Pam Lovern called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bach, Cole, Conway, Curry, Dimotakis, Dunn, Fathepure, Finchum, Gardner, Lewis, R. for Hall, Hiney, Jaroni, Khojasteh, Krishnan, Liu, M. Lovern, Deng, S. for Ma, Melancon, Nelson, Neurohr, Noden, Parveen, Peek, Perkins, Shan, Smith and Stansberry.

Also present: Chen, K., DeSilva, U., Eck, T., Edwards, J., Essmiller, K., Francisco, C., Grover, A., Hallenbeck, D., Huang, J., Kirksey, J., Knapp, J., Krutz, G., Mendez, J., Miller, B., Ormsbee, C., Peaster, R., Reiter, H., Roberts, M., Ruby, M., Sheehan, R, Shrum, K., Sewell, K., Stephens, J., Underwood, D., Vasquez, Y., Weaver, D., Weaver, J., Weiberg, C., Witte, S. and Wray, K.

Absent: Pranger, Reichard and Slevitch.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Special Reports:

Dr. Dawn Underwood – University Research Compliance – “Cayuse Grant Routing

and Submission System”……………………………………………………...

Rita Peaster – Registrar – Faculty Self Service ………………………………………

Remarks and Comments – President Shrum………………………..……………………..….

Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations and other Vice Presidents…….…….

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Reports of Standing Committees ………………………………………………….…………..

Academic Standards and Policies ……………………………………….…………….

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Campus Facilities, Safety and Security ………………………………….……………

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Long-Range Planning and Information Technology ………………….………………

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Retirement and Fringe Benefits ……………………………………….………………

Rules and Procedures ………………………………………………….………………

Student Affairs and Learning Resources …………………………….………………..

Pam Lovern announced it was 3:00 and the chair has determined that a quorum is present so the meeting will now come to order. Lovern welcomed everyone to our first in-person Faculty Council meeting since spring of 2020. Lovern stated that we have some Faculty Council and Administration members joining us via Zoom. Lovern sent the roll call around and asked everyone to sign it. Pam Lovern asked those attending via Zoom to make sure your name is displayed correctly on the screen and put their name in the chat so your attendance will be recorded. If you are a proxy for a Faculty Council member Lovern asked for them to put their name and the person they are attending for on the roll sheet. Pam Lovern asked those attending via zoom to stay muted to help with the audio. If a council member or administrator would like to speak please send a message in the chat so can unmute you. If you have any questions please use the chat. Pam Lovern stated that the first item of business on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from May 11, 2021. The minutes were distributed electronically and are available on the Faculty Council website. Pam Lovern asked if there were any corrections. Seeing none, the minutes were approved. Pam Lovern stated the second item of business on the agenda is the approval of the agenda which was also electronically distributed and is available on the Faculty Council website. Pam Lovern asked for corrections to the agenda. If there are no corrections, Pam Lovern asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Pam Lovern stated that it has been moved and second that we adopt the agenda. Pam Lovern called for a vote. Motion passed and the agenda is adopted.

Pam Lovern introduced our first special report, Dr. Dawn Underwood.

