FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

# Council Room, 412 Student Union

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of the August 11, 2015 Minutes

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Special Report:

A. Jamie Payne – Assistant VP and Chief Human Resources Officer

B. Steve Spradling – Director, Parking & Transportation Services

C. Dr. Suzanne Burks – Director, University Counseling Services

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 –

A. SAC – Karissa Lowe

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The Distinguished Service Awards nomination period is now open and nomination forms are on the SAC Website. Advertisement for the award nominations will be sent via email The Nomination period is from August 24th through September 25th. Awards are presented at the annual Staff Development Day in the Spring Semester. You can contact SAC Vice-Chair, Jovette Dew for any questions at [staff.advisory.council@okstate.edu](mailto:staff.advisory.council@okstate.edu).

The Council Executive Team is assisting Human Resources by reviewing videos of potential presenters for the Staff Development Day.

The SAC Website is now being updated with the newest representatives pictures and streamlined by our PR Committee.

SAC once again presented OSU Staff with 20 Scholarships this year. SAC is fund raising again this year to help with this endeavor for next year’s Scholarship awards. Every SAC member will participate in collecting raffle and door prize items from area businesses. Raffle tickets for an OSU game will be sold this fall so you can help support Staff by purchasing a ticket for this raffle.

B. Graduate Faculty Council – