Slevitch called the meeting to order with the following members present: Barker, Boileau, Crick, Daglaris, Eisenberg, Emerson, Fathepure, Gardner, Gonzalez, Haley, Hildebrand, Hoff, Jadeja, Murray for Joshi, Knapp, Lawson, McGlynn, McMaughan, Olsen, Parkison, Perkins, Pranger, Warren, Weiser, Yates, and.

Also present: Baker, S., Clausen, L, Essmiller, K., Fransisco, C., Hertt, S., Hiltz, S., Horton, M., Manning-Ouellette, A., Murthy, R., Norman, M., Peaster, R., Royer, T., Shreffler, R., Shrum, K., Smith, A., Thomason, K. and Wingo, R.

Absent: Glenn, Riley and Yough.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Special Reports: None

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Slevitch established that a quorum was present and the meeting would come to order. Slevitch reminded everyone that there are refreshments available behind the screen. Slevitch established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. Slevitch asked everyone to please sign the sign-in sheet that is being passed around. Slevitch asked those attending via Zoom to please put their name in the chat so their attendance can be recorded. Slevitch let those attending via Zoom know if they have a question, they could privately message Perkins who is watching the chat. He will then communicate the question(s) to the group. Slevitch reminded those on Zoom to please set your microphones to mute. Slevitch stated the first item of business was the approval of the August 20, 2024 minutes. These were electronically distributed and are available on the Faculty Council website. Slevitch asked for corrections or objections to the approval of the minutes. Seeing none, stated the minutes are approved. Slevitch stated the second item of business is adoption of the agenda which was also electronically distributed and is also available on the Faculty Council website. Slevitch asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Seeing none, Slevitch asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Hildebrand moved and Haley seconded the motion. Slevitch stated that it had been moved and seconded to adopt the agenda. Slevitch asked those in favor to say “Aye”, those on Zoom to enter their vote in the chat. Any opposed, say “Nay”. Motion passed and the agenda was adopted.

Slevitch stated we have two special reports today. The first from Aaron Smith from Enterprise IT. He will update us on the new rules and regulations regarding password requirements. The second special report is from Rachel Shreffler from HR. She will give us an update on the Rezilient Program for faculty and staff

**Special Reports:**

1. **Aaron Smith – Director of Information Security Services – Enterprise IT, Password changes**

Smith presented the following slides to the council members regarding OSU’s current password requirements and DUO. We are looking at possible changes to moving forward to authentication services:



Smith stated that our current password requirements are outdated. They do not follow industry best practices, current control best practices or program stops during research. Unfortunately, this creates problems for the university. We have Cyber security concerns and risks associated with all our digital assets and being able to protect them. As well as the services that the institution provides, to be able to make sure that those digital services are scalable to function. In addition, we have problems with individual risk that are associated with our weak password requirements. We’ve had individuals who had unauthorized modifications made to their direct deposit information. We have had people disrupt business whenever their password expires. Smith asked if anyone likes that their password expires every 120 days. No one raised their hand. This is a poor experience for not just students but faculty and staff as well. In response to this, Smith’s team has led an effort to identify some potential changes that they would like to see made to the password requirements and to the DUO authentication requirements. The plan was to create a list of changes they would like to see implemented. Test these changes to make sure that technically they are feasible and work. Then share/communicate these changes with groups. This would include the technical coordinators that are located around campus to make sure these changes will work and not be disruptive to their business. Smith does not have a date for implementation yet. Smith is making presentations to solicit feedback and get comments. Before implementation, they would communicate with everyone at least 30 days prior to making the changes as well as provide ways to help navigate the changes.

