DeSilva called the meeting to order with the following members present: Cole, Conway, Crick, Dunn, Emerson, Frazier, Gardner, Gonzalez, Hall, Kaipa, Kazianga, Khojasteh, Liu, M. Lovern, P. Lovern, McCann, Melancon, Moss, Nelson, Neurohr, Peek, Pivateau, Rebek, Smith, Talley and Yates.

Also present: Blackburn, J., Carns, R., Carrion, A., Cheves, T., Clark, G., Eck, T., Eksteen, R., Essmiller, K., Hallenbeck, D., Hargis, B., Heald, M., Kluver, R., McClinton, L., Mendez, Millis, L., Mitchell, S., J., Ormsbee, C., Peaster, R., Potter, D’A., Sandefur, G., Sewell, K., Sheehan, R., Smith, A., Towner, M., Trevino, M., Tucker, S., Underwood, D., Weaver, D., Weaver, J. and K. Wray.

Absent: Bindewald, Kakani, McFarlane and Ware.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Special Reports –

Leon McClinton – Director of Housing and Res Life - CEAT-in-Residence Program.

Chris Barlow – Sr. Director of University Health Services – OSU COVID 19 update.

Randy Kluver – Dean of Global Studies & Partnerships – Update on OSU Spring Study

Abroad Programs………………………………………………………………

Chris Ormsbee – Associate Provost & Director – ITLE – Online Classrooms……….

Remarks and Comments – President Hargis………………………..……………………..….

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

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

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

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

SGA……………………………………………………………………………………

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

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

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

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

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

DeSilva called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to sign the roll call as it is circulating the room and if you are a proxy for someone please sign your name as well as that of the council member whom you are representing. DeSilva asked if there were any corrections or changes to the February 11th minutes. Hearing none entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Neurohr moved, McCann second. Motion passed. DeSilva entertained a motion to approve the modified agenda for today’s meeting. McCann moved, Gardner second. Motion passed. DeSilva stated that we have three maybe four special reports today. DeSilva introduced Leon McClinton.

**Special Report:**

1. **Leon McClinton/Rodney Eksteen – CEAT-in-Residence Program**

McClinton thanked the council for giving them a few minutes to talk about one of OSU’s Living/Learning Programs in Housing & Residential Life. McClinton stated that we are always talking about retention, retention, retention. Dr. Hallenbeck and Dr. Mendez are co-chairing the Student Success Council. They are constantly identifying and creating strategies to help OSU students be successful. McClinton stated that there are several Living/Learning programs in Housing (14 total). If he had his way, McClinton would have every first year student live in a living/learning community. He feels they have a tremendous impact on students inside and outside of the classroom. McClinton stated that one of the programs is exceeding their expectations (CEAT-in-Residence) and wanted to highlight this community with the limited time available at today’s meeting. McClinton stated that many others are performing well such as the Freshman In Transition (FIT) progam which is part of the Ferguson College of Agriculture. McClinton reached out to CEAT a few years ago and discussed their Living/Learning Program on campus. He asked if they would like to consolidate and take over Parker Hall. Dean Tikalsky and Randy Seitsinger discussed and agreed to move to Parker Hall and help financially with renovations. There is a tremendous academic success center in the basement of Parker Hall. The upper class mentors in the program are called PEATS. There are also community mentors on the Res. Life side. This year they added a Faculty-in-Residence. This is common in housing programs. McClinton believes that having a faculty member who is truly invested in the community can make a difference. McClinton got together with Lance Millis, Jordan Blackburn, and D’Antae Potter to recruit a faculty member to this position. They hired PhD student, Rodney Eksteen, who has done a phenomenal job. McClinton asked Eksteen to put together a PowerPoint to showcase the program. McClinton stated that Eksteen has completed one semester. In looking at retention rates, they found the following: 2017-2018 – 93%; 2018-2019 – 96%; 2019-2020 – 97% (these are from fall to spring numbers). McClinton feels that the faculty member in residence has had an impact on retention.