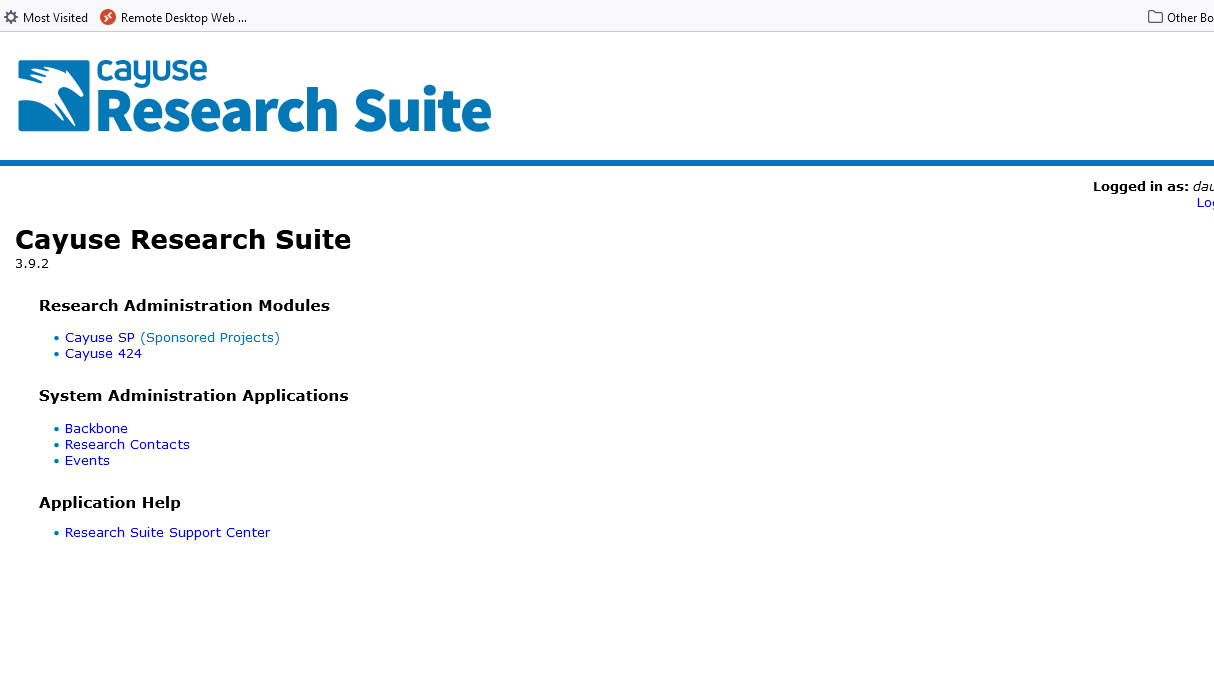
**Special Reports:**

1. **Dr. Dawn Underwood: University Research Compliance, “Cayuse Grant Writing and Submission System”**

Underwood stated that they will be launching a new electronic system for grant routing this fall. It is quite complex because they are trying to launch it over five campuses. The software is called “Cayuse”. Underwood asked if anyone had heard of it or used it at other institutions. Underwood implemented Cayuse at Indiana State University and Chapman University so she has been through this process before but each implementation is very different.

Underwood shared the following information with the council members.

Oklahoma State University will be launching Cayuse SP and 424 soon for routing and approvals of sponsored programs proposals and awards (this includes grants, contracts and cooperative agreements). The plan is to roll out Cayuse first in the College of Arts and Sciences this September, adding the other colleges over the coming months. Cayuse SP manages the routing, approvals and reporting of sponsored programs. The Cayuse 424 module interfaces with Grants.gov to allow proposal submission directly from the Cayuse environment. Cayuse will enable the capture of sponsored programs data for reporting purposes. Although the system will eventually allow some limited reporting of account information, it will NOT REPLACE Banner for financial accounting.



We are currently using Adobe Sign. Adobe Sign is a way to get signatures only. It does not collect the data and put it into a database that we can use for report purposes. Cayuse will also allow us to do compliance and accounting reviews within the system and communicate with each other within the Cayuse system. The Cayuse SP interface will be used for grant writing. The Cayuse 424 is what interfaces with grants.gov.

Lovern asked if there were any questions. Seeing none thanked Dr. Underwood.

**Remarks and Comments – President Shrum**

Lovern introduced OSU’s new President, Kayse Shrum to her first Faculty Council meeting. We are delighted to have her join us today.

Shrum stated she is excited for the new semester and it is a pleasure to be with everyone today for her first Faculty Council meeting as President. Shrum stated that she joined the OSU faculty at the Center for Health Sciences (CHS) in 2002 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. She spent 19 years at CHS before coming to Stillwater to begin her tenure as President of OSU. Shrum spent many years as a faculty member at an administrative/department head level, as a Vice President, Dean then later serving as the President of CHS. Shrum has a great appreciation for shared governance and appreciates the opportunity to have input and share with everyone what’s going on and where we are headed.

