FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

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**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of the February 14, 2012, Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Special Report:

A. Howard Barnett – President OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS

B. MacKenzie Wilfong – Affirmative Action Program

C. Bob Graalman/Tim O’Neil – Undergraduate Research Network

5. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:

Provost Sternberg, and/or Vice Presidents

6. President Hargis – Remarks and Comments

7. Reports of Standing Committees:

a. Faculty: Shelia Kennison – Update

b. Academic Standards and Policies: Ed Harris – Update

Recommendation: Veterinary Medical Research Scholars\*

c. Athletics: Steve Damron – No Report

d. Budget: Rodney Holcomb – Update

e. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Robert Emerson – Update

f. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Nick Materer – Update

g. Research: Jim Smay – No Report

h. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Stephen Clarke – No Report

1. Rules and Procedures: Robert Avakian – Update

j. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Bob Miller – No Report

8. Reports of Liaison Representatives

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

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

*\*Attached*

**Amended by Passed Failed**

**Recommendation No.** 12-02-01-ASP 1.

**Moved by:** 2.

**Seconded by:** 3.

**\_\_\_\_\_Passed \_\_\_\_\_Tabled \_\_\_\_\_Failed** 4.

**Title:** Veterinary Medical Research Scholars

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

The University create a Veterinary Medical Research Scholar designation on the transcript of veterinary medical students who complete specific requirements associated with the conduct, presentation and publication of original research work.

**Requirements**

Students must complete all of the following requirements to receive the Veterinary Medical Research Scholar designation:

1. For a minimum of two semesters or in full-time summer employment, the student must be engaged in and contribute substantively to research or creative inquiry with a faculty mentor and/or faculty-led team. The supervising mentor may be employed at Oklahoma State University or at another university.
2. The student must present his or her research or creativity project at a state, regional, or national conference. or juried artistic venues.
3. Student must publish their work or a manuscript related to their creativity product, or have it accepted for publication, in a refereed research or professional journal.

**Further clarifying points:**

1. This is an opportunity that is available to students enrolled full time and working toward the DVM degree.
2. The designation is not tied to the conferral of a degree. It could be completed and placed on a transcript prior to a student’s completion of the degree. It could also be completed within a year after the degree is earned so delays in the publication process will not prevent a student from earning the distinction.
3. The Provost or a designee of the Provost will serve as the certifying agent for completion of the requirements with the help of a faculty committee set up with rotating terms to provide continuity.
4. The criteria and application process needs to be described in the OSU Catalog.

**Committee**

The faculty committee would be composed of one faculty representative from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Spears School of Business; College of Education; College of Engineering; Architecture and Technology; and College of Human Environmental Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences would have one representative for the humanities, one for social sciences, and one for natural sciences or analytical & quantitative thought. Applications submitted by students from the College of Veterinary Medicine will be processed by the faculty committee described above, plus a representative from the College of Veterinary Medicine. These college representatives would be appointed by the Nominations Committee of Faculty Council, and would serve rotating three year terms.

**Process**

The process would be for the students to submit an application (a mock-up attached), which summarizes their research and to obtain the signatures of their faculty mentor and the department head. They would submit the form with proof of presentation and publication (program, abstract, title page, etc). The faculty committee would confirm that the student has met the requirements for the Research award and the Provost or designee could then certify to the registrar the students meeting the criteria and the appropriate designation would be entered on the transcript.

Students would be given an honor cord of designated color to signify their status as an Veterinary Medical Research Scholar. Recognition could be given at graduation as deemed appropriate.

**Rationale:**

The purpose of this designation is to encourage veterinary medical students to engage in sustained, original research with a faculty mentor and to encourage mentors to include veterinary medical in research. Given the increase in such opportunities at OSU and the creation of the new student research journal, this seems a natural way to recognize student participation in meaningful research work and to foster further participation. Doing so should enhance student’s competitiveness for scholarships and awards, graduate school, and employment.

OSU would not be the first to develop such a designation but very nearly so. Example programs and links:

Utah State <http://research.usu.edu/undergrad/htm/awards-recognition/transcript-designation>

The University of Utah <http://www.ursd.utah.edu/>

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/students/students_crsp.html>