FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

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**AGENDA**

1. Roll call
2. Approval of the January 21, 2025 minutes
3. Approval of agenda
4. Special reports

A. Dr. Kenneth Sewell – Funding Freeze Impact

1. President’s report and comments on matters of interest to the Faculty
2. Provost’s report on recommendations made by the Faculty Council and comments on matters of interest to the faculty
3. Vice Presidents’ reports and comments on matters of interest to the faculty
4. Faculty Council Chair’s report
5. Reports of liaison representatives
	1. Emeriti – Tom Royer

Gary Clark has organized a list of speakers for our Monday Night Dinners

March 3: Chancellor Sean Burrage,

Topic of “The Future of Higher Ed in Oklahoma.

April 7: President Emeritus Burns Hargis

 Topic: Reflections of a Former First-time President.

May 5: Professor Kevin Wagner

 Topic: Oklahoma’s Water Future

June 2: Senior Vice Provost Chris Francisco

 Topic: New Directions for General Education at Oklahoma State University

President Gang wants to emphasize to our members to work at obtaining new members for 2025, through word of mouth. Mike Lorenz, Emeriti Councilor, will assist any member with paperwork in the process of initiating new members. A new guest that attends their first Monday night dinner will have the cost absorbed by the Association.

We are happy to welcome Patricia Acurio who will provide clerical support.

* 1. Staff Advisory Council – Sam Morse – No Report
	2. Graduate Council – Veronique Lacombe

*The following Academic Program Committee (APC) items* were reviewed and approved at the November Graduate Faculty Council

*• New Programs:*

*• 1. GCRT in Fashion Design – Digital Product Creation*

*• 2. GCRT in Collaborative Piano*

*• 3. GCRT in Forensic Investigation of Impaired Driving*

*• 4. GCRT in Dyslexia*

*• Program modifications:*

*• 1. Doctorate in Healthcare Administration - DHCA - correct degree sheet error*

*• 2. GCRT in Sport Communication - updated with course additions and deletions*

*• 3. Masters of Engineering (MEN) Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering - remove GRE requirement*

*• 4. Masters of Music (MM) Applied Music - required course updates*

*• 5. Masters in Public Health - MPH - required course updates*

*• 6. MS Animal Science - remove GRE requirement; required course updates*

*• 7. MS Design and Merchandising Interior Design - update program name to better reflect the major*

*• 8. MS Design and Merchandising - Merchandising - new course offerings*

*• 9. MS Integrative Biology - required course updates*

*• 10. MS Microbiology, Cell, and Molecular Biology - required course updates*

*• 11. MS Management Information Systems Big Data Analytics - lower required hours from 33 to 30*

*• 12. MS Management Information Systems Cybersecurity - lower required hours from 33 to 30*

*• 13. MS Management Information Systems Health Analytics - lower required hours from 33 to 30*

*• 14. MS Mass Communications - correct degree sheet; required course updates*

*• 15. MS Plant Biology - add research proposal defense requirement to degree sheet, reflecting what is already done*

*• 16. PhD Curriculum Studies College Curriculum and Teaching - remove GRE requirement*

*• 17. PhD Curriculum Studies Curriculum and Leadership - remove GRE requirement*

*• 18. PhD Curriculum Studies International and Peace Curriculum - remove GRE requirement*

*• 19. PhD Education Literacies and Language Arts Education - update program name to better reflect the major*

*• 20. PhD History - required course updates*

*• 21. PhD Integrative Biology - remove requirement for MS degree prior to pursuing PhD reflecting practice already in place*

*• 22. PhD Microbiology, Cell, and Molecular Biology - reducing required hours for PhD from 90 to 65*

*• 23. PhD Nutritional Sciences - required and electives course updates*

*Enrollment* –Enrollment in Health Sciences is up 34.8 % compared to Spring 2024 at 1,679 students

*Graduate Faculty Status Results –* An email was sent to Department Heads and Staff for “Graduate Faculty Status Management System” with a portal link. The deadline is March 1st.

*Catalog Updates –* The Graduate College is working with the Registrar to compare the Plan of Study with the catalog, as there are discrepancies. The catalog will serve as the ultimate reference.