Smith said they have reached out to the IT contacts around the school system because these changes will be system wide, not just OSU and the branch campuses but the entire A&M system. They all use the same identity system. They have received feedback from these contacts. A survey was sent out and we received 200 responses. 115 were positive and saying thank you and the next largest response was asking for clarification. There were two complaints about the 14-character minimum length and no longer being able to use phone calls to authenticate to DUO. When it comes to these complaints, Smith stated they have specific techniques to suggest accommodating these changes. This will all be included in the communication campaign at least 30 days prior to implementation. Haley stated he was one overwhelmingly in favor of the changes but did have concerns with the DUO authentication for those without a smartphone. Smith stated that have some things in place for those without a smartphone. There are DUO fobs available at the bookstore for those who do not have a smartphone. Knapp stated he saw somewhere that the password would be good for a year. Is this correct? Smith stated with these changes, the password would not expire. This best practice is to not have the password expire unless there is an indication that it has been compromised. Smith clarified that the password cannot contain three or more repeating values or special characters. You cannot use “aaa”, “bbb”, etc. Slevitch asked Smith to elaborate a little more since you can no longer use your phone for DUO authentication. She asked if the “security code” that everyone will be receiving with the new system will go to the computer you are trying to log into. Smith stated that if you currently are receiving a phone call from DUO that says “press the button” to let you in, you will no longer be able to do this. Smith said that if you have a smartphone, you can use the app. It will ask you for a three-digit code. There is a slight change for those using the app. Right now, you just push a button, and it lets you in. A three-digit code will pop up and you will type that on your phone. This will help prevent hackers from getting into the system. In regard to the fob, Emerson asked if you just carry it around in your pocket all the time. The fob also has a code associated with it. You will use this six-digit code to login to whatever computer you are using. Smith stated if you use multiple computers across campus, have them remember you and will not have to do this every time. You could also leave the fob with an administrative assistant who can read the six-digit code to you over the phone. Knapp asked if a faculty member wanted to change their password, we would still be able to login to Okey and make that change. Smith stated yes, that is correct. You can change your password if you would like. Knapp asked if IT will still be offering suggested passwords like they do currently, or will you have to make up your own? Smith stated they do not have any intention to change this feature so it should still be available. Smith will confirm this to make sure. Slevitch asked if he would/could recommend any software or helpers to remember the new 14-character password. Smith stated their communication will include some ideas to help people remember their password. Smith stated some are available, but the institution has not purchased any. There are fantastic resources out there. Haley stated one of the best passwords is to use a sentence. Ex. “I like to walk my dog everyday”. You can remember it but it’s so long no one will be able to copy it. Smith did say that there is a dictionary of approximately 20 words that people cannot use in their password. One being “cowboys”. If you try to use one of these words, you will get a message saying you are using a prohibited word.

Smith said to contact the help desk if you have any questions or concerns.

1. **Rachel Shreffler – Directo of Benefits – Rezilient Program**

Shreffler presented the following PowerPoint to the council:



Shreffler explained that OSU now has a relationship with a clinic called a Rezilient Clinic. OSU came into this relationship to provide an opportunity to improve percentages of OSU employees attending primary care, lower overall health costs and improve overall health outcomes. Rezilient is a modern healthcare model. It provides what everyone knows as telehealth with traditional hands-on care as well. These are called “cloud clinics”. The one in Stillwater is the first clinic to open in the state of Oklahoma. We are pioneers in offering these types of services and benefits to OSU faculty and staff. Shreffler explained how the program works. There is a practitioner who provides primary, hands-on assessment. For example: if a person had a soar throat, they would provide hands-on scope/assessment. A health provided is beamed into the environment who will provide a diagnosis and treatment. There are 73 specialties who provide diagnosis and treatment. The technology used would be the same as a healthcare provided looking directly at the patient that is being assessed by the person in the hands-on clinic. Shreffler stated the hours of the clinic are M-F 9-5. The first clinic in Stillwater opened last week. In terms of eligibility, Shreffler stated that eligible people are faculty and staff that are enrolled in OSU’s Blue Options PPO Health plan or the Blue Edge high deductible health plan. Eligible members must live within a 30-mile radius of OSU Stillwater or Langston University. The reason for this is to create opportunities for different experiences, different healthcare providers and just access to care in general in our communities that are more rural in nature. The clinic serves not only the plan participants themselves (in terms of faculty and staff) but also dependents (spouses and children 7 and up). There is an age limit of 7 for children. Shreffler stated for those whose primary residence is outside the 30-mile radius but are on campus 6 or 9 months of the year, they need to reach out to HR and their situation will be evaluated and eligibility will be provided as appropriate. Shreffler stated one of the main focuses in developing this type of clinic with this type of care was to provide continuity of care through the entire care journey. It provides primary and urgent care as well as services for chronic care. This includes things like hypertension, diabetes management and hyperlipidemia. It is also designed to allow the patient to spend more time with their healthcare provider. This model is designed to lengthen your time with your healthcare provider. It provides 24/7 messaging to answer questions and get follow-up care. Shreffler provided a slide with some of the 73 specialties provided through the Rezilient Clinic. For example, if there is a concern of a dermatological nature, the participant can select an appointment with a dermatologist. Another important factor is care coordination. A care coordinator will help the participant schedule appointments, assist with referrals, and help with pharmaceutical needs. Referrals are to in network providers only. The primary referral practice will not go out of network.

