FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

# Council Room, 412 Student Union

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of the September 8, 2015 Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Gary Clark for President Hargis – Remarks and Comments

5. Special Report:

A. David Waits - OSURF

B. Ken Bartels - Ombudsperson

C. Barbara Allen – O’Colly

6. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:

President Hargis, Provost Sandefur, and/or Vice Presidents

7. Reports of Liaison Representatives –

**SAC – Melanie Bayles**

**Staff Advisory Council has been busy this Fall with Committee work.**

The Fund Raising Committee is promoting the Homecoming Fundraiser this month which includes an Ultimate Homecoming package that has 4 Football tickets, a one night stay at the Atherton hotel and a $100 gift card at the Rancher’s club plus others fun basket items. Proceeds with go to the SAC Staff Scholarship Endowment Fund. Tickets are on sale until October 16th.  Contact any Staff Advisory Council Member for tickets.

$1.00 per ticket or $5.00 for 6 tickets.

SAC will be hosting the Junior Service League of Stillwater in their Annual Harvest II food drive again this year. Donations can be dropped off at the Student Union Plaza on Friday, November 6th between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. The winner will receive the all coveted Harvest II trophy that IT has won for the past several years. Plans are in the works to have a second trophy for departments who have less than 200 faculty and staff.

SAC is assisting Human Resources with the selection of a guest Speaker for the Staff Development Day Presentation next spring. Speaker videos have been reviewed and choices are being narrowed down.

The SAC Distinguished Service Awards Committee is busy reviewing nominations packets for the award in October and will be setting up interviews in November for the final 12 finalist. Twenty Severn nominations were received this year.

Winners will once again be announced in the spring at the Staff Development Day event.

The Policies, Benefits and Budget Committee had two representatives on the University Holiday Committee this year. They have been working hard on research related to Mandatory Annual leave days, Staff Parking and Staff Dependent Tuition Waivers.

**AAUP – Barry Lavine**

On September 23rd, Provost Sandefur was the featured speaker at a faculty forum sponsored by the OSU AAUP chapter. We thank Provost Sandefur for his willingness to speak at the forum. The topic was the role of faculty in shared governance at OSU. The Provost’s comments included information about the importance of shared governance in the criteria used by the accrediting body for the university (i.e., the Higher Learning Commission). The Provost also indicated that faculty can refer to the Faculty Handbook to learn more about the existing procedures related to expectations for faculty involvement in the hiring of instructional personnel, including adjunct faculty. The next meeting of the OSU Chapter of AAUP will be Monday, November 2nd. Location TBA. To be added to the email list for AAUP announcements, please send an email to [shelia.kennison@okstate.edu](https://chem.okstate.edu/mail/src/compose.php?send_to=shelia.kennison%40okstate.edu). The forum that was held on Sept 23rd was videotaped. Anyone interested in viewing the recording can email [shelia.kennison@okstate.edu](https://chem.okstate.edu/mail/src/compose.php?send_to=shelia.kennison%40okstate.edu).

**Wellness Center – Mary Talley**



**Graduate Faculty Council – Brenda Smith**

* + Council held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, September 25th*.*
  + A Master of Arts in Teaching degree program, designed to help rectify the Oklahoma teacher shortage, was reviewed and approved by Council.
  + Proposed changes to the *Institutional Biosafety Policy (P&P 4-0301), Care and Use of Animals in Research, Testing, and Teaching (P&P 1-0505), and Institutional Laser Safety Policy (P&P 4-0303)* were reviewed and the Council voted to accept the changes.
  + Dean Tucker discussed the budget challenges of maintaining graduate student stipends at the 40th percentile. In FY2016, this required the use of recruiting funds that had been previously underutilized to help cover the budget shortfall.
  + Council reviewed and approved proposed revisions to the catalog language: 1) describing the 60 hr PhD option; and 2) clarifying the eligibility of students receiving assistance from the VA for reduced continuous enrollment.
  + Given the Graduate Student Support Initiative (GSSI) has been fully implemented, the Council reviewed and approved revisions to the *Waiver of Resident Tuition for Graduate Teaching and Research Assistants (P&P 2-0103)*. Council also voted to retire the *Waiver of Non-Resident Tuition of Graduate Assistants (P&P 2-0105)* because the GSSI does not distinguish between resident and non-resident students.

Council discussed issues around creative components, including concerns, inconsistencies, and the lack of governing policies. These issues will be discussed at Subject Matter Group meetings this month. A working group will be formed to look into these issues and report back to Council.

**SGA – Kyle Hilbert**

* + Cowboy Cousins received 100 tickets from Ath. Dept. for International Students for the UTSA game. It was a huge success with 70 international students attending the tailgate and the game.
  + Cowboython (formerly Dance Marathon) has a monetary goal of $180k to raise for Children's Miracle Network. Last year $134k was raised.
  + SGA is partnering with Governor Fallin's food drive for the month of October. Toys for Cowboys will be Nov. 21 (Baylor game). These toys are given to families in need in the Stillwater community just in time for the Christmas season!
  + SGA is sponsoring a Veterans Dinner which will be on Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
  + Sustainability Committee's *Earthfest* Theme for the spring will be “Colors of the World”
  + Fall elections will be Nov. 10-11

Into the Streets will be held on November 14. This event is a one-day community service project where students go into the Stillwater community. The goal for this year is 2000 student volunteers and 200 job sites.

**GPSGA – Catherine Haviland**

1)  GPSGA will be sending a letter to the Oklahoma Legislator encouraging the passing of the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2015 supporting the passing of the act.

2)  This Wednesday the General Assembly will be nominating a charity for Graduate Students of GPSGA to start volunteering for. Details on the service events will be available after this week’s meeting.

**Women’s Faculty Council – Barbara Miller**

Women’s faculty council hosted its first meeting on Sept 30.  Chris Ormsbee reported on The Women’s Leadership Academy and Women’s Faculty Council agreed to

co-sponsor the program this year

We also agreed to co-host the Difficult Dialogues program series this year.

We have a potential research week speaker, and have submitted a funding proposal to the VPR office.

We have already received over $5000 in contributions to our Research Awards, and a big thank you to the Deans and Administrators who have already sent in their contributions.

Our next meeting will be October 28, 4-5:30 pm in the Library Browsing Room, and we have confirmed our new Vice President for Research Ken Sewell as a speaker.

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

a. Academic Standards and Policies: Mindy McCann – Update

b. Athletics: Tom Royer – No Report

c. Budget: Pamela Lloyd – No Report

d. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Nathan Walker – No Report

e. Diversity: Lucero Tenorio – No Report

f. Faculty: Glade Topham – Update

g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Cecil Joe – No Report

h. Research: Andrew Doust – No Report

i. Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Rita Miller – No Report

j. Rules and Procedures: Deb VanOverbeke – No Report

k. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Jennifer Borland – No Report

9. Old Business – Fall General Faculty Meeting

"Through the Lens of Legislators: Challenges and Opportunities for Higher Education in Oklahoma”

Please join us in the Student Union Little Theatre at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, October 28th as we welcome Representatives Lee Denney, Cory Williams, Dennis Casey and Senator Jim Halligan to visit with OSU faculty about legislative issues facing Higher Education in Oklahoma.

Immediately following the meeting, Provost Sandefur will host a reception in honor of our special guests.

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

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