

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 6, 2021

2:00 Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: Mike Lorenz, Kent Sampson, Priscilla Gerfen, Kay Keys, Ron Elliott

Council Members Present: Bob Wettemann, Tana Rutan, Gladeen Allred, Barbara Miller, Rick Beier, Francis Epplin, Gary Sheerer

Committee Chairs Present: Glade Presnal

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Guests (Councilors beginning terms in January) Present: Gerald Stangl, Ray Huhnke

Minutes: It was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Tana) that the minutes of the November 1 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ron corrected a small error in the October report and shared the November report, which was received as presented. He also alerted the group that a C.D. will come due on February 1 and that the Council will need to make a decision in January regarding its use or reinvestment. Barbara asked if people would be able to pay dues at the upcoming December dinner and received a positive response. To simplify matters for those at the check-in desk, Sofia will indicate on the registration list whether or not attendees have paid previously. In response to Kent's question, Ron stated that the subsidy for dinners comes out of the ending cash balance. He reminded the Council that those funds cannot be used without justification.

Programs: Priscilla reported that President Schrum was scheduled to speak at the February dinner and that Coach Boynton would speak in April. She will be contacting Lou Anella for the March program. A group of former Stillwater High School choir members will perform at the December meeting, which will be held at Legacy Village.

Membership: Mike announced that Dr. Karen Jobe and Steve and Barb Stadler had joined as life members.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Council: See complete report submitted by Barbara below.

Catering and Reservations: With input from Clem, Mike has created a schedule for 2022 meetings and events. The first date listed in the column below indicates a Council meeting, with the second being the date of the follow-up dinner. Mike will send this information to the Alumni Center to ensure that our room is available on those dates. The Council will resume in-person meetings in January with a 2:00 p.m. start time.

- January 31—February 7
- February 28—March 7
- March 28—April 4
- April 25—May 2 (with OLLI)
- May 23—June 6
- As needed—July 11 (informal gathering at Hideaway)
- As needed—August 8 (informal gathering at Hideaway)
- August 29—September 12 (second Monday)
- September 26—October 3
- October 31—November 7
- November 28—December 5 (Christmas dinner)

Officers: It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Gladeen) that Ron Miller be approved as treasurer to begin his three-year term in January, 2022, and that Judy Hoberock and Carolyn Gang be approved as councilors to serve two-year and three-year terms respectively. The motion passed.

It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Barbara) that the Council change signatory authorization for all OSU Emeriti Association accounts and transactions at the Oklahoma Community Credit Union to new treasurer Ron Miller (primary) and new president Kent Sampson (backup) in early 2022. The motion passed. Current signatories, Ron Elliott and Sharon (Higgins) Nivens, will then lose signature authority.

The position of president-elect remains unfilled. Although Kent asked if any current councilors had interest in serving, he received no response.

Faculty Council Committee Appointments: Mike reported that replacements are being sought for the Campus Facilities, Safety and Security (SFSS) and Student Affairs and Learning Resources Committees. Mike Woods will replace Bob Wettemann on the Retirement and Fringe Benefits Committee. All others currently serving on these committees have agreed to continue their service. They are as follows:

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| • Academic Standards and Policies | Kathryn Castle |
| • Athletics | Doug Aichele |
| • Budget | Andrea Arquitt |
| • Diversity | Mimi Ward |
| • Faculty | Barbara Miller |
| • Long Range Planning and Information Technology | John Kirkpatrick |
| • Research | Ken Bartels |

Committees and Interest Groups: All positions are filled, with the exception of someone to handle the website.

Directory: Mike announced that he and Sofia, with assistance from Zane, will produce the 2022 edition.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Kent questioned whether Emeriti Association members might have an interest in serving as mentors in connection with the Leadership Program established by President

Hargis. Mike expressed interest, but suggested waiting until a document outlining responsibilities becomes available. Barbara indicated that the Women's Faculty Council might also be interested in participating.

Glade announced that the Technology Interest Group would meet on January 11 at Legacy Village. They will continue to meet the second Tuesday of the month through May.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. This being Mike's final meeting as president, Council members expressed gratitude for his service as president. Tana was also thanked for her service to the organization as she ends her term.

Submitted by Kay W. Keys, Secretary

Report of November 9, 2021, Faculty Council Meeting, submitted by Barbara Miller:

Dr. Randy Kluver, who is in charge for OSU with other Church Groups for Afghan refugee rescue, reported that 124,000 were evacuated in the two weeks following the U.S. evacuation of Afghanistan, many to military bases. About 37,000 were evacuated to the U.S. Oklahoma received about 1800, which is the third largest in the U.S. There are 40 families now in Stillwater. Due to COVID there were vacancies in Student housing, and about 25 families went into this housing, with about 15 families going to private housing. The plan is to keep families here, giving necessities and training, to enable them to relocate by March or April, most likely to form businesses and prosper. About 50 percent are under 18 years of age. We will have about 100-150 children who will be given ESL classes.... They can use OSU Buses, and are being provided with medical and COVID care already. About 60 percent speak Dari, which is close to Farsi, and 40 percent speak Pasha (sic) which is close to Hindi. OSU has speakers of Farsi and Hindi to help communicate with the refugees.

Dr. Rita Peaser, registrar, reported they are working with the Pandemic Planning task force, and delayed spring 2022 enrolment to allow departments time to work with faculty concerns. 90 percent of classes stayed in person, 2,538. There were 100 hybrid classes, and 95 online But most are traditional or hybrid..

President Schrum reported that Homecoming had a good turnout.

Infrastructure funds from the recently passed federal legislation will mostly be one-time projects, and OSU will bundle projects for best success with our state legislature. There will be a strategy planning meeting about these projects the second week in December. She announced that STEM education will be important in this funding. Allison Johnson, new chancellor for Higher Ed, was looking at our campus and how we compare with other schools. Proposals for funding after this year will depend on ARPA infrastructure payments. The funding formula has been frozen since the 90s and is being looked at. Meanwhile there will be a median 3 percent raise this year for faculty and staff.

She also noted that COVID numbers continue to improve. The case number is still below five percent, and only 5-6 people are in quarantine. The federal mandate for requiring all in businesses be vaccinated has a deadline of Jan.4. Oklahoma has joined the lawsuit against this requirement, so it remains to be seen how it will effect OSU.

There was a task Force report from the Pandemic Task force. Mindy McCain and Steve Clark reported that things look very good so far for spring semester. They are looking at COVID in relation to Tenure process with such items as student review of teaching, They are stressing that we are coming into a new use of technology, with COVID response providing the impetus. They are looking into disparities of effects of the virus on various Faculty groups.

The Board of Regents approved the Juneteenth Holiday to be added to the OSU schedule,

Acting Provost Mendez reported that there will be a detailed report on the Faculty Survey on Covid at the December Convocation.

The Graduate College approved several changes by various graduate programs in requirements for admission. See faculty Council official minutes on their web page for specifics.