Shreffler stated that when talking about this telehealth, it is not only available inside those clinic experiences, but also outside the clinic experience. The clinics do not necessarily go by Rezilient but go by Cloud Clinic. Shreffler provided a slide to show visually what it would look like to create an account and begin to access services. Shreffler reviewed the slide that provided some of the other services/procedures that are available at the Rezilient Cloud Clinic. Shreffler stated that there are some processes or referrals that may have to happen outside the clinic. With reference to blood work, you would not have to go to another location or wait for the blood work to be processed. It’s processed immediately. Shreffler shared the E-consult specialists as well as the location of the clinic. The address is 2307 N. Perkins Rd. This is the first clinic, and they are looking to add a second location on the southwest side of Stillwater. Shreffler stated that visits to the Rezilient Cloud Clinic have a 0 (zero) copay. If you have a copay with your PPO plan, you do not have to pay a copay at the Rezilient Cloud Clinic. There is no deductible or charge to the participant for any service conducted within the Rezilient Cloud Clinic. To be transparent, if there is a referral to specialty clinics or lab processing locations, a claim is filed through BCBS.

Shreffler stated they hope this will be a great health care benefit for OSU employees to help reduce some costs as well as provide another opportunity to access care within our community. Shreffler stated that locations in Oklahoma City and Tulsa may be available in the future. They wanted to concentrate primarily on our rural areas. There are a lot more opportunities in those larger communities. Shreffler left flyers for those interested in information.

Pranger asked if there was a time frame for a potential clinic in Okmulgee. They are a rural community. Shreffler stated the intent is to start here in Stillwater with the first one. After the first of the year, they will look at a second location in Stillwater. Shreffler has not been given a timeline other than to open another clinic in Stillwater. Fathepure stated that he has a primary care doctor and asked if he could use this in addition to his primary care doctor. Shreffler stated absolutely. It’s another opportunity to access healthcare. Knapp asked if they would be using the same record keeping system so they would have access to your past health history, or would it be separate if you use someone else. Shreffler stated it would be separate unless you specifically requested those records be sent to them. Shreffler clarified that they do not have access to BCBS. They are different unless there is a referral to a different provider. Those are filed as claims with BCBS.

Slevitch asked what is the capacity of the clinic? Shreffler did not know the number of appointments per day, but she will ask and get back to us. Weisner asked for clarification on filing claims. The clinic will not file a claim through BCBS for a regular office visit. Shreffler stated correct. There is a separate relationship with the university since we are self-insured. Nothing is filed with BCBS if it is conducted within the clinic itself.

**President’s Report and Comments on matters of interest to the faculty – President Shrum**

Shrum wanted to update everyone on the final enrollment and retention numbers. Overall, our student enrollment in Stillwater is 24, 015 students. The freshman class landed at 5,030. Shrum stated that 20% of this freshman class is in the Honors College. Great growth within the Honors College as well. We say an increase in fall-to-fall retention. This is up either 1.2% or 1.3%. This gets us to 84.8% retention. We are moving up and want to continue these efforts and keep inching this number up. Shrum stated that our research expenditures for the last academic year were $239 million. It has been reported that we need to increase our security because we jumped up in our research funding. Not always fun but it is a positive thing. Shrum opened the floor to questions.

