

## OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022

1:30 Emeriti Suite

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Kent Sampson, Gary Sherrer, Priscilla Gerfen, Kay Keys, Ron Miller

**Council Members Present:** Francis Eplin, Cara Beer, Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Mike Woods

**Committee Chairs Present:** None

**Emeriti Support Present:** Sofia Gustafson

**Minutes:** It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Barbara) that the minutes of the March 28 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron was happy to report that he had finally been given access to the Foundation accounts. Following the presentation of his report, it was moved (Priscilla) and seconded (Carolyn) that it be received. The motion carried.

**Councilor Appointment:** Kent announced that Cara Beer had agreed to fill Gary Sherrer's councilor seat for the remainder of the year as Gary assumes the position of president-elect. The Council approved the appointment and welcomed Cara to the group.

### Reports:

**Past President:** In Mike's absence, Kent announced that Barbara Tessman had joined the Emeriti Association as a life member.

**President-Elect:** As this is his first meeting as president-elect, Gary had no report.

**Vice-president for Activities:** Priscilla informed the group that Coach Boynton would not be available for the June meeting. She will continue to work with the Athletic Department to find a date for him to speak. Meanwhile, she is working to secure Coach Larry Sanchez to speak at the June dinner.

**Emeriti/OLLI Dinner:** Sofia stated that, to date, 81 individuals had reserved for the June dinner. Kent reported that he had invited Josh Taylor to make a brief presentation about the undergraduate mentoring program at the upcoming meeting since he was unavailable for the April meeting.

**Faculty Council:** Barbara's complete report appears below.

**Directory:** The directory has been mailed. Kent expressed gratitude to Mike Lorenz, Zane, and Sofia for their work on this project.

**Standing Committees:** Kent asked if the group should take a look at the standing committees to consider the possibility that some are no longer needed. No decisions were made.

**Unfinished Business:** Although Clem was unable to attend the meeting, Kent distributed information that Clem had provided regarding catering costs. Following discussion, the group decided to postpone a decision until the May 23 meeting, when Clem could be present.

**New Business:** There was no new business; however, Gary informed the group of his April 12 trip to Washington, D.C., as a participant in the Oklahoma Warriors Honor Flight. Those included on the flight were veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the war in Vietnam.

**Announcements:**

- The upcoming joint dinner with OLLI will be held at Legacy Village on May 2.
- The next Council meeting will be take place at 1:30 on May 23 in the Alumni Center.
- Informal summer gatherings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on July 11 and August 8 at the Hideaway.
- Volunteer opportunities include the May 7 Commencement and the May 11-13 Special Olympics State Summer Games. Those interested in the latter may sign up on site or call 1 800 722-9004 to volunteer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Submitted by Kay W. Keys, Secretary



**March 8, 2022 Faculty Council Meeting**

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Christie Hawkins reported on **Stillwater Faculty Demographics:** Overall OSU Stillwater faculty are 58 % male, 42% female. 43% of faculty are tenured. 64% of all faculty are tenure track.

But, only 30 of women faculty are tenure track, while 70% of male faculty are tenure track. Compared to other colleges across the country we have about 1.2% fewer men, and 1.2% more women in the total faculty population. We have 1.4% fewer white faculty, and 1.4% more minorities.

Matt Upson and Kathy Essmiller reported from the library with an update on **open educational resources**: The use of these resources has increased among students. And Faculty are becoming more aware of them. In 2019, before covid, 195 sections at OSU used these items, with no cost for students. The use of open access materials can now be added to course descriptions, to help students save money. More information about this available on the library website.

Aaron Smith reported from IT on **increased cyber attacks** on campus and encouraged all faculty to report any unusual emails, etc.

Dr. Robinson, Chief Public Safety Officer, reported an **update on guns on campus**: Pre 1995 no guns except for police were allowed in OK. In 1995 licenses were required for guns. In 2019 the state said no license required. Now anyone besides police carrying a gun must have written permission from the OSU President. He proposed voting to update the Faculty Council recommendation on this. The motion passed.

**President Shrumm** noted that only three new cases of Covid were reported the first week of March. There are 15 positive cases on campus at this time.

She reported that the committee is working on the Provost Search, and they have several nominations.

**Interim Provost report**: no action on current faculty council recommendations

NO VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

**A Faculty Council Chair report** has been added to this and future agendas: She reminded everyone that Faculty Council elections are coming up after Spring break, and there are still openings for some colleges.

She also mentioned that many offices on campus have been reaching out to Ukrainian and Russian Faculty, and the seven Russian students on campus.

Meeting adjourned. The faculty council resolution about Guns on campus is available on the Faculty Council web Page.

