FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

# Regency Room, 460 Student Union

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of the September 14, 2021 Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Special Reports:

A. Dr. Rae Ann Kruse – Associate Director for the Office of First Year Success

B. Steve Spradling – Director of Parking and Transportation Services – Faculty and Staff

Parking

C. Dr. Todd Misener – Chief Wellness Officer – Colvin Center development plan

5. President Shrum – Remarks and Comments

6. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:

President Shrum, Interim Provost Mendez and/or Vice Presidents

7. Reports of Liaison Representatives –

1. GPSGA – Megan Ruby

**Important Deadlines:** The Fall Travel Award, Co-sponsorship Fund, and the Research Materials Grant applications are all due on October 20, 2021 at 11:59 PM. Graduate and professional students can find information regarding these applications on our GPSGA community Canvas page: <https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments>

**General Assembly Meeting Information**

The third General Assembly Meeting of Fall 2021 will be held at 5:30 PM CDT in a hybrid format on October 20th, in Room AGH 101. The link to participate in the meeting remotely will be provided closer to the meeting date.

We will have Dr. Chris Barlow from University Counseling Services (UCS) as our guest speaker with a focus on mental health awareness and university counseling services.

1. Wellness – Kim Beard



1. Emeriti – Barbara Miller

The Emeriti were again concerned whether to hold an October dinner, so emails were sent to members early, and we have enough interested to hold the Dinner. It will be held Monday, October 18 at 6 pm, with meet and greet at 5:30, at the Alumni Center.  The Dinner will be a buffet by Mexico Joe’s, and the speaker will be Rob McInturf, President of the Alumni Association.  In keeping with Covid restrictions the servers will be masked, and guests are strongly encouraged to wear masks except when eating.

1. Graduate Council – Rebecca Sheehan

***Graduate Student Recruitment.*** Dr. Smith discussed the Graduate College’s Virtual Recruiting event on October 15 – 138 programs are participating. The Graduate College will host Graduate Student panels, Professional Development: 360° CSCS Program overviews, and International Student Information sessions. Participating graduate programs will host sessions with their graduate coordinators and faculty about their programs as well as offer one-on-one meetings with prospective students. More information may be found in the Graduate College’s Monday Memo and here: <https://gradcollege.okstate.edu/2021-virtual-recruitment-fair/schedule-of-events/index.html>.

***3MT***. The 3MT will be virtual this semester. The submission due date was October 7th, and finalists will be evaluated by the Subject Matter Groups later in the month. The 3MT finals will also occur via Zoom in mid-November.

***Graduate Faculty Survey.***Drs. Cole and Self presented the research committee’s findings to Council for input. The research group will incorporate ideas from this discussion into their recommendations for graduate faculty professional development to the Graduate College.

***Council of Graduate Schools April 15th Resolution.*** Dean Tucker explained that some graduate programs see that the Resolution puts OSU at a competitive disadvantage with other schools for graduate students. Council voted to place this issue on the agenda for further discussion at the General Graduate Faculty Meeting in October.

***General Graduate Faculty Meeting.*** Fall 2021 General Graduate Faculty Meeting is Wednesday, October 27th at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Subject Group meetings will occur after this meeting or on another day. Please look for an email from your Group Chair regarding date, time, and location.

***Fall 2021 Commencement.*** Planning for fall commencement ceremonies in GIA arena is moving forward.

1. SAC – Melanie Bayles

The nomination process for Staff Distinguished Service awards is now closed and our Awards Committee has begun their evaluation process. This is always an exciting time for us as we get to learn more about some of our outstanding staff members. The Awards Ceremony will be held sometime in December so watch for more details.

Staff Advisory Council recently passed a resolution, similar to the one passed by Faculty Council, expressing our support for the addition of the Juneteenth holiday for all staff and faculty. Our resolution has been passed on to Dr. Shrum for her consideration and possible action by the Board of Regents.

Just a reminder that Faculty are encouraged to nominate staff members in your area for our SAC STARS Award. Up to 10 staff members are honored each month for their outstanding contributions to the university. Nominating a staff member for this award is a great way to say thank you to those staff members who go above and beyond in carrying out their job responsibilities. Nominations may be made online at sac.okstate.edu. Look under the Awards tab for the very simple nomination form.

f. WFC – Aditi Grover

**Announcements:**

* Nominations are now open for the 2021 Women's Faculty Council Outstanding Achievement and Mentorship of Women Faculty Awards. More information and a link to the online submission form can be found on the [WFC Faculty Awards webpage](https://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/faculty_awards-online_form.html). The **deadline** **is** **Oct. 15, 2021**.
* WFC has published to our website [a revised version](https://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/site-files/images/bestpracticescovid19_2021.pdf) of our “Best Practices for Supervisors Supporting OSU Faculty, Staff, and Student Caregivers During COVID-19”
* We are continuing to work on exciting speakers through this semester.