Hoff is excited that 20% of the freshman are in the Honors College. Does this mean there will be a growth in the need for mentoring opportunities. Shrum said she believes the Honors College is putting together a plan. Shrum said as demand goes up, due to enrollment increases, this will require increased resources across the board. As we think about growth and where we want to go, we need to factor all this into where we’re going next after this year’s enrollment. Shrum stated they can see where we have had to increase sections and growth to see where we might need to expand faculty. Hoff stated that with the large enrollment numbers, asked about the recent problems with housing for students. Shrum stated we learned a lot this year with the growth. Shrum stated that normally in enrollment you have several points in time where you have acceptance then a drop. This may be due to enrollment or the time when you will lose your deposit. We did not see these drops this year like we typically do. Shrum stated there were a lot of challenges with Federal financial aid. It was anticipated that some of these drops would be later in the year. We were pleasantly surprised when we did not see the drops. Shrum said we do have the ability to manage this level of housing for freshman. This unanticipated level of growth will require us to do things just a bit differently. Shrum feels we have learned from the process. Shrum stated that we have had an increasing number of upper classmen wanting to live on campus. We had a higher number of upper classmen reserve housing. Since we require freshman to live on campus this created some challenges. You never want to not provide housing for someone who needs it. We were incentivizing upper classmen to move off campus and interestingly enough, they didn’t take us up on the offer. We made arrangements with apartment complexes adjacent to campus and then put residential life there. We started placing the freshman as if it was a dorm situation. Shrum stated we have a lot of resources that we can utilize better. We hold housing for Greek life students of which some move off campus and spots open. In the end we were able to accommodate everyone that we needed to. Shrum believes we can accommodate up to 5,800 freshmen if we manage our housing properly. We are not to this number yet. The drops were later than normal, and we did not anticipate the delayed Federal financial aid. Knapp recalls the goal for incoming freshman was 5,000 by 2026. He is curious going forward are we looking at this being a sustainable number of admissions for the next few years to build the student body. Shrum said they are anticipating an enrollment cliff. How do you forecast whether this will continue in the next year. We might see another jump, but we do anticipate there will be fewer students to the extent that we are looking further out in the future and strategically plan how and where we recruit as well as the degree programs that are growing. Are large part of this depends on how we mitigate these factors. Shrum feels the coasts will see more enrollment cliff potentially. She feels we are in a good place with costs. Shrum stated we need to prepare for this, but she doesn’t anticipate this much growth every year. We had a 7% increase in our freshman class, and she doesn’t expect to see thig year over year. Knapp asked if the 5,000 level plus or minus is a good number. Shrum believes this is a good number. This is where we wanted to get before we roll into the enrollment cliff. Shrum said we want to grow our online programs as well as create flexible options for people who are non-traditional students. OSU has seen a 20% growth in online enrollment. She does believe the 5,000 mark is sustainable. We are doing things on the fundraising side focusing on scholarships and scholars’ programs which attract students to OSU. We are doing a great job right now. But when you look at the data, we are not competitive regionally on scholarship dollars given out with the institutions we compete with. This is going to be a major focus. Shrum stated that focusing on recruitment and retention strategies will be key to maintaining this 5,000. Lawson asked if the 5,000 is our new normal, this is great if we can keep it going moving forward. At some point, though, we are going to run into capacity constraints, either classroom space or the faculty who could teach the class. Can you address these issues. You cannot hire faculty or build a new building overnight. Shrum stated they will be looking at what sections we can expand, where is the growth and where we need to increase faculty. Regarding classroom space, Shrum stated that last legislative session we got $80 million for a new life sciences facility that all students will be in. We will be looking at General Education classroom space and how we grow these as well as where colleges are growing. Shrum believes it will be easier to stick to the 5,000 number to be able to predict these. She does not expect another 7% increase. We need to look to the future to decide if there is a cut-off point/cap to our enrollment in order for our resources to catch up.

