economies.

Cole asked if there were any questions for Dr. Sewell. Seeing none moved on to the Faculty Council Chair’s report.

**Faculty Council Chair’s report:**

Cole updated the Council members on the following:

1. She was honored to speak at President Shrum’s Inauguration. It was a great event and she was excited be a part of it. If you have not about to attend or watch the event, Cole encouraged everyone to watch it on Inside OSU. There were several speeches given that were encouraging as well as inspiring and made you feel proud to be a part of the OSU system. President Shrum recognized our world class faculty and personally invited us to participate with her in the Strategy.

2. Fall General Faculty Meeting. The meeting will be Thursday, September 29th at 3:00 in the Starlight Terrace of the Student Union. President Shrum and Provost Mendez will be in attendance. We will have Vice President Loughridge who will present on the Strategic Plan for the general faculty. He will highlight how faculty can specifically integrate and be involved in the Strategy moving forward. Cole invited and encouraged everyone to attend as well as encourage your fellow faculty members to attend. There will be hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar for those who attend in person.

3. Faculty Council standing committees are beginning to schedule meetings. Please check your emails for communications from the committee chairs.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

* 1. Emeriti – Barbara Miller

The Council Executive Board had their first meeting of the year on August 29. There was a report on our August event and a tour of the OSU Flight Center on August 16.  Members had an opportunity to tour the center, including the Flight Simulator and The Instruction Center.

The first Emeriti dinner of the fall will be (was) on September 12 at the Alumni Center. Our speaker was Kevin Gerfen, who spoke about his service as a Presidential Aide during the GHW Bush and Clinton Presidential Administrations. Presidential Aides are chosen from servicemen serving in the DC Area. We appreciate Mr. Gerfen’s agreeing to serve as a last-minute replacement for Dean Jon Pederson who was unable to present.

Emeriti members who volunteered to mentor students in the Burns Hargis Leadership Institute will have a training session on September 26 at 6 pm in Student Union.

The Board is looking for an Emeriti member to take over our Communications post; duties include publishing the newsletter and keeping the directory of members up to date.

Two tours for members have been lined up for fall semester.  There will be a tour of the Osage County Pioneer Woman Mercantile and the Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca city on October 19, and later a trip to Plano Texas for a *Gift of Christmas* Event.  This trip has proved very popular in the past!

* 1. Wellness – Kim Beard



* 1. Women’s Faculty Council – Morgan Pfeiffer

We're planning for WFC events beginning in September and encourage folks to get on our email list by contacting [wfc@okstate.edu](mailto:wfc@okstate.edu). All are welcome to attend and be a part of WFC!

* 1. Student Government Association – Riley Pritzlaff

Pritzlaff stated it was an honor and pleasure to speak at President Shrum’s Inauguration. He is very proud of the close working relationships that SGA has begun to build with Dr. Shrum and members of her administration. He is super excited about the year moving forward.

SGA is looking forward to working closely with the Departments of Wellness and Leadership and Campus Life to roll out new mental health initiatives on campus. In addition, SGA raised well over $10,000 from Lights on Stillwater, and we received more than 1,200 donations in combined food and menstrual product donations. Pritzlaff stated they are close to opening a new pantry location in Edmon Low Library. This will provide a 24-hour access location. Other pantries are only accessible for certain hours/people. In addition, I plan to make all my student appointments to Faculty Council and University-wide committees within the week. Lastly, the SGA Senate has elected its standing liaison to the Faculty Council. Her name is Kallie Quintero. She is a double major in Political Science and Philosophy (pre-law concentration). Her email is [Kallie.quintero@okstate.edu](mailto:Kallie.quintero@okstate.edu). Quintero stated she is a senior and is super excited to get to work with Faculty Council.

* 1. Graduate & Professional Student Government Association – Marcia Sun

**Welcome Reception/Second General Assembly Meeting Information**

The Welcome Reception/Second General Assembly Meeting of Fall 2022 will be held at 5:30 PM CDT on Wednesday, September 28 in the Student Union Ballroom.

**General Assembly Meeting Information**

The GPSGA General Assembly Meetings for Fall 2022 are scheduled to be held at 5.30pm CDT, on the following dates. A meeting link and location will be provided closer to the date.

· August 31, 2022 – online via Zoom

· September 28, 2022 (Welcome Reception/Meeting) – Student Union Ballroom

· October 19, 2022 (TBA)

· November 16, 2022 (TBA)

**GPSGA Membership Application and Proxy Form**

All continuing and new GPSGA Representatives/Liaisons are requested to fill out the “GPSGA Membership Application” form that can be accessed through the GPSGA Canvas page under the “Assignment” tab. The [proxy forms](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments/1701647) are available in the GPSGA Canvas page under “GPSGA Related” tab.

**Committee Signup Form**

Every GPSGA representative/liaison are requested to complete the [committee sign up form](https://forms.office.com/r/WmWqgM8EUY). The link will also be provided in the GPSGA Canvas page. ​

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

1. **Academic Standards and Policies: Kathy Curry – No Report**

**b. Athletics: Susan Stansberry – No Report**

**c. Budget: Maria Ma – No Report**

**d**. **Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Bruce Noden – No Report**

**e**. **Diversity: Divya Jaroni – No Report**

**f.** **Faculty: James Knapp – Update**

Knapp has been asked to chair the Faculty Committee for this academic year. The committee met for the first time yesterday. The committee plans to meet monthly for the remainder of the year. There are several issues before the committee for the year. Knapp stated that the committee inherited a charge that was put before the committee last spring to move forward with a broad outline of a plan for inclusion of non-tenure track faculty on OSU Faculty Council. Knapp feels this is an important issue and will be the focus of a fair amount of the committees time this year. Knapp stated Faculty Council Bylaws state that any council members are welcome to attend meetings of other committees. Knapp announced that the committee will be meeting on the first Monday of the month from 11-noon in 313 PIO. There is also a zoom option.

**g**. **Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Kris Hiney – No Report**

**h**. **Research: Yongwei Shan – No Report**

**i**. **Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Lisa Slevitch – No Report**

**j**. **Rules and Procedures: Karen Neurohr – No Report**

k. **Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Heather Yates – No Report**

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** –

Councilor Karen Neurohr stated that she had the honor of attending the Distinguished Alumni Awards last Friday in the Alumni Center. Neurohr stated that there were alumni who had graduated in the 50’s, 60’s and 1989. Neurohr stated that most if not all began their speeches by talking about what a difference faculty made for them in their success at OSU. Neurohr feels that it stands well to repeat this information to this group and to remind all faculty how much of a difference they can make in one student’s life and how some of these students can excel beyond measure. Neurohr stated that faculty do matter a lot. We do make a difference and she hopes everyone understands and appreciates this.

Councilor Hoff said we’ve heard about the must needed pantries, the United Way, the hard work at fighting poverty and how to increase retention. Hoff believes these all have a very important common theme and he wanted to know if OSU can do more to strategically fight poverty. Hoff wanted to know if OSU can play a more active role. Cole stated that OSU wants to. SGA mentioned a lot about the food banks on campus. Peek shared some great opportunities to be involved and contribute through United Way. This is a much bigger issue. Cole asked to meet with Hoff after the meeting and/or meet with another committee to work further into the details of the issue. Hallenbeck believes that a large part of the strategy is about how address poverty in Oklahoma. Hallenbeck believes this is a part of extension, workforce development and economic development.

Cole asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, October 12, 2022 at 3:00 in room 412 Student Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Neurohr, Secretary