Shrum stated there is a lot going on. Covid is top of our mind as we enter into this semester. As a physician and a pediatrician she feels very strongly about vaccinations (that they work) and this should be our primary focus. OSU will be following CDC guidelines but we have to stay in compliance with the state law. The Poke-a-thon campaign encouraging vaccinations will continue. President Shrum’s messages will include comments about masking indoors and getting vaccinated. We will continue to encourage masks and vaccinations. Dr. Johnny Stephens is in attendance today. He is leading the committee that is reviewing our guidelines and standards. We are working with Faculty Council as well as Student Government and Staff Council. We will do as many town halls as we need to to get the word out and keep everyone informed. Information changes on a daily basis. We are watching how things evolve, monitoring data and will make the appropriate changes when necessary. Be kind to one another, show some grace. If we need to change course and make adjustments we will.

Shrum stated that they plan to launch a strategic plan later in the semester. More information to follow. Faculty Council will be engaged in these conversation/discussions. One of the things that has always drawn Shrum to OSU is the Land Grant Mission (teaching, research and service) and Shrum wants to continue to build on the great work that’s been done. Part of her role in this will be to bring in new dollars to support research infrastructure and money for scholarships. They will be focusing on these things as we start to develop our strategic plan. This will then lead to a strategic budget, which will help with targeted fundraising for the strategic plan once it is in place. Research is an important piece of this mission. It has always been important to Shrum. This is a key role of the university going back to our Land Grant Mission about solving societies’ greatest needs and having that public impact. Research is so very important.

Shrum stated that this semester we will begin the search process/timeline for a Provost. Faculty Council will be engaged in this process.

Shrum discussed conference realignment due to the exit of OU and Texas from the Big XII. Shrum stated if all things were equal, it would not matter to her where we play football or where anyone else plays football. Shrum believes that everyone in the room understands the implications of a conference alignment for enrollment, recruitment, funding and brand visibility. Shrum’s comments have been around these areas regarding how things were approached in her opinion outside the bylaws. Shrum stated that OSU is trying to be good partners with the Big XII. Shrum feels OSU has a lot to offer as an Athletic department and University that will allow us to land in a good place. Administration is working closely with Chad Weiberg and believes very strongly that we will end up in a good place. Shrum said what we can anticipate is that it does take time for discussions to happen. Shrum stated that the announcement of OU and Texas leaving did not happen within a week, it was a year-long process with conversations and discussions. Shrum said to not expect any announcements anytime soon. Shrum stated they will keep everyone informed and updated moving forward. Shrum advised everyone to not believe everything being reported in the media.

Shrum opened the floor to questions. Khojasteh asked if there was any guidance or estimation on when a replacement for OSU-Tulsa President Fry will be made/announced. Shrum restated the question which is about a timeline for replacing OSU-Tulsa President Fry. Shrum stated that they are in conversations and looking at the process. An announcement about either the process or an interim will be decided in the next few weeks. Lovern asked for other questions for President Shrum. Seeing none, moved to Provost Mendez.

**Report of Status of Council Recommendations:**

**Interim Provost Mendez and Vice Presidents**

Mendez gave the Council members an update on current recommendations:

21-05-01-ASP: Modify P&P 2—212, Approval of General Education Courses. Pending. Proposed modifications were recommended by the General Education Advisory Council and edited for clarity by FC’s ASP Committee. The revised document was presented for discussion at Instruction Council on 5/20/21 and table for further review.

21-04-01-LRPIT: NEW P&P, Digital Accessibility Policy. Pending. The proposed policy has been reviewed by campus reps (IT, Student Affairs, Legal Counsel, ITLE, Brand Management, etc.) as well as Staff Advisory Council, and was approved by the Council of Deans on 5/13/21. Approval by the Executive Team is pending and once approved the policy will be sent to the OSU/A&M Board of Regents for consideration.

21-04-01-ASP: Modify P&P 2-0701, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. Pending. Proposed clarification is recommended by OSU Board Legal Counsel and has been reviewed and approved by the Directors of Students Academic Services on 2/17/2021, by Instruction Council in 2/18/21, and by the Council of Deans on 5/13/21. Approval by the Executive Team is pending.

