

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Council Room, 250 Student Union

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the December 8, 2009, Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. The President – Remarks and Comments
5. Special Report: Michael Dicks – Enrollment Management Advisory Task Force (10 minutes)
6. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:
President Hargis, Provost Strathe, and/or Vice Presidents
7. Reports of Standing Committees:
 - a. Research: Jim Smay – Update
 - b. Academic Standards and Policies: Mindy McCann – Update
 - c. Athletics: Art Klatt – No Report
 - d. Budget: Ron Miller – Update
 - e. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tom Jordan – Update
 - f. Faculty: Udaya DeSilva
Recommendation: Support for a Comprehensive Research Mission*
 - g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Bud Lacy – Update
 - h. Retirement and Fringe Benefits: J. D. Brown – No Report
 - i. Rules and Procedures: Stephen Perkins – Update
 - j. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Karen Hickman – Update
8. Reports of Liaison Representatives
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

Refreshments will be served at 2:45 p.m.

**Attachment*

	Amended By	Passed	Failed
Recommendation No. <u>10-01-01-FAC</u>	1. _____	_____	_____
Moved By: <u>Faculty Committee</u>	2. _____	_____	_____
Seconded By: _____	3. _____	_____	_____
_____ Passed _____ Tabled _____ Failed	4. _____	_____	_____

Title: Support for a Comprehensive Research Mission

The Faculty Council Recommends that President Hargis communicate with the Oklahoma congressional delegation on the importance of recognizing the legitimacy of all areas of research and instruction in a University, and on the need for preserving and supporting the diversity of research in areas such as Political Science and the other Social Sciences.

In addition, the Faculty Council urges President Hargis and the Regents to reaffirm the University’s commitment to preserving, supporting, and fostering academic freedom, research and instruction in all the recognized academic fields, along with the right of all researchers to seek and receive funding to support their research.

Rationale:

A major research and land-grant university, like Oklahoma State, must foster an atmosphere of academic freedom and open intellectual inquiry. In this regard it is vital and necessary that all programs, in all areas of research and instruction, be recognized as providing legitimate contributions to knowledge. Legitimacy of research projects is properly determined by peer reviews in the appropriate field, conducted by researchers who hold the proper training and have achieved recognition for their expertise. When public officials understand the way diverse roles of research benefits the public, they then have the opportunity to generate support for intellectual development free from restrictions stemming from political pressures of the moment. The best work takes place in an environment of academic and intellectual freedom that has always served as the bedrock of the mission of higher education in comprehensive universities like Oklahoma State.