

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2026

Meeting held via Zoom due to weather and campus closure

President Joyce Sherrer called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Members in attendance: Joyce Sherrer, Carolyn Gang, Gary Clark, Gladeen Allred, Bob Graalman, Liz Tarbutton, Mike Lorenz, John Mintmire, Sue Williams, Gerald Stangl

Minutes of the prior meeting were unavailable.

President's Report (Joyce): Patricia, the group's administrative assistant, has accepted another position. Gary Clark and Mike Lorenz have been working on the Monday night dinner communications, reservation and names tags. Many thanks to them. There have been challenges with the Emeriti office computer and printer. We will likely need to address that situation in the future. Zane, our webmaster, has been working to convert the Emeriti website to the new version approved by OSU Brand Management. The conversion is necessary to make the site ADA assessable.

President Elect's Report (Gary): Gary has been sending out the newsletter and communications regarding the Monday night dinner. This is due to the Administrative Assistant vacancy.

Treasurer's Report (Liz): Liz presented the financial report for December 31, 2025. At the next meeting, we will need to decide on the reinvestment of approximately \$9800 in certificates of deposit that mature in March.

Faculty Council Budget Meeting report: the committee is preparing an extensive analysis of funds needed to bring OSU faculty salaries to the Big XII average by department / rank. The group hopes for support from the larger Faculty Council to present findings and recommendations to President Hess for consideration.

Vice President for Activities Report (Gladeen): Former President Burns Hargis will be starting his book signing at 5:00 on Monday. We will have several guests including Gary Shutt, Bob Burke and Oklahoma Supreme Court Vice-Chief Justice Dana Kuehn.

Past President's Report: No report

Monday Night Dinner Update: Eskimo Joe's will be catering and the entrée will be pork sandwiches. We expect 89 attendees. Cara has arrangements for all dinners though the

summer finalized. She has asked that we have a replacement for her role in place beginning September.

Membership Report (Mike): Mike will send a revised year-end report soon. He will have a list of people who need to pay their annual dues at the dinner on Monday. Trying to get a list of new retirees so we can send them information about the Association. Gary Clark can help with emails to those people.

Unfinished Business: Joyce suggested that we defer a discussion about dinner price increases until next month.

New Business: none

Announcements: Sue Williams discussed the procedure for nominations to the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society. Applications are due March 26th. Sue can help review that application packet but cannot prepare it or write letters of recommendation. Mike Lorenz said that he can also assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02.