21-03-01-ASP/ Modify P&P 2-0217, Attendance Policy for Students. Pending. Proposed

21-02-01-ATH: revisions have been reviewed by the Office of Transfer and Veteran Student Support Services. Additionally, proposed revisions from both recommendations have been incorporated into one document that was approved on 4/15/2021 by Instruction Council and by the Council of Deans on 5/13/21. Approval by the Executive Team is pending.

21-02-01-FAC: Modify P&P 2-0109, Cumulative Review of Tenured Faculty. Pending. Proposed revisions were discussed with the Council of Deans during their April meeting and a decision tabled until a working group of Deans and Faculty Council representatives met to discuss the policy in more detail. The Council of Deans discussed the policy at their 5/13/21 meeting and approved the revisions by an email vote on 5/19/21. Approval by the Executive Team is pending.

21-02-01-RES: Modify P&P 1-0505, The Care and Use of Animals in Research, Testing and Teaching. Pending. Revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Research and by the Council of Deans on 3/11/2021. The draft has been approved by the OSU-OKC campus reps and has been shared with the OSU Board Legal Counsel for review prior to Executive Team for final approval.

18-05-02-FAC: Proposed changes to the Preface and Body of the “Policy Statement to

Govern Appointments, Tenure, Promotions, and Related Matters of the Faculty of OSU”. Pending. Proposed policy modifications are under review by the OSU Board of Regents Legal Counsel, along with potential modifications to existing P&P documents affected by the proposed changes. If needed, a working group of Faculty Council and Council of Deans representatives will be formed before the final draft is reviewed by the Council of Deans and the OSU/A&M Board of Regents.

Mendez stated that most of the recommendations are working their way through the system. Mendez expanded on the “Approval of General Education Courses” putting on a “D” and an “I” designation representative. This did go to Instruction and Deans Council. It was not passed in its entirety. They did add the “D” and “I” designation which did pass through both Councils as recommended by Faculty Council but the recommendation had added a stand-alone “A” Analytic which was not approved. Mendez stated that they will not go back to the drawing board but we will get a group together to further discuss this portion. Further revisions will be taken back to Faculty Council at some point this year. The next five are all policies waiting on approval from Executive Team. They will then be sent to the Board of Regents. Once this vote is in, they will be off the list.

Mendez stated that an email was sent out about a week/week and a half ago about House Bill 1775. Information about this house bill has been added to our ITLE weekly Tuesday tips that are sent out. There is good resources and information available on these tips. Mendez stated they worked with Legal Counsel on the statement that was sent and on the resources that have been provided. They have read the legislation. Mendez stated that there is no change that administration is asking of faculty at this time. They did remove the mandatory bias training for faculty/students and staff that OSU was doing. Other than this there are not other changes for curriculum or “D” designated courses. We will continue to monitor but there are no recommendations at this time.

Mendez announced the Fall General Faculty meeting will be Tuesday, September 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the McKnight Center. The special guest speaker will be President Shrum. We are discussing a small reception following the gathering.

Mendez gave the following Covid update which is on the faculty and classroom side. Guidance has been sent out to faculty last week. Communications will continue. Administration is working closely with OSU Communications regarding messages that are going out to the community. On the faculty side of things we are continuing to encourage faculty contact EOO (Equal Opportunity Office) if there are any accommodations that are being requested. Mendez stated they have asked faculty to keep seating charts. This is our primary source for contact tracing if there are any positive cases in your classroom. We did this last year. Guidance has been sent out on how to do this in Canvas. It’s not the quickest but it is very effective. Administration is continuing to encourage masks. A syllabus statement was sent out. More guidance will be coming out today from OSU Communications which will include signage that departments can use about encouraging masks. Academic Affairs will be launching a mask incentive program next week. More information will be out later this week. Academic Affairs will be randomly selecting classes to go into and handing out gift cards to random students that are wearing masks in classes. This is another step to take in terms of supporting and encouraging students to wear masks. Quarantine information for faculty members will also be in this email - what you need to do if you are exposed, what your students will need to do, etc. We are still using all the CARES team approaches that we did last year. When a student of yours contacts you, we will have an email on how to report the information to UHS (University Health Services). Any information reported to UHS will be sent to the faculty. How to handle it, who to loop in, etc. This has all been sent and is being sent today.

