



STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 3, 2005, 408 Student Union, Case Study 2

Present: Beeler, Condit, Eynon, Ford, Forsythe, Frazier, Gladden, Hoffman, Hunt, Kelley, McIntire, Peters, Phelan, Reece, Reim, Ward, Warner, Welliver, Whitmore, Wieder, S. York, Zweiacker

Absent: Barber, Blackburn, Campbell, Phelps, West, A. York

Hank Welliver called the meeting to order at 1:15 p. m. and Carey Warner called roll.

Hank asked for approval of the July minutes. Correction to add Mr. Shutt's response to staff receiving additional pay increase in January 2006 was noted. A motion was made to approve July minutes as amended, seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Changes to the agenda included minor clerical changes to the month and location of today's meeting. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended, seconded and approved by a voice vote.

E-Group Update – Dr. Marlene Strathe, Provost and Senior Vice President

Dr. Strathe discussed FY06 budget including the 5.23% increase in state appropriations, the 6.5% increase in tuition for in-state students, and the 3% raise program for Faculty and Staff as well as OSU's "Restore, Reward, and Grow" program for Faculty. The Higher Education Capital Bond issue is awaiting final ruling. Of OSU's Master Plan, the first priority is the scientific/research facility near Life Sciences East building. The second major project will be a classroom building located on Monroe and Hall of Fame and third, the renovation of South Murray Hall. The Board of Regents approved renovation of Old Central and the Honors College will move once completed. ADA compliance is needed and safety codes must be addressed. OSU will spend approximately \$3 million to complete such. The renovation of the north side of the stadium is nearing completion and OSU will begin looking into renovation of the west end.

The Master Plan was presented this past Saturday. Dr. Strathe encouraged everyone to provide their input as adoption of Master plan is projected to be complete by the end of the fall semester.

This fall, Administration will look at OSU benefits compared to the Big 12 including options and cost. Efforts towards diversity of faculty, staff and students will increase as well as efforts to increase international student enrollment with better ways to recruit and retain. Dr. Strathe addressed the intensive professional development for faculty and graduate students and the merge of Educational Television Services, Audio Visual, and Faculty Support.

In response to question concerning the funding of the multimodal facility, Dr. Strathe explained the multimodal facility would be constructed using federal funds and that it was not part of the Capital Bond.

The OSU "on-line" Directory is scheduled to be completed by fall. Changes to the listings are made via O-Key system. Departmental listing (yellow pages) is still under review.

Report of University Committees

Faculty Council Report – No Report

Treasurer's Report – Donna Whitmore – No Report

Branch Campus Reports

OSU-COM – Jan Barber – No Report

OSU–Okmulgee – Allen York – No Report

OSU-OKC – Ronda Reece

First meeting was held in July. Campus getting ready for fall semester. Announced Melissa, co-chair, may be present in her place during next few meetings.

OSU-Tulsa – Sara Phelps – No Report

Report of Standing Committees

Rules & Procedures – Duane Hunt, Chair – No Report

Public Relations – Jeremy Zweiacker, Chair

The OSU Library has collection of official SAC records and any Council member wishing to add to the collection may do so. All records are arranged chronologically and access to such is unrestricted; however, no records can be removed once submitted to the Library. A listing of records currently within this collection was given to the Secretary, Carey Warner.

Total cost of new SAC shirts was \$907.00 and group picture will be taken after today's meeting.

Can OU/Harvest II webpage has been added to the SAC website.

Policies, Benefits and Budget – Tara Gladden, Chair

The Council's recommendations are currently being reviewed and status of such will be updated.

Dress code concerns from previous Council meeting have been addressed and such will only affect Dr. Bosserman's area/department.

Awards & Recognition – Stacey Frazier, Chair

The A & R meetings have been scheduled and preparation for Staff Awards day is underway.

Old Business

Hank addressed the need for volunteers to attend Faculty Council meetings as well as the need for representatives to fill vacant seats on several University Committees.

New Business

Council voted to appoint Gina Conneywerdy to fill the three-year vacant seat within the Academic Affairs area.

Announcements

Sheryl Beeler expressed concern regarding the Council's efforts to increase communication with our constituents. Anne Matoy suggested having something placed in the next issue of News You Can Use that included instructions on how to become part of the SAC listserv. Sherril York suggested posting the agendas on the SAC website before each meeting so those wishing to attend know what to expect during the meeting. The agenda is a proposal until approved at the beginning of each meeting. After discussion pertaining to the Open Meetings Act, Anne Matoy explained the Council was not subject to such.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Warner, Secretary