**Provost’s report on recommendations made by the Faculty Council and comments on matters of interest to the faculty. Chris Francisco for Provost Mendez:**

Fransisco stated that Provost Mendez is in a Board of Regents committee meeting, so she is unable to attend today’s meeting. Fransisco echoed what President Shrum said about how excited we are about some of these numbers: 5,030 new freshmen, the 84.8% retention which is a nice big jump from last year as well as a big jump in the six-year graduation rate to 68.6%. All these things are a testament to the work that faculty and staff on campus are doing. Fransisco echoed everything President Shrum said regarding capacity/housing issue. Fransisco stated that the other area in which they are doing a lot of work is data and making sure that we have good data in the capacity that allows us to talk across divisions since we have different systems. For example, we have one system in Student Affairs that deals with housing assignments. We have our Institutional Research and Analytics team that does a fantastic work compiling data from all areas of campus. We have data that comes through the Registrar’s Office in terms of scheduling and enrollment. Registrar Peaster and her team have always been fantastic at trying to increase the efficiency of scheduling. Making sure we are using classrooms efficiently, so we don’t have a 10-person section in a 50-person classroom and then trying to rearrange things to accommodate this. We have more tools now to accomplish these things. Fransisco has been in several meetings this fall where people across divisions get together and say if we are going to make projections in a timely manner, what sort of housing do we need, what sort of seats do we need for Gen. Ed. classes. What data do we need and who needs to know this data. How do we make it accessible. How do we use the data in order to make informed projections about things. And what can we do to make sure we are sharing all of this in a reasonable way so we can make decisions early on. That was really the issue with housing. We had fewer people cancel than we normally do and just got caught off by the number of people who wanted to be here this fall. Fransisco believes if we had better data earlier, we would have been in better shape with housing. This is one of the things that is the focus right now: making sure the Institutional Research and Analytics team and the units across campus try to consolidate all the data to make sure we can make predictions that are as accurate as possible. Fransisco stated another area that they are discussing the data in is not focusing so much on giving a single number as our projection for the size of the freshmen class but looking at giving a confidence interval instead. We may have a low number we are using for budgetary purposes to be conservative and sound financially, but we might have a higher number in this confidence interval that we are using to plan for seats in Gen. Ed. courses. So we are not caught off guard, let’s make sure we have this much housing. We are looking at it in a consolidated and refined way that makes sense and uses all the data.

Fransisco stated there is one pending Faculty Council recommendation and he wanted to give an update on its progress. This is a committee recommendation for onsite healthcare services provided by a certified athletic trainer for club intramural and recreational activities on campus. Our wellness folks and Dr. Warren looked at other Big 12 institutions to see what they did and survey their resources. Fransisco stated there were a number of issues that came up during these discussions. One was the need to maintain confidentiality at the level of providing healthcare services that the Department of Wellness may not be equipped to provide at this point. There was also some question about whether they had the financial resources and the infrastructure to do this within their existing arrangements. They thought a better potential option might be to look at provisions of these services through University Health Services which is already set up to provide HIPPA compliance to maintain confidentiality. They are also looking to see if there is data that suggests there really is a strong enough demand for this type of service to then devote some resources to University Health Services (UHS). Fransisco stated this is a long way of saying they are continuing conversations about this. He does not know if it will be directly through the Department of Wellness proper. They are exploring options at UHS, what it would look like and what resources would need to be made available. These discussions will continue and updates will be provided as we move forward.

Fransisco stated that some may have heard there is a transition in the office of the Ombudsperson. A new Ombudsperson will be starting October 1st. Fransisco delayed announcing the name of the new Ombudsperson until all the paperwork is signed. In the meantime, Fransisco is helping handle issues that are related to at least the academic sphere of faculty issues. Fransisco stated faculty are more than welcome to email the Ombud service account. Someone will look at these and make sure they get to the proper people who can assist with what they need. These will remain confidential as all discussions with the Ombudsperson are. Fransisco will be meeting with a few faculty members who had concerns over the next few weeks. He anticipates a smooth transition on October 1st.