**Past Meeting:**

Our October WFC meeting of the semester was held on Monday, October 11th, 2021 from 2-3 PM via [Zoom](https://educationokstate.zoom.us/j/98485747016). Meeting ID: 984 8574 7016

“Learning From the OSU Psychology Department's COVID-19 Harms and Equity Working Group”.

Dr. Misty Hawkins, Working Group Co-Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology shared insights from their covid-related research on various groups - Psychology faculty, staff, and graduate students, and marginalized groups. These efforts may have implications or utility for other units.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Fall 2021 Monthly Meetings**

Our WFC all-membership meeting will be on the second Monday of every month from 2-3 PM via Zoom.

We look forward to our next meeting on **8th of November 2021 from 2-3 p.m**. with an invited presentation from **Dr. Juwon Hwang**, Assistant Professor of Strategic Communications and scholar of vaccine perceptions and health media discourses.

Anyone interested in the WFC can visit our website at [http://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%253Dhttp%3A%2F%2Fwomensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu%2526amp%3Bsa%253DD%2526amp%3Bsource%253Deditors%2526amp%3Bust%253D1628813758358000%2526amp%3Busg%253DAOvVaw2qprLSPr4hvMFx1e3NkD_r%26sa%3DD%26source%3Deditors%26ust%3D1628813758367661%26usg%3DAOvVaw3JRdo5Rt3fHMuGPtqlHKXZ&data=04%7C01%7Caditi.grover%40okstate.edu%7C706189d28b1e4a324efc08d974e18c64%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637669334331320294%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Xgnm3%2FhMrx%2Bs1eIbSZDgWaku7eXjp4%2FYos0z6Hvv7EM%3D&reserved=0) and email [wfc@okstate.edu](mailto:wfc@okstate.edu) to sign up to be put on our email list.

g. SGA – Georgia Eastham

SGA is hosting a Mental Health week October 18th - October 23rd. Throughout the week there will be activities and promotion of the resources available on campus. On Thursday October 22nd there will be a Mental Health Training with the Department of Wellness.

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

a. Academic Standards and Policies: Brandt Gardner – No Report

b. Athletics: Cindy Melancon – No Report

c. Budget: Tyrrell Conway – No Report

d. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tieming Liu – No Report

e. Diversity: Divya Jaroni – No Report

f. Faculty: Matt Lovern – No Report

g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Kris Hiney/Gopan Krishnan – No Report

h. Research: Bruce Dunn – No Report

i. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Sarah Hall – No Report

j. Rules and Procedures: Karen Neurohr – Update

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

9. Unfinished Business –

10. New Business – Survey update

11. Adjournment –

*\*Attached*

**Amended by Passed Failed**

**Recommendation No.** 21-10-01-EXEC 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Moved by:**  Faculty Council Chair 2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:**  3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Title:** Establishment of Pandemic Special Committee of Faculty Council

**The Faculty Council Recommends to President Shrum that:**

A Special Committee (“Pandemic”) of Faculty Council be established; and that

The following members be appointed to the committee.

Dr. Pamela Lovern, Faculty Council Chair

Dr. Udaya Desilva, Department of Animal Science, Ferguson College of Agriculture

Dr. Josh Habiger, Department of Statistics, College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Sarah Hall, Family Medicine, OSU Center for Health Sciences

Dr. Gina Noble, School of Media & Strategic Communications, College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Jennifer Rudd, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Lisa Slevitch, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Spears School of Business

**Rationale:**

The Pandemic Special Committee will provide another channel for communication of information between the General Faculty, Faculty Council, and other University bodies involved in the University’s COVID-19 response (e.g., the Pandemic Response Team).

According to the bylaws, Faculty Council has to approve the appointment of the members to special committees (see below):

C. Special Committees.

1. Special Committees may be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Council whenever necessary. This action shall be submitted to the Faculty Council for approval at its next meeting.

2. The term of a Special Committee shall expire when its final report is accepted by the Faculty Council.