Eksteen presented the following PowerPoint to the Council members:



McClinton concluded the presentation by stating that they are continuing to develop the living/learning programs. McClinton stated that if any college is interested in discussing a similar model, they would be happy to discuss this with anyone.

DeSilva opened the floor to questions. It was asked if a similar model could be used for students who are sophomore to junior year (none freshman)? He was asking specifically about CEAT professional school students. The college has changed its model. The professional school will be going away and no longer available starting fall 2020. Res. Life is making more efforts with the sophomore class to make sure they do not just concentrate on freshman.

1. **Chris Barlow – Senior Director of University Health Services – OSU COVID-19 Update**

Barlow stated that Coronavirus/COVID-19 is all over the news and we are following it very closely as far as developments go. Barlow stated from a public health perspective University Health Services for years has served in a public health capacity. As far as keeping an eye out and protecting the interests of the university, they are working closely with the State Health Department, public health departments, and are alerting senior administration of any known threats. A few months ago this felt far away, but in the past few weeks there has been a flurry of developments overseas and we are now starting to see some cases domestically especially in Washington state and New York. Barlow stated that last week the first known case was announced in Tulsa County. Barlow stated that they are working across campus as far as a pandemic response - Barlow is the pandemic coordinator on campus. This situation may or may not rise to the level of pandemic, but they are planning for whatever happens on campus. This is a team based approach across campus of lining up resources and policies and procedures. They do have a backup plan and they are working through worst case scenarios and what it could mean to campus. This planning is an extension of the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Barlow is tasked with leading this due to his medical background. Public Health officials from Stillwater Medical Center and Payne County Health Department have stated that it’s more of a monitoring thing at this point, as far as a regional outlook goes. They will keep senior administration informed as things develop. Communication is key with this situation. Barlow stated they are working on a lot of things right now and that we need to be adaptable to roll with the flow. Barlow stated that as domestic testing increases, the number of cases will increase. There are a million “what ifs”, but we need to just think through them as a leadership team as things develop and outline ideas for short term and long term implications. They are working through these things right now.

Barlow opened the floor to questions. Hargis asked where we stand on test kits? Barlow stated that the report this morning from state and local health departments is that test kits are available in Oklahoma. They are limited, and there is no widespread distribution of them. They are reserving them for the high risk cases. Barlow expects that within the next few weeks there will be more widespread testing available. Hargis said the results are taking up to 10 days to get back. Barlow stated the initial process through the CDC labs was slow and didn’t help with anxiety levels of people. A more localized test is best to know what’s happening in your area. DeSilva asked if someone comes to University Health Services with symptoms right now, do they have to go to a testing center, or can the test be done here? Barlow stated that the protocol right now is that if someone came in presenting symptoms, there are isolation procedures in place, and University Health Services is prepared for that scenario. Barlow stated that they would work with the local health department in sending out specimens for testing. Carrion asked if some type of announcement will be going out regarding those students who are returning to the university (from overseas)? She has seen some behavior that happened when students had been quarantined, but when they returned to the classroom, there was panic from other students. Barlow cannot speak specifically to those students, but they are going through a screening process with the nurses at health services. There is also a telephone screening that has been implemented that is offering guidance. Right now the CDC recommendation for anyone traveling from a level 3 country is to self-quarantine for 14 days. We are following the CDC guidelines. Barlow believes there will be frequent communication as this develops. Hargis stated that they just issued a statement about the travel restrictions and that the university is also considering and studying whether or not to go to virtual classrooms for the two weeks following spring break - two weeks because that will cover the incubation period of 14 days. Hargis stated that OSU is coordinating with OU and the Governor about this issue. Over the next few days, this issue will be determined. This is a very unclear path we are currently on.