Fransisco stated there is one big administrative search underway and another one that will come in an area that reports to the Provost. The Associate Provost of the Arts and Director of the Art Museum and Toma Professor Search is ongoing. This position opened in mid-August and is open until the end of September. Fransisco asked if anyone knew someone who would be a good candidate for the Associate Provost for the Arts and Director of the Art Museum to encourage them to apply. There is a search committee in place with representatives across all colleges and some outside entities as well. Dr. Jennifer Borland is chairing the search committee. Fransisco believes she will do an excellent job getting everyone together and making sure we get a good candidate for this position. This is a new position for us in terms of the Associate Provost portion, not a new position in the Director of the Art Museum area. We believe this person will provide good leadership across campus to try to help us deliver the best arts experiences we can both for our students and the broader community. Fransisco stated that we have a vacancy of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Manning-Ouellette has generously agreed to serve in an interim capacity. This search will be launched in the not to distant future. We have an external review of that unit going on right now to help us figure out what the alignment looks like, how we can best deploy our resources and what our needs are at OSU. Once we have this evaluation, we will launch the search.

Fransisco updated the council members on the Ideal Graduate effort. Sam Emerson has joined the Provosts’ office as a faculty fellow for the Ideal Graduate program. He’s been going around and making a number of presentations to various college units. He’s a great resource if you are interested in becoming involved with the Ideal Graduate initiative and help faculty understand how they can make their classes more accessible to those who want to do the reflections for Ideal Graduate competencies. Fransisco stated that Tammy Mix will continue as a faculty fellow in General Education. As we try to implement the Gen. Ed. program that we are piloting this year, we should have some trials completely finalized soon. We are trying to get some more out and then we’ll have one more call beginning this month to fill out the rest of the trails to be available Fall 2025. Fransisco stated that a lot of work has gone into this, and he appreciates everyone who was involved. They are working on degree sheets with Dr. Peasters team as well as college offices. Fransisco believes we will have a really good system when it’s done. There is just a lot of work to do before Fall 2025.

The floor was open for questions. Knapp thought he read somewhere that the incoming freshmen class at one point was viewed at 5,800. Does this mean that 800 students declined or does that include transfers. Fransisco stated the 5,800 was probably our housing on campus capacity. That is the context in which he has seen this number. Fransisco stated that you will hear different numbers, it depends on what you count. Sometimes people get a lower capacity if you take out spots reserved for specific things such as Opportunity Orange Scholars, for certain staff or community mentors. These spots are set aside and not available for freshmen. We did not have that level of cancellation. We had very few cancellations. Francisco stated that one of the things we discovered as we are looking at projections is, if you take the number of people who have registered for orientation at the end of May and add a couple dozen to it, it’s a really good predictor of how many freshmen we are going to have at OSU. This turned out to be true for the last 4 years. We had a pretty good idea at the end of May what it might look like. That’s when we said wait a second. If we had the level of cancellations that we would normally have, we would be at a much different number than we expected. That’s when we started making a lot of adjustments. Knapp believes it would be useful for this body and the faculty in general to get a report from the Provosts office regarding the outcomes from the Faculty Fellows. Fransisco stated that these are still ongoing. Discussion with the Board as well as an Interim CFO. But we can certainly provide an update. Slevitch stated that Sam Emerson will be presenting at the October meeting. She is also reaching out to Tammy Mix to give an update as well. Lawson asked about the search for a new CFO which was not mentioned earlier. Fransisco did not mention this search since that division does not report to the Provost’s office. He knows it’s being discussed but does not have any details. Hoff stated he is excited about the possibility of having a system wide exit interview system for faculty who leave the university. He has heard there is some movement and maybe progress with this. Can you give us a brief update to say if this is true. Fransisco stated yes, it’s being discussed. He stated there was one college that was interested in developing a program and it is their view that it would be better to have it standardized across the university. There have been some preliminary discussions. Fransisco stated they have not made a lot of progress on it yet, but it’s been discussed. Slevitch stated that we are going through a significant transition in terms of professional advising. She asked Francisco how he thought it was going. Fransisco stated overall he feels it’s going very well. There are always problems the first year you implement something. You see problems you did not necessarily anticipate and where you can make the process more efficient. He believes that Dr. Baker and her team have done a terrific job. With the record freshmen class, we opened all our orientation dates from the very start. There was a lot of training and organization to make sure that students were advised appropriately within those meta majors. He thought it went really well. We will be working this year on the handoff from first year to the second year. What does this look like from centralized advising to the colleges. We will have college involvement with this. Fransisco stated that we always learn things as we go through a summer of orientation and enrollment. We certainly learned some things this summer. He thinks things ran smoothly overall.