*Upcoming deadlines*

• Last day to attend the Thesis/Dissertation Format and Graduation Review or watch the online tutorial in GC Round-Up Friday, March 7

• Last day to submit a Graduation Clearance From and a revised Plan of Study (if needed) to the Graduate College Friday, March 14

* 1. Student Government Association – Sam Hiltz

Student government senators will attend the Oklahoma Capitol for Higher Education Day on February 12th and will discuss scholarship opportunities for students and other opportunities for Oklahoma students to receive higher education.

SGA appointed three students to fill the positions of Multicultural Affairs Committee Director, the Director of Accessibility, and the Food Insecurity Director.

AFAP funding for student organizations has closed.

SGA has provided co-sponsorship funds for the following student organizations: Aggie-X, the Hindu Association, Ferguson College of Agriculture Multicultural Program Leaders, Ferguson College of Agriculture Student Council, Cowboy Motorsports, Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Science, and Model United Nations.

* 1. Graduate & Professional Student Government Association – Marcia Sun

**GPSGA Membership Application - Spring 2025**

**All new representatives and liaisons** from graduate and professional student organizations and departments must complete the **Spring 2025 GPSGA Membership Application Form**. **Returning representatives and liaisons do not need to resubmit this form.** The form is available for download on [**Canvas**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/pages/gpsga-statement-concerning-members-representatives-and-liaisons?module_item_id=1952503) and must be submitted through the designated **Microsoft Form Submission Portal** by **Wednesday, February 26**. For any questions, please refer to Canvas or reach out to GPSGA.

**GPSGA Assistance/Grant/Fund Information**

The [**Sprin 2025 GPSGA Travel Assistance Application**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments/2313514)is open. Application assignments will be available on the GPSGA Canvas page. Please carefully review the [**GPSGA Travel Assistance Information Page**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/pages/gpsga-travel-assistance-information)before applying. The due date for the conference travel period January 1-June 30 is due on Monday, March 31. The Finance Committee will review all applications at the end of the semester, as previously conducted, and applicants will be notified via email of approval decisions after all applications have been collected and evaluated. The Finance Committee will review all applications at the end of the semester, as previously conducted, and applicants will be notified via email of approval decisions after all applications have been collected and evaluated.

The [**Spring 2025 GPSGA Co-Sponsorship Fund Application**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments/2153912)is open until **Monday, February 17**, and it is intended for events taking place between January 1 and May 31. Please carefully review the [**GPSGA Co-Sponsorship Fund Information Page**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/pages/gpsga-co-sponsorship-fund-information)before applying. Additionally, the [**Post Event Visual Report for Spring 2025**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments/2313516) for the Co-Sponsorship Fund is open. Please submit the relevant documents to support the applications to Canvas.

**GPSGA Phoenix Awards – Important Notice Regarding Recommendation Forms**

Listed recommenders will receive the recommendation form directly from the **GPSGA email** once the process begins on **February 15, 2025**. Please note that applications will only be considered complete **after recommenders have submitted the form.** For more details, please refer to the clip **posted on GPSGA Community Canvas regarding the process.**

The GPSGA Phoenix Award applications are open from **October 28, 2024, to March 10, 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please review the criteria and complete the form accurately. The application is available on [**GPSGA Community on Canvas**](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments/2213852)via[**Microsoft Forms**](https://forms.office.com/r/uVkiQmgTuq).

**GPSGA Meeting Reminder**

The fifth General Assembly Meeting of the academic year—and the first for Spring 2025—will take place on **Wednesday, February 26, at 5:30 PM in SSH 035**. An online option will be available for GPSGA representatives and liaisons from Tulsa and OKC campuses.

1. Reports of standing and special committees
	1. Academic Standards and Policies: Mike Yough –
	2. Access and Community Impact: Ravi Jadeja –
	3. Athletic, Health and Wellness: Aric Warren –
	4. Budget: Brad Lawson –
	5. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Patrick Daglaris –
	6. Career Track: Jennifer Glenn –
	7. Faculty: James Knapp –
	8. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Melanie Boileau –
	9. Research: Wouter Hoff –
	10. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Mark Weiser –
	11. Rules and Procedures: Christopher Crick –
	12. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Heather Yates –
2. Unfinished business
3. New business – Nomination of 2 Vice Chair candidates
4. Adjournment