Provost Sandefur added that last week he was in contact with the other Big 12 Provosts and they have been exchanging information. They do not feel like we need to move to online right now. This could be difficult for some faculty members. For those who currently use Canvas (roughly 65% of classes) this would be pretty easy for them to do. The Provost stated that ITLE will be introducing a link to a website that has videos of how to move things online in case we move to this option. Administration will be talking with the Deans and Instruction Council about the need to be ready to move to online, if not right after spring break, then maybe later in the semester. This is a rapidly evolving situation and every university is scrambling to stay on top of it. Sandefur stated that the travel restrictions announcement has a link to our temporary guidelines for domestic and international travel since there currently is no policy in place. Hargis stated that they have coordinated with the Commissioner of Health and the Governor so that everyone is on the same path.

1. **Randy Kluver – Dean of Global Studies & Partnerships – Update on OSU Spring Study Abroad Programs**

Kluver is attending the meeting to give an update on the Study Abroad programs. 16 trips had been previously approved to go overseas over spring break. This has been evolving. They started off trying to find some clear criteria to have their recommendations on par with the CDC level 3 warnings; however, at some point the CDC stopped responding, so these criteria did not hold up very long. As of today, 13 of the 16 trips have been cancelled. There were at least 3 factors: 1. The health and wellness of our students and faculty. 2. Students often need the study abroad credits to satisfy their I credits. Of which many wait until their senior year to fulfill. We did not want to disrupt the academic path of any student. 3. The enormous cost of canceling the programs. Kluver stated that as of right now, 330 students have been affected by these cancellations. The Provost has given directions to each of the colleges to work with students and to be as accommodating as possible to meet their academic requirements. In addition, we have brought home another 13 students from Italy who were on longer-term programs. Most of them are continuing their programs online. Today a message is going out to 5 students who are in Japan. They have been recommended to come home. Most of their course work will continue online. They will be working with these students if their courses were interrupted and they cannot finish online. Kluver believes that only two students returned from Italy to re-enroll on campus. He believes they were past the 14 day window. Kluver stated the students left Italy well before the outbreak. Kluver stated they need to do a better job of communicating this to everyone. Provost Sandefur stated that those students were also cleared through University Health Services.

Hargis stated that campus will remain open even if we move to online classrooms. Those students in the dorms that are not traveling will have services. The campus will continue to work. Hargis stated that they are trying to limit what might come back after spring break in terms of illness.

Peek asked what 3 trips were still going? Kluver stated they are all to Latin America, 2 to Costa Rica and 1 to Peru. Kluver stated that all trips to Asia, Europe and the Middle East have been cancelled. Mitchell asked with the extreme costs of study abroad, how much of the expenses will be refunded to students? Kluver stated that the commitment from the university is to refund all expenses to students. They are working through this on a case by case basis. In many cases airlines are cutting the fees, but they continue to work with the airlines to try to get the students’ tickets reimbursed first. Kluver believes that most of the academic colleges sponsoring these programs have made a commitment to cover any costs to the students. Mitchell asked about the students who do not get a refund from the airlines - will the students still travel, or is this unknown to you? Kluver stated they are not telling him their plans but there are rumors that some students still plan on traveling anyway. The university does not recommend this option.

1. **Chris Ormsbee - Associate Provost & Director – ITLE – Resources available in case campus courses must be moved online**

Ormsbee stated that ITLE has been working on a website to provide information to faculty members on how to move to online classrooms. This website should be live by tomorrow. The link is below:

[http://itle.okstate.edu/teachonline.vbhtml](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fitle.okstate.edu%2Fteachonline.vbhtml&data=02%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7C51a10df7251945187e5b08d7c5efcbe1%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637195506009037476&sdata=Tph%2Bjk9rbZi4%2FnSkJiZEspr11i55XStKJ6qqFy9g90Y%3D&reserved=0)

Ormsbee believes this will be on the OSU homepage as well as the ITLE homepage. An email will be sent out to everyone once an announcement has been made.