**Vice Presidents’ Reports and Comments on matters of interest to the faculty:**

None

**Faculty Council Chair’s Report:**

Slevitch stated we held another executive committee meeting. She is pleased to report that all committees have set their tasks and are scheduling meetings. Additionally, Slevitch stated that we launched a newsletter initiative. We send a brief summary of the Faculty Council meeting to all faculty members. We hope to make people aware of what’s happening in Faculty Council. Slevitch encouraged everyone to reach out to colleagues to create awareness of what we are doing. The idea is to open channels of communication to other faculty members so they know there is this unit, Faculty Council, that can be beneficial to them in multiple ways.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

* 1. **Emeriti – Tom Royer – No Report**
  2. **Staff Advisory Council – Michelle Stewart/Sam Morse – No Report**
  3. **Graduate Council – Veronique Lacombe – No Report**
  4. **Student Government Association – Samuel Hiltz**

Hiltz stated they are currently looking for a Director for Food Insecurities right now. They are working to fill this position as soon as possible. He stated they have open positions in their Senate in every academic college. SGA is revising their policies and rules for elections.

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

**GPSGA Welcome Reception**

The **Welcome Reception and Second General Assembly Meeting for Fall 2024** will be held on **Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 PM** in the **Student Union Ballroom (SU 265).** Please join GPSGA for this engagement event dedicated to the graduate and professional student community. An online option will be available for Tulsa and OKC representatives/liaisons.

**Updated GPSGA General Assembly Meeting Schedule – Fall 2024**

* **First General Assembly:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024, SSH 035
* **Second General Assembly and Fall Welcome Reception:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024, SU Ballroom 265
* **Third General Assembly:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024, SSH 035
* **Fourth General Assembly:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024, SSH 035

**GPSGA Assistance/Grant/Fund Information**

The **Fall** **2024** **GPSGA Travel Assistance** application will open after the first general assembly meeting on **Wednesday,** **August 28**. 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/assignments/2139615) before applying. 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 **Fall 2024 GPSGA Co-Sponsorship Fund** application is open until **Monday**, **September 30, 2024**. Please carefully review the [GPSGA Co-Sponsorship Fund Information Page](https://canvas.okstate.edu/courses/84470/assignments/2058478) before applying.

**GPSGA Membership Application - Fall 2024**

All representatives and liaisons, both continuing and new, from various graduate and professional student organizations and departments must complete the membership application form. This form will be available for download via Canvas at the first general assembly and needs to be submitted through the designated Microsoft Form Submission Portal by **Monday**, **October 7, 2024**.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**a.  Academic Standards and Policies: Mike Yough – No Report**

**b. Access and Community Impact: Ravi Jadeja – No Report**

**c.  Athletics: Aric Warren – No Report**

**d. Budget: Brad Lawson – No Report**

**e.  Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Cristina Gonzalez – No Report**

**f. Career Track: Jennifer Glenn – No Report**

**g.   Faculty: James Knapp – No Report**

**h. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Melanie Boileau – No Report**

**i. Research: Wouter Hoff – No Report**

**j**.  **Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Mark Weiser – No Report**

**k.  Rules and Procedures: Christopher Crick – No Report**

**l.  Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Heather Yates – No Report**

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

Slevitch asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in room 412 Student Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Crick, Secretary