**Other Vice Presidents:**

**Johnny Stephens – Interim President at OSU Center for Health Sciences and Senior VP for**

**Health Affairs at the OSU Stillwater Campus**

Stephens has been at OSU for over 20 years in Tulsa. Stephens wanted to discuss the Covid committees at OSU. There are several committees. Stephens brought several resources with him from Tulsa to sit on the committee(s). They have been meeting for the past 3-4 weeks having intense conversations. They meet every Tuesday. The committee consists of physicians, staff members in Tulsa as well as the committee located in Stillwater. Stephens stated that there are lessons learned from last year - this is what we did, this is what worked and how can we improve on it. Stephens stated that they are intent on getting communication out to all campuses the fastest, most efficient way possible.

**Doug Hallenbeck – VP Student Affairs**

Hallenbeck stated that we are extraordinary thankful and grateful for Dr. Stephens and Dr. Shrum’s leadership on this iteration of our Covid plan. Dr. Mendez mentioned the CARE team approach for students to report through UHS. If they report to faculty, they are sent to UHS. Hallenbeck stated that so far we have had 68 students who have indicated that they are either positive or exposed to Covid. 61 of these are positive while 7 are exposed. Of these, we have six students that are in our quarantine housing on campus. We have about 50 beds. Hallenbeck stated we can expand this number if we need to but for now we are in good shape. Hallenbeck stated that of the 68, 29 are freshman, 12 are sophomores, 11 juniors, 13 seniors and 3 grad students.

Poke-a-thon – Hallenbeck stated that we are up and running and it’s going very well. Students seem to be excited about it. 20-50 students are walking over to the health center everyday to get vaccinated. Hallenbeck stated that they did a pop-up clinic at the Union yesterday did another one today and they will be one at Lights on Stillwater tomorrow. Path of least resistance for the students. Put it in their way, remind them of the importance and things should continue to go well. Hallenbeck stated there was a new article that OU was charging for Covid tests, OSU is not doing this. Our Covid testing will be free. Hallenbeck stated that they are doing a lot of tests each day. These numbers have been picking up.

A Mask Up Campaign is starting again. An announcement went out today encouraging students to wear masks. This includes faculty and staff.

Hallenbeck stated that mental health issues once again are an issue. We still have all the trainings we had last year. If you need help, reach out to his office and they will help get you pointed in the right direction. Hallenbeck stated that a number of our veteran and international students are really struggling right now. If you see or hear anything, please refer them to Student Affairs and we’ll take care of them the best we can.

Miller asked if they were going to be able to give vaccine booster shots if they get approved. Hallenbeck stated they will work with the county and state once it’s approved. Nelson asked for the best way to direct students to get help. Hallenbeck stated the best way if it’s an emergency is to dial 911, if a non-emergency fill out the CARE report. His office will take it from there.

**Ken Sewell – VP Research**

Sewell is excited for the new era we are in. The enthusiasm, knowledge and energy that President Shrum has for the research component of OSU’s mission and how integral it is to the entire mission.

As we come through this crazy time which we are not out of yet, Sewell is impressed with the continued activity of faculty at all levels of the research enterprise. It has been truly amazing to see how we have come through this as a whole and on average in incredible fashion from a research perspective. We also acknowledge that at least in some particular areas there have been people who have been thrown off and/or held back due to some restrictions due to the pandemic. The Provost’s office has done a wonderful job working with the deans on the Promotion and Tenure process and having allowances on timelines. Sewell feels it’s important if you can, to help those who have been set back in their research endeavors and programs accelerate and attempt to get back on track if possible. Some of this won’t be possible. Sewell said they announced a one-time grant program Research Jumpstart Accelerator Grants (RJAG). Sewell stated the deadline for these grants is September 15th. He wants people to take advantage of this opportunity. If there are ways to help accelerate to get faculty back on track they would like to help.