Ormsbee stated that they are still working on the website but it will provide basic information on how to teach an online class. Videos will be available on how to teach online and use the tools within Canvas to do this. Ormsbee stated they are also working on online testing since some test maybe scheduled during this time period. Ormsbee encouraged faculty to find other ways besides testing because of issues with security with online testing. Ormsbee stated that if a faculty member has to have the test during this period, they can use the quizzes feature in Canvas. ITLE will talk to you and give suggestions on how to make it as safe as possible. But be aware that if you choose to do an online test without having made prior arrangements for online proctoring the test prior to the semester started, Ormsbee is not sure they can add this now, because there is a cost to do it. There are ways to make it safer, but it is very hard to eliminate any cheating on an online test. ITLE can make it better but cannot fix it completely.

Ormsbee stated there will also be information on teleconferencing. There is a video conferencing tool in Canvas that is a really good tool. She encouraged faculty members to use this tool. Ormsbee stated some colleges have Zoom and the university also has Skype for Business. The nice thing about the video conferencing tool in Canvas is that students can work it with their student app. They can access things through their phones. For those that do not have great internet, this may be a better option for them. It may be more convenient for everyone. This will be up by tomorrow morning.

Ormsbee stated that they will have webinars available starting Thursday. They will be 1 hour long. If you miss the one Thursday they will have more next week. The webinar will also be posted on the website if you can’t make any of them. Ormsbee stated that the ITLE staff will be available to answer any questions by email or phone to discuss any particular challenges or issues. Lab courses are unique and they will help you through those processes.

Ormsbee opened the floor to questions. DeSilva asked if there will be any capacity issues moving 2,500 classes to online all the time? Ormsbee stated they will not have any issues. They have checked with Canvas and they say they are fine. Ormsbee strongly suggests that we go asynchronous because she feels that bandwidth could be a problem for providers, not for Canvas or our campus. Can Suddenlink really support everybody at 9:00 logging on? Ormsbee has concerns about this and has talked to IT about it. Ormsbee stated that the other challenge is connectivity. Some communities especially in rural areas still use dial-up, and students will have difficulty sitting in on a Zoom or web-conference that is live. Ormsbee stated you would be better off shooting something early and letting the students go on when they can get on to watch it. Another issue is that not every student has a computer.

**Remarks and Comments – President Hargis**

Hargis stated that a piece of good news is that Endowed Chair match has passed the House 88-3. This is almost unheard of. He feels good about the Senate voting to approve it as well. He believes the Governor will also be supportive. The only concern is the budget. There is a very real risk that we will have a revenue shortfall for the year with oil prices. If this happens, there may simply not be enough money. The proposal is to do a bond issue. It’s a good time to do a bond issue in terms of the rates you’ll pay. You would still need to pay the bonds back and the money isn’t there for the debt services. It seems like every time we get around one hurdle, there is another one that pops up. And this is a big one.

**Report of Status of Council Recommendations:**

**Provost Sandefur and Vice Presidents**

Dr. Sandefur gave the Council members an update on recommendations.

The following recommendations remain pending:

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

Govern Appointments, Tenure, Promotions, and Related Matters of the Faculty of OSU”

19-11-01-Exec: Proposed new P&P Restriction of HLC Additional Locations

19-12-01-LRPIT: Proposed new P&P Information and Resources Access Control

19-12-02-LRPIT: Proposed new P&P Information Security Policy

19-12-03-LRPIT: Proposed new P&P Data Stewardship: Data Classification Policy,

Responsibilities and Guidelines

19-12-04-LRPIT: Proposed new P&P Information Security: Security Awareness

The following resolution remains pending:

19-11-Resolution: Continued Robust Commitment to the OSU Strategic Plan

Weaver stated that the Research Misconduct recommendation has been approved by the Board of Regents last Friday and the four recommendations from the LRPIT committee should go off the list this month.

