

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22, 2023

1:30 Emeriti Suite

Executive Committee Members Present: Gary Sherrer, Mike Woods, Priscilla Gerfen, Kay Keys

Council Members Present: Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Carol Schmitz, Gary Clark, Bob LeValley

Committee Chairs Present: None

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Gary.

Minutes: It was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Carol) that the minutes of the April 24 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Although Ron was unavailable for the meeting, he provided copies of his report. Following a brief discussion, it was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Carolyn) that the report be received. The motion passed.

Past President's Report: Kent was not in attendance; therefore, there was no report.

Vice-president for Activities: Priscilla confirmed that Lou Anella would be the speaker for the June 5 dinner.

Administrative Assistant Report: Sofia reported that she would soon be sending announcements of the June 5 dinner. Additionally, she stated that no new memberships had been received.

Membership Report: Mike was unavailable. See Sofia's comment above.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Council: Barbara's complete report appears following these minutes.

Other Business:

Emeriti Policy Discussion: Due to a back injury Kent was unable to attend the meeting. Following discussion, it was decided that 1.) councilors should send Kent their thoughts regarding possible policy changes and 2.) the executive group should then bring recommendations to the group.

35th Anniversary Committee: Representing the 35th Anniversary Committee, Kay presented the proposed budget. The initial budget of \$3,260 was based on 100 participants; however, the group felt that it should be increased to allow for the possibility of 120 attendees. The amended budget is as follows:

• Meet and Greet	150
• Plated meal (3600 -1800 paid by attendees)	1800
• Table decorations (15 tables of 8)	250
• Background music during meal	100
• Champagne toast	250
• <u>Jazz Band</u>	<u>700</u>
• Total	\$3250
• <u>Contingency</u>	<u>325</u>
• Total	\$3575

It was moved (Gary Clark) and seconded (Mike Woods) that up to \$3600 be made available for the celebration. The motion passed. Ron and Gary will check to determine if Foundation funds, rather than checking account monies, can be used.

Alumni Center: Gary announced that the area including the Emeriti Office would be undergoing a renovation. The process will begin June 1.

Adjournment: It was moved (Gerald) and seconded (Ray) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Announcements:

- The next dinner will be held at 6:00 on June 5.
- Councilors should keep June 26 open in case there is a need to meet regarding policy changes. Otherwise, the group will not meet again until August.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay W. Keys, Secretary

May 9, 2023, Faculty Council Report

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Special reports – Lance Walker, from Human Performance and Nutrition Institute – (HPNRI) held an institute in late April. He reported Oklahoma is in top 10 in Obesity of the 50 states, and bottom 5 per cent in physical activity. One in three Oklahomans are pre-diabetic! Research is

centering on various approaches to eradicating disease, and one way is increasing Human performance capability. They plan to look at optimum performance in people of various ability levels and determine how to translate this to help Oklahomans and others increase their levels to optimum levels. This will be transdisciplinary work, not multidisciplinary, meaning working across all fields, and all sciences and transcending the boundaries of the sciences into a humanities approach for putting findings to work.

Lawrence Walker – Faculty and Staff Community Special Committee. The group sent out a survey, asking two questions: What should be added to the community to increase quality of life, and what quality of Life elements would attract Faculty and Students? They included Stillwater Council members and the Chamber of Commerce President as well as faculty, students and staff. They wanted to know which areas needed growth and what are the most used resources. In area for growth, More Variety in Dining topped the list! Also mentioned were a dedicated space for young professionals, and more bike paths. The answers also pointed out that many go to Tulsa or OK City for Cultural and Dining activities, and we need more here to keep people in Stillwater. Respondents also asked for an increase in existing resources, such as child care.

Brandt Gardner – General Education Advisory Council (GEAC). They proposed several changes in Syllabi, such as mentioning the length of various writing assignments.

Kyle Wray for Pres. Shrumm (note: she has missed multiple council meetings this year). THE “INTO THE STREETS” program went very well, with students performing yard work, etc., for seniors who could no longer do these tasks.

VP Joe Weaver – reported that the OSU system is now the largest in the state, and in the best Financial shape. They have an AA credit rating, the best in the state, and this is based on graduation and retention, and trying to keep tuition down.

The Buffalo Bills football player, an OSU alum, who saved the life of another player on the field, will be the commencement speaker this year.

Provost Report: the last two items to be approved by the Univ administration are at the final level, regents Approval, and we will start next fall with a blank slate! This includes the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Human Resources – Message to all, if you are asked by social media for comments on University matters which are not in your area of expertise please let OSU Branding Management know about this before you respond.

VP Kyle Wray- The new electronic management system has rolled out, which will allow routing of research proposals, etc. There will be a data use and management survey soon.

There will be an undergrad research symposium on August 2, and in the fall there will be a Nublach scholars day with presentations.

Council President Ki Cole: Looking for ways to elevate Faculty Council. Faculty Committee may get the assignment to investigate turning the Council into a Faculty Senate.

Graduate Council - Rebecca Sheehan – Cleared up confusion about English requirements for foreign students. The Graduate College requirements for admission and employment are the same. International applicants are expected to submit evidence of English Proficiency in the form of official scores of English as a foreign Language (TOEFEL), International English language testing system (IELTS), or PTE Academic examinations. Exceptions may be made if candidate has completed a Baccalaureate or Masters degree from an accredited institution of higher learning at which English is the primary language of instruction, located in a country in which English is a recognized primary language. Individual graduate programs may have higher requirements.

Several changes were made to publication requirements for degrees, advisors on dissertation committees, graduate college reps on committees. See minutes of faculty council for specifics.

New Business: New members of council were welcomed and certificates were awarded to retiring members.