Sewell stated that part of the research enterprise that some are engaged with while others do not have a reason to be as engaged in is on the technology development innovation, commercialization connectivity with the corporate world through technology innovations. We have a technology development center as part of the OSU Research Foundation. We have been able to support condition, disclosures and patenting. Zach Miles is the Senior Associate VP for Technology and Economic Development. We have reorganized everything under the OSU Research Foundation to try to be a more one-stop shop for things related to technology development, innovation and engagement with the corporate side of our impact for Oklahoma. We will be rebranding this in addition to the reorganization that has happened. We are rolling out the rebrand – Cowboy Innovations – is under one shop – Cowboy Technologies, which is an investment component and the Technology Development Center has been restructured under Cowboy Innovations. We will have an open house on September 17th from 3:30-5:30. One of our partners is providing some refreshments. It will be held at the Mike Morgan Building at the Research and Technology Park. We will be rolling this out, having a little bit deeper dive discussion of what this new structure can mean and we look forward to making sure we engage the entirety of the research enterprise in service of benefiting our state, state economy and our community.

**Karen Chen – Interim VP Enrollment & Brand Management**

Chen provided the following enrollment updates to the council members. Chen is happy to report that we should have the second largest class in OSU history. This is remarkable. Chen also stated that we should be seeing our largest transfer class in the last five years as well. There were a lot of people involved to make this happen. Chen thanked everyone for all their help.

Fall 2022 - Chen stated that applications for current high school seniors opened July 1. As of right now, we are up over 10%. We are going into the new year strong.

Enrollment – based on our projections they look very positive. We still have a lot of work ahead of us regarding enrollment rates. High school graduation rates and how many of these high school graduates will be going college and from this number how many will go to a four-year college. In the next 3-6 years there will be an ebb and flow of high school graduation rates. To be proactive we are putting together strategies and plans not only on the enrollment side but also working with Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to try help navigate these challenges.

1. **Rita Peaster – Registrar, Faculty Self Service**

Peaster presented the following PowerPoint to the council members:



Peaster opened the floor for questions. Seeing none, Lovern moved to the next agenda item.

Since those on zoom are having a hard time hearing, Lovern asked the Liaison representatives to step up to the podium when giving any updates to the reports that were included in the agenda.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

1. **AAUP: Barry Lavine**

The Oklahoma State University (OSU) local Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has been involved in a number of projects with other local sections in our state to share knowledge and experience about best practices during the current pandemic. Challenges that confront faculty in this environment are currently being discussed with an eye on the future. The OSU local chapter continues its commitment to the principles of academic freedom as outlined by the AAUP and believes that these principles can contribute to the continued revitalization of OSU once this pandemic has passed. The major concern of our local chapter continues to be the safety and well-being of OSU faculty as they perform their teaching. The AAUP is the national professional organization for individuals involved in teaching at the college level and that anyone with teaching responsibilities is eligible to join. If there are any questions about the AAUP and the local chapter, please contact Barry K. Lavine (barry.lavine@okstate.edu) in the Department of Chemistry.

1. **Emeriti Association: Barbara Miller**

The Emeriti Council held its first meeting of the fall on August 11, 2021.  The Board discussed whether or not to begin holding our monthly dinners with a September 20 dinner. Many were concerned about holding a buffet-style dinner and still keep with Covid safety considerations, in light of the recent surge of cases in Oklahoma.   At present the board is in a wait-and- see mode.

There was discussion on the location of the annual holiday dinner, formerly held at Meditations in December.  There were several suggestions and the board will further review this location.

The earlier fall dinners will continue to be held at the Alumni center.

The Board is also considering whether to discontinue some interest groups which have had small attendance in the past.  We plan to send out a survey to members with an eye to reducing those with small attendance. The tours and travel programs will continue as these have remained popular in the past.

There are several vacancies in Board positions and these vacancies will be recruited.  These include future executive board members as well as Committee chairs.

The Board welcomed a new liaison from OLLI.  WE want to increase communication with OLLI to keep information flowing about various speakers to avoid duplication between the groups.

OLLI has asked me to inform the Faculty Council that their fall semester will include both in -person and Zoom classes, with some that are hybrids.  There will also be some classes initiating on Zoom from other OLLI groups outside Stillwater. The semester will begin the week of September 20 and the new schedule should appear on their web page in late August. If any Faculty Council members know recently retired faculty or staff, please suggest OLLI to them.

1. **GPSGA: Marcia Sun/Megan Ruby**

**General Assembly Meeting**

The GPSGA General Assembly Meetings for Fall 2021 are scheduled to be held at 5:30pm CDT, in the following rooms. A meeting link will be provided closer to the date, to attend the meeting online:

August 25, 2021-Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), Room 035.

September 22, 2021- Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), Room 035.

October 20, 2021-Agriculture Hall (AGH), room 101.

November 17, 2021- Agriculture Hall (AGH), room 101.

**GPSGA Membership Application**

All continuing and new GPSGA Representatives are requested to please fill out the “GPSGA Membership Application-Representative” form that can be accessed through the GPSGA Canvas page under the “Assignment” tab. The form will be available starting August 16, 2021.

**Travel Grants**

Contingent on how much travel is being allowed by Oklahoma State University amidst the challenges of the rapidly spreading Covid variants, OSU GPSGA is continuing to discuss the possibility and the details of travel grants, while staying committed to the health and well-being of our community. We will discuss more on the topic of travel grants at our first General Assembly Meeting on August 25.

**d. Graduate Council – Rebecca Sheehan**

***Application Fee Waivers*.** Dr. Tucker reported the application fee waivers for current OSU students and alums are continuing, with 463 processed in 2020 (Spring, Summer and Fall) for approximately $30,000 total. She reported that the fee waivers requests for International students was almost double that of Domestic students.

***International Student Admissions.*** Duo Lingo that is used for Undergraduate Admissions is not suitable for Graduate Admissions per discussions with the Council of Graduate Schools.

***Matriculation.*** Dr. Van Delinder met with the Late Drop Committee to explain the Graduate College process for the Leave of Absence policy. They have agreed to treat them like the Military Leave of Absence policy which is a proforma process.

***Round Up.*** Dr. Van Delinder met with IT regarding forms in Round Up. All forms will now be available electronically there starting in June 2021. A soft launch will occur in Summer 2021.

***ProQuest.*** There have been no changes ProQuest (Electronic Thesis Provider) due to being sold but there may be a name change in the future.

***Promotion***. Dr. Carol Powers has been named as Assistant Dean for the Graduate College effective May 1, 2021. She was formerly the Coordinator for Professional Development.

***Graduating Seniors Policy.*** Council approved a proposal where undergraduates may enroll only up to 9 hours in graduate courses (instead of the previously allowed 15). Students enrolled in Accelerated Master’s or 4 + 1 programs are not affected.

***APC Items***. The following were approved by Council:

Option Suspension:

-MS in Teaching, Learning & Leadership – suspend Gifted & Talented option

Requirement Change:

-MS in Counseling

-PHD in Educational Psychology – option in Educational Psychology

-Graduate Certificate in Workforce & Adult Education

-MS in Human Development & Family Science – option name change from Gerontology to -Aging Sciences, updated curriculum for all options

-PhD in Nutritional Sciences

New Degree Programs:

-Graduate Certificate in Merchandising

-Graduate Certificate in Learning and Motivation

***Endorsement of “Faculty Council Thanks Administration for COVID Effort” Resolution.*** Graduate Council voted to endorse the Faculty Council’s May 2021 resolution which thanked the OSU Administration’s efforts to address the pandemic challenges.

1. **Wellness: Kim Beard**



1. **SGA – Jack Edwards**

New executive team introductions

President: Jack A. Edwards

Vice President: Alex Bias

Senate Chair: Nathan Dethloff

Secretary: Emily Garrett

Major upcoming events

Lights on Stillwater, Wednesday August 18th, 2021

Legislative updates

SGA Senate meetings begin, Wednesday August 25th, 2021

Senate will appoint a new Faculty Council Liaison when in

session

1. **Staff Advisory Council – Melanie Bayles**

Staff Advisory Council has resumed in person meetings. Everyone is invited to attend and there is a Zoom link available for those who do not want to attend in person. To request the link, please send an email to [staff.advisory.council@okstate.edu](mailto:staff.advisory.council@okstate.edu).

Committee assignments have been made and work is beginning on our plans and goals for the year. New this year is our diversity, equity, and inclusion committee that will interface with other similar groups across campus.

As a reminder – the 2021-2022 SAC Officers are:

* Melanie Bayles – chair
* Kristi Wheeler – vice chair
* Michelle Stewart – secretary
* Tammy Ratcliff – treasurer
* Tashia Cheves – past chair

The SAC STARS award program is off and running! Faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate STAFF members who go above and beyond in doing their work at the university. Nomination forms are available on the SAC website (sac.okstate.edu). Award winners are recognized with a certificate, small gift, and recognition in the SAC newsletter and on SAC social media and website.

1. **Women’s Faculty Council – Aditi Grover**

The OSU Women’s Faculty Council’s new Executive Committee consists of:

Erin Dyke, *College of Education and Human Sciences*, Chair

Laleh Tahsini, *Department of Chemistry*, Vice Chair

Corinne Schwarz, *Department of Sociology*, Secretary

Jennifer Glenn, *School of Industrial Engineering and Management*, Treasurer

Tracy Quan, *Boone Pickens School of Geology,* Immediate Past-Chair

Aditi Grover, *Spears School of Business*, Liaison to the General Faculty Council

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Announcements:

**Updating Best Practices for Caregivers Document**

WFC is in the process of updating document, from last academic year 2020-21, for Best Practices for Supervisors of Faculty, Staff, and Student Caregivers during the pandemic, given the current covid situation.

**WFC’s Plan for 2021-22**

As in the previous years, WFC plans to organize speakers for the monthly meetings, continue to award Faculty, Student Research Awards, and the Ann Ryder and Clara Smith Women’s Faculty Council Leadership Endowed Scholarship through the academic year 2021-22.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Fall 2021 Monthly Meetings**

The WFC monthly meetings will be online for Fall 2021. Fall meeting dates will be announced soon.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

* 1. **Academic Standards and Policies: Brandt Gardner – No Report**
  2. **Athletics: Cindy Melancon – No Report**
  3. **Budget: Tyrrell Conway – No Report**
  4. **Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tieming Liu – No Report**
  5. **Diversity: Divya Jaroni – Update**

Jaroni stated that last semester the committee prepared a Diversity and Inclusion Directory. A link was created and is active.

[Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Directory | Oklahoma State University (okstate.edu)](https://go.okstate.edu/about-osu/leadership/president/diversity-inclusion-task-force/dei-directory.html)

Jaroni also stated that the committee worked on a Land Acknowledge statement from the Native American Faculty and Staff Association. This is to be included on the OSU website. The committee hit a roadblock and we are currently waiting for revisions/modified statement. Once this revision is given to them, they will review it and present it to council in the form of a recommendation.

* 1. **Faculty: Matt Lovern – No Report**
  2. **Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Kris Hiney – No Report**
  3. **Research: Bruce Dunn – No Report**
  4. **Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Sarah Hall – No Report**
  5. **Rules and Procedures: Karen Neurohr – Update**

Neurohr welcomed all the new councilors. We have 14 new councilors this year. The number is a little bit up. This is the first Faculty Council meeting for some of you and we thank you in advance for your service and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

* 1. **Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Toby Nelson – No Report**

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Fall General Faculty Meeting that is set for Tuesday, September 28th at 3:00 in the McKnight Center. President Shrum will be our guest speaker. Lovern asked everyone to put this date on their calendars.

Seeing no additional new business, Lovern asked for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in room 412 Student Union**.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Neurohr, Secretary