**Ken Sewell – Vice President for Research**

Sewell stated that the university brand management partnership with The Conversation has been very successful. Over the eight years prior to this partnership, the cumulative reviews of items published hit about 420,000. Not an insignificant number, but in the 11 months since the new partnership, we have topped the 1 million mark. Sewell stated that we are getting the word out about OSU expertise and OSU research through this platform and the re-publications that come from this platform. This partnership has increased the rate a little over 1,000%. Sewell is very happy with the great work that is going on at OSU and we are getting the word out to a broader area in addition to the academic world.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

1. Emeriti Association – Barbara Miller

The proposed panel discussion on “Things to know before you retire” is proceeding.  This is a cooperative venture between the Committee on Retirement and Fringe Benefits and the Emeriti Assn. The discussion will be recorded for use later in Stillwater or on other OSU Campuses.  Proposed dates are late March or Early April. The format will largely be panel members answering pre-submitted questions and board members were asked to submit topics of interest.

The new member directory is in process with an expected delivery date of late March.

The speaker for our March 2 Emeriti dinner was Clint Williams, director of Development at the McKnight Center, and there were also music students performing at the dinner.

Letters of invitation have gone out to 44 new retirees in the OSU system.

The Emeriti are hoping to organize a tour of the new baseball stadium.

1. Women’s Faculty Council – Awilda Rodriguez Carrion

The Women’s Faculty Council (WFC) invites eligible OSU students at all of the OSU university campuses to submit applications for its Annual Ann Ryder and Clara Smith WFC Leadership Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduates by March 15. For more detailed information, please contact us through our website at [https://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwomensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu%2F&data=02%7C01%7Ctricia.white%40okstate.edu%7Ced5b0c8deaf84cbb10d808d7bc684cef%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637185028456192592&sdata=UlPRaIA3uO3amXKnlhkbgPw3piY28e%2BRZ8C4ydZD%2B5g%3D&reserved=0).

For the WFC March 4th meeting, Drs. Jennifer Borland, Julie Koch, and Li Miao will lead a panel discussion on the “Take Away Messages for Women in Leadership from the HERS Institute.” We will meet at the GAB B-09 at 2:30–3:30 pm. This event is co-sponsored by the President’s Fellows’ Leadership Initiative.

And finally, in April we will have two meetings!  First one, on April 1st the WFC will feature guest speaker, Dr. Janice Hermann.  Dr. Hermann will be presenting her “Assessment of Food Security among Oklahoma State University Students.” Then on April 8th, Irissa Baxter and Drs. Jonathan Coley, Rachel Schmitz, and Kris Struckmeyer will be speaking about “LGBTQ+ Research and Advocacy at OSU.” Please join us at CLB 106B at 2:30–3:30 pm. This event is co-sponsored by the Employee Queers & Allies League (EQuAL).

1. SGA – Marcus Heald

1. Washington D.C. Lobbying Trip. SGA will try to get back to the State Capitol in about a month. State Capitol day was 2 weeks ago. They are interested in High Education reform issues.

D. Wellness – Kim Beard



1. Graduate Council – Rebecca Sheehan

*Academic Program Committee.* A variety of degree modifications were approved.

*Graduate Catalog Updates.*

* *International Student Admission* being clarified to align with current practices with ELI program completion.
* *Pass-Fail Grading System* is being updated to specifically mention clinical hours.
* All 4000-level classes with asterisks should be converted to 5000 level or above by fall 2020; *Catalog* pages updated throughout.
* *Graduate Student Appeals Policy* is being updated to be more inclusive of programs on all three campuses, as well as more clinically oriented programs.

*Graduate Campus Tours*. The *Monday Memo* is currently promoting campus tours guided by Graduate College Ambassadors. They last approximately 1 hour and can be scheduled through the tour links on the College website or in the recruitment section of the *Memo*.

*Graduate Applications*. According to the IRIM dashboard, the number of graduate applications in Slate is up ~28% compared to this time last year.

*Graduate Faculty Training/Development Working Group*. The research groups plans to send out a survey to OSU graduate faculty after spring break 2020. This survey is part of a needs assessment of the graduate faculty in serving graduate students in order to develop an appropriate professional development program for incoming and existing graduate faculty.

