FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

# Council Room, 412 Student Union

**AGENDA:**

 1. Roll Call

 2. Approval of the December 13, 2016 Minutes

 3. Approval of Agenda

 4. Special Report:

 A. Officer Adam Queen – Campus Security

 5. The President – Remarks and Comments

 6. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:

 President Hargis, Provost Sandefur, and/or Vice Presidents

 7. Reports of Liaison Representatives –

1. Graduate Faculty Council – Brenda Smith

**January Graduate Council Meeting:** The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27th at 1:30 in 204 WH.

**GTA and GRA Criminal Background Checks:** A working group has been formed to draft best practices for criminal background checks for graduate students employed as graduate research and teaching assistants. This document will be brought forward for consideration by the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council in the spring.

1. AAUP – Barry Lavine

The OSU Chapter of the AAUP continues to work with the Provost on the campus wide forum on Academic Freedom, which is a complex issue. There are misunderstandings surrounding the AAUP statement on what Academic Freedom entails. The forum is tentatively scheduled for February, and the specific date of the forum will be forthcoming. The issue of Academic Freedom will also be brought up at the meeting of AAUP Officers of State Chapters on January 21 at UCO.

1. Staff Advisory Council – Melanie Bayles

 Committees are gearing up for the Spring after the holiday break:

* The Events Committee continues to plan the Staff Celebration Day Picnic Event. They are setting a time to have vendor food tastings.
* The Rules and Procedures Committee’s proposed Ratification changes to the Constitution and Bylaws both passed in December:
1. The Proposed Change #1 proposed to change elected representation on the Staff Advisory Council from nine each of Exempt, Non-Exempt, and At-large members to 27 At-large members. The ratification passed with over 80% of the votes.

1. The Proposed Change #2 proposed to add a Past Chair Officer to the Executive Team for one year following their service as Council Chair. The Past Chair will serve as an ex officio (non-voting) member of the Council. The ratification passed with over 92% of the votes.
* The Policy Benefit and Budget Committee has prepared a survey to send to the staff that will be provided on the SAC website starting January 15, 2017. This survey will ask staff a variety of questions regarding OSU and SAC and will be used by the committee for information gathering.

The PB&B has also been working on a new Staff Scholarship Award for former SAC members. More information is forthcoming.

The PB&B has completed their procedure book and submitted it to the Rules and Procedures Committee for review. All standing committee will be updating or creating procedures for the committees they represent.

* The Communications Committee is working on a Staff Development Day and Distinguished Service Award flier that will be linked to the January SAC Newsletter. They also are assisting the PB&B Committee with the submission of the Staff Satisfaction Survey. The committee continues to update the SAC website and Facebook page with current projects and information and keep the staff informed with the monthly newsletter.
* The Awards and Recognition Committee is finalizing the Distinguished Service Awards by interviewing the applicants that were selected for the finalist list. Winners will be selected and awarded in February at the annual DSA Awards.

Submitted by Sue Goad, SAC Chair

 Report given by Melanie Bayles, SAC Rules & Procedures Committee

1. Wellness Center – Mary Talley

 

1. Women’s Faculty Council – Steph Link

To launch the new year, the Women’s Faculty Council will host a book club starting **January 26th** and continuing **February 9, February 23,** and **March 9.** from 12pm to 1pm in ITLE (Room TBD). Registrants will receive lunch, and a limited number will receive a free copy of the book *Lean in*. Watch your e-mails for registration information.

We also have several reminders about our scholarships:

 **2017 Women’s Faculty Council Student Research Awards**.

-   Deadline for submission: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017

-   Apply online at: <http://www.library.okstate.edu/forms/womenfac.htm>

-   Letters of support for your application from faculty advisors are required and must be uploaded by advisors to: <http://www.library.okstate.edu/forms/womenfacletter.htm>

-   Awardees will be announced around April 1, 2017.

**2017 Ann Ryder and Clara Smith Women’s Faculty Council Leadership Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduates.**

-   Deadline for submission: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

-   Apply online at: <http://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/>

-   Awardee will be announcement March 1, 2017

For questions/comments please contact Smita Mohanty at smita.mohanty@okstate.edu. We are always happy to hear from potential collaborators and others interested in improving our university.

 8. Reports of Standing Committees:

 a. Academic Standards and Policies: David Oberhelman – No Report

 b. Athletics: Tom Royer – No Report

 c. Budget: Glenn Brown – No Report

 d. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Erik Ekman – No Report

 e. Diversity: Louise Siddons – No Report

 f. Faculty: Pamela Lloyd – No Report

 g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Jason Vogel – No Report

 h. Research: Andrew Doust – No Report

 i. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Chris Richards – No Report

j. Rules and Procedures: Deb VanOverbeke – Update

 k. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Gina Peek – No Report

 9. Old Business

 10. New Business

 11. Adjournment

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