

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022

1:30 Zoom

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

Council Members Present: Rick Beier, Gary Sherrer, Francis Epplin, Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Mike Woods

Committee Chairs Present: None

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Note: Past-president Mike Lorenz prepared for and presided at the meeting as Kent was scheduled to be out of town. At the last minute, Kent's plans changed, allowing him to be present after all.

Minutes: It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Barbara) that the minutes of the January 31 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The new treasurer, Ron Miller, was unable to present a complete report as the Foundation is changing systems and has not yet provided him the January information. He stated that Ron Elliot had carried out the plan voted on at the last meeting. That is, \$5000 of the \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit has been transferred to the scholarship endowment fund and the other \$5000 has been added to the Money Market account. It was moved (Carolyn) and seconded that the 2022 budget, created by Ron Elliot, be approved. The motion passed. Mike Lorenz reminded the group that he had sent out the combined 2020/2021 financial review, which shows all accounts in good order.

Programs: Priscilla reminded the group that Steve Dobbs and Mike Boynton would be presenting at the March and April dinner meetings and that she was still working on the May meeting. Mike Lorenz suggested that she check with the vice-president for research and graduate education.

Committee Reports

Membership: Mike L. reported that the solicitation letters were being mailed on February 28 or March 1. He reported that, to date, 46 of 94 renewals had been received. Bob Graalman and the Hardins (Tim and Amy) are new members.

Retirement and Fringe Benefits: Mike Woods reported that the committee had met on February 10, with Sarah Hall serving as chair. They continue to consider the idea of a panel presentation to help inform retiring faculty and staff. If such a panel is implemented, the Emeriti Council would have representation.

Directory: Sofia reported that she is running a bit behind due to weather and school closings. She hopes to have the Directory ready by the middle of March. Kent, Mike Lorenz, and Zane will give final approval.

Faculty Council: Barbara's complete report is provided below.

Hargis Leadership Initiative: Kent announced that an email regarding the initiative had been sent to the entire membership. Those interested are asked to sign up at [emeriti@okstate.edu--email](mailto:emeriti@okstate.edu).

Old Business: In response to Gerald's question, Mike stated that membership cards are available at registration desk on Monday evening.

New Business: Ron Miller will need help collecting money at the Monday night dinners. He will ask Ron Elliot to assist.

The next meeting will be March 28 at 1:30. The next dinner will be April 4.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:04.

Submitted by Kay W. Keys, Secretary

Report of Faculty Council Meeting, February 8, 2022

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Brandy Hancock reported from Legal on Federal Vaccine Mandates: there are three:

OSHA covers businesses with over 100 employees, does not include OSU or state institutions.

CMS covers health care workers.

Federal Property and Administration Act – covers federal contractors. A nationwide injunction has been issued to determine whether the Federal Government can rule the States on this matter of requiring vaccine in offices. This will not be heard until April so too late for OSU this semester.

Matt Upson from the Library discussed recent policies and contracts covering Library access to most (online) journal content. He also encouraged faculty to turn in their research papers to the library *Share OK* database. His power point will be available on the Faculty Council website.

President Shrumm; They have opened the search for Provost, and have co-chairs for the Search Committee, which will have around 20 members. The committee will seek nominations and refer

three top candidates from the search committee, with hopefully an appointment by August of this year.

The President was in the gallery with the House Speaker for the State of the State speech by the governor. She indicated that there is opposition for targeted increases in the budget as the State wants more rainy day funds.

Acting Provost Mendez: One Faculty Council Recommendation has been approved: A modification of care and use of animals in research, testing, and teaching.

A proposed revision to the *Preface and Body of the statement governing appointments, tenure, promotions and related matters* needs only approval of the Board of Regents.

A committee is formed to study and make recommendations on general ed requirements, and an equity group is studying the impact of COVID on RPT scheduling and procedures.

VP Stevens reported a surge in covid cases with the omicron virus. However hospital cases are down by half.

VP Hallenbeck reported on food insecurity : Pete's Pantry has reopened in Student Union Basement, and the University will put several micro pantries around campus. They are working with Daily Bread to stock the Pete's Pantry, so those wishing to donate should consult Daily Bread. **Joe Weaver** added that donating \$2-3 actually gets over \$100 of food, so cash donations are most welcome.

Ken Sewall gave a preliminary update on the Carney Classification System of university research activities and said OSU is ranked in the highest research activity level, "Old R1".

Liaison Reports: **Women's Faculty Council** is currently seeking applications for their research awards, for graduate students and undergrads. They are also looking for faculty to read applications. This is open to emeriti also if anyone is interested. Sign up on the website.

Graduate Council Non- resident tuition award: this has been created with nine programs as a pilot program to increase enrollment.

There is now an application fee waiver for military personnel, including veterans, active duty, National Guard, and Army Reserves.

The Council has voted on a two week period for students to respond to an assistantship offer, unless there are less than two weeks before the start of term.

Faculty Committee Recommendation: Matt Lovern reported an update of faculty travel policy, which has been vetted by the Research Committee, and the Long-Range planning and IT Committees. Faculty Committee reviewed the final version and with minor corrections submits

this version to Faculty Council . The policy changes reflect increased language in regard to cyber security.

Academic Standards and Policies Committee: Recommendation in regard to annual FERPA policies, to use an option in FERPA to disclose education records to another school where the student is already enrolled.