*Role of Non-OSU Faculty Serving on Graduate Committees.* A graduate faculty working group will review processes concerning how non-tenure track and non-OSU faculty may participate on graduate student committees without OKey access. The Graduate College is seeking input from graduate faculty and programs about this topic, and this topic will be discussed at the Spring Subject Group meetings.

*Spring 2020 General Graduate Faculty Meeting and (most) Subject Group Meetings*. Wednesday, March 25 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Location: 450 EN (Engineering North).

*Graduate Education Month*. April 2020.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Academic Standards and Policies: Eric Rebek – Update**

Rebek reviewed each of the recommendations that were attached to the agenda. Track changes to the entire policy were also provided on the agenda.

The council will be voting on each recommendations individually.

1. 20-03-01-ASP: Update OSU Policy 2-0206, 1.01 and University Academic Regulations 5.9.

Desilva asked for discussion/questions. Seeing none moved to a vote. Motion passed.

1. 20-03-02-ASP: Update OSU Policy 2-0206, 2.02-2.04 and 3.01 and University Academic Regulations 1.10 and 5.4.

DeSilva asked for discussion/questions. DeSilva asked when does the open enrollment end? He believes it’s on the 6th day. Rebek deferred to Registrar Peaster for an answer. Peaster responded he is correct, non-restricted enrollment ends on the 6th day. DeSilva asked if a non-restrictive W goes on the 10th day. Would it not be a good idea to change this as well so we can back fill the class? Peaster stated there was quite a bit of discussion on whether to keep the other aspects of the restrictive drop/add period (day 7-10). These recommendations, by the way, came out of a registration working group that met last fall to look at our policies and the State Regents policies. The discussion was that everyone thought it was important to retain the restrictive enrollment period (day 7-10) so that students can still enroll in classes during this period but they have to have approval from the instructor and their advisor. This is late to be entering into many classes. Peaster stated that the change is being proposed to make it more clear what seats are available to students who are enrolling during this time. DeSilva asked for further questions/discussion. Seeing none moved to a vote. Motion passed.

1. 20-03-03-ASP: Update OSU Policy 2-0206 sections 2.02-2.04 and 3.01 and University Academic Regulation 5.4

DeSilva asked if there were any questions/discussion. Melancon stated that as a faculty member she is concerned. Melancon stated that on the Friday of the 12th week students have to drop out of the class so the Monday of the 13th week your class maybe a little smaller due to this drop. Many times in her case it’s because they have not been attending class. With this they would still be able to drop individually in the 13th and 14th week as long as they track down the instructor and get the appropriate signatures. They could still be attending class until this week. She doesn’t feel this is good for the student. In her experience, when a student drops in the 12th week they get freed up from a class that was kind of a burden to them, that they weren’t being successful in. This allows them to put all their resources for the remainder of the semester in classes that they can potentially be successful in, rather than in one where they are not likely to pass. McCann asked if this was still part of the “extraordinary circumstances”? Peaster stated that it is. Peaster stated that the working group felt that there would still be plenty of incentive for students who were struggling in a class to drop during the 12th week because 1. they will get an automatic W grade, which is GPA neutral; 2. it’s easy for them to drop during this period - they can drop online without having to receive anyone’s’ approval or having a conversation with anyone; 3. if they drop during this time, they still have an opportunity to enroll in some short courses that take place during weeks 13 and 14. Many individuals would need to add another class in order to maintain full-time enrollment. Peaster also stated that this would allow students who encounter an unfortunate circumstance late in the semester another option,, those students now are faced with the decision to either go through a petition process or look at doing a full withdrawal. McCann wanted to know if we were changing the petition process? Peaster stated no. McCann asked, for instance, if a student had an extenuating circumstance but had one online class that they can keep up with and can pass, this will allow them to stay in that class and drop the rest of the classes? Peaster said yes. They would go to the instructor during the 13th and 14th week, explain the circumstance, and then the instructor would have the choice to assign the W or not. Melancon understands this, but stated that everyone should recognize that those students are going to be in your class - now they will be evaluating you, where they would not have been able to if they had dropped before the 13th and 14th week. Melancon stated that many of these students are not actually coming to class, so they are not in a good position to evaluate the instructor’s performance. It was also brought up in their faculty meeting that this disproportionately affects female faculty, because female faculty tend to be the ones students come to and plead a difficult situation. Male faculty experience this less. Melancon said this is something to think about. Towner added that she sees many more students taking another lab practical or exam to see how they are doing then begging for the W instead of the F. She has had students ask this past the deadline. Can only do that if you withdraw from all your classes. Towner sees this putting a lot of individual decision making on the faculty on a case by case basis to say which students get W’s and which students get an F’s.

