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STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 9, 2005, 280 Student Union, 1:15 PM

Present: Blackburn, Campbell, Cich, Condit, Gedon, Hunt, John, Kelly, Peters, Phelan, Phelps, Sanmann, Tanner, Warner, Welliver, West, Whitmore, Williams

Absent: Barber, Beeler, Carpenter, DeBock, Ford, Gladden, Hoffman, Shields, Thomason, White, Wyant, Zweiacker

Donna Whitmore called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm, and Joan Sanmann called roll.

The January 2005 minutes were approved.

The Agenda was approved.

Dennis White could not be seated, as he was not present.

E-Team Update – Gary Shutt

OSU has received a \$2.3 million Devon gift for the geology lab and scholarships. Another major gift will be coming soon from a corporation for scholarships for community college transfers. Joel Halcomb and Ashleigh Hildebrand, OSU students, have been named two of only 90 finalists for the Gates/Cambridge award. There were

600 initial entrants, and 40 awards will be given. This is a huge statement about our students and our school. Gates/Cambridge is relative new and already considered on a par with the Rhodes in terms of prestige.

Preston Hunter, a secondary education major, and Eric Ogburn, a freshman in the EMS/Fire program at OSU/OKC, will be honored as heroes at the March board meeting. They stopped and pulled a critically injured policeman from his crashed vehicle moments before it burst into flames.

Barry Lopez, one of the nation's premier nature writers, will be in the Student Union Bookstore to sign copies of his book, *Arctic Dreams*, following his talk on February 24. Research week is Feb. 21-25.

There has been a closing in on three key dean positions: Education (have interviewed one candidate, second one next week); Spears School of Business (announced 3 candidates yesterday for campus interviews between Feb 24 and March 3); Agriculture (narrowed pool, hope to conduct campus interviews before spring break.)

The Board approved a contractor for Campus Master Plan.

The renovation of north side of the Boone Pickens stadium should be completed by the start of the 2006 football season. Hall of Fame had to be completely closed for safety reasons. Mike Gundy is choosing a very good coaching staff.

Report of University Committees

Faculty Council Report – Hank Welliver

On behalf of SAC, Hank expressed appreciation for Faculty Council's helping with Staff Appreciation Day last year. Positions are being filled for Faculty Council. A recommendation was passed to increase Graduate School stipend to make it more competitive. A recommendation passed to extend time for Faculty Council to review a draft in tenure and promotion policy.

Problems were reported on hackers in the Library computers. Two servers were corrupted. Carey Masters presented a report on accreditation.

Branch Campus Reports

OSU-COM – Jan Barber – No report

OSU-Okmulgee – Devin DeBock - No report

OSU-OKC – Kristi John – No report

OSU-Tulsa – Sarah Phelps –

Work is being done to increase enrollment. There were two break-ins on campus, during which there was extensive theft. Perpetrators were on the campus for over two hours.

Report of Standing Committees

Public Relations – Liz Condit, Chair

Work is proceeding on Staff Appreciation Day, and vendors are being contacted. Still need New Employee Orientation representative for May 5.

Chair Rules and Procedures Committee – Duane Hunt, Chair

Requested SAC suspend rules regarding number of seats elected each year. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

The new nomination form was presented. The nomination form must be sent out by March 1, with a deadline of March 25. Voting period is April 18-29. We would encourage staff to bring their ballots to the picnic on Staff Appreciation Day to drop them off.

Awards & Recognition – Carey Warner, Chair

April 26 will be Staff Appreciation Day picnic. Work is progressing on getting tables and chairs. Working on getting prizes donated for give-away at picnic. Tomorrow is the last day for non-raffle of tickets to basketball game.

Policies, Benefits and Budget – Jane Carpenter, Chair – No report

Old Business - No old business to come before Council.

New Business

It was the general consensus that new shirts be designed. Kathie Tanner suggested we appoint someone to research our options. Carey and Liz will present different styles at our March meeting.

Debbie Shields indicated she would like to stay on Council for the remainder of her term. She has missed more than the allowed meetings due to serious medical concerns. Council approved her retaining her seat for the remainder of her term until June, 2005.

Announcements:

New slate of Officers is being prepared. Please inform Donna Whitmore if you are interested in running for office.

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

Submitted February 21, 2005.

Joan Sanmann, Secretary