DeSilva asked for additional questions/discussion. Seeing none, moved to a vote. Motion passed.

1. The fourth recommendation was not included in the agenda and will be voted on at the April meeting.
2. 20-03-05-ASP: Changes to online enrollment cancellation/withdrawal system

McCann said that what we are saying is they cannot drop their last class during the non-restrictive period without being contacted by someone. So someone could reach out to them. Melancon stated that students may not know about resources that are available and someone can reach out and contact them about those resources. This is correct. DeSilva asked for additional questions/discussion. Seeing none, moved to a vote. Motion passed.

1. **Athletics: Justin Talley – No Report**
2. **Budget: Jam Khojasteh – Update**

Khojasteh said that with the new budget model for this fiscal year the committee would provide a report or recommendation at the next meeting. The committee met with VP Weaver that went really well discussing the new model.

1. **Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Karen Neurohr – Update**

The Campus Facilities, Safety and Security Committee was asked to explore campus accessibility. Mr. Casey Shell with University Planning attended our meeting and shared information that the campus is in compliance with ADA regulations, and that University Planning is responsive to suggestions and questions about accessibility. For questions or suggestions about sidewalks, curb cuts, and building entrances, contact Mr. Shell at University Planning #4-4866.

Mr. Shell oversees the OSU Infrastructure Accessibility Committee that meets quarterly and seeks input from the campus community. The committee of 14 is seeking three representatives: one from Faculty Council, a faculty member with disability and a student member with disability. Contact Mr. Shell if you have any names to suggest.

For questions or suggestions about accessible parking spots, contact either Steve Spradling or Jan Cook Hernandez at Parking and Transportation Services #4-6525. When they receive requests for additional accessible parking in a particular lot, they conduct an observation study, three times a day for two weeks. Often times they do end up adding another space.

1. **Diversity: Justin Moss – No Report**
2. **Faculty: Matt Lovern – No Report**
3. **Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Chris Crick – No Report**
4. **Research: Dianne McFarlane – Update**

DeSilva stated that Dr. McFarlane could not be here due to being under the weather. The council tabled her Conflict of Interest recommendation last month to for faculty members to give input. A few minor changes were made after faculty input and they were included with the agenda. They were to expand an acronym as well as add “US” by dollar amounts. DeSilva asked for discussion. Seeing none, moved to a vote. Motion passed.

1. **Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Griffin Pivateau – No Report**
2. **Rules and Procedures: Pamela Lovern – Update**

Lovern stated that we are doing pretty well with the election nominations but there are a few colleges that still need nominees. We currently have no nominees from CEAT for their one position. We need two people from the college for this position. If anyone knows someone they would like to recommend contact the person or give their name to an officer and we will contact them to see if they are interested in serving on Faculty Council. We need one more nominee from the Spears School of Business. We currently have one and need one more. We also need one more nominee from Human Sciences.

DeSilva stated if you have colleagues from CEAT, Business or Human Sciences, please contact them.

Lovern also mentioned that the election information will be going out next week.

The online voting will be March 30-April 6.

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

**Old Business – None**

**New Business – None**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, April 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the **Council Room, 412 Student Union.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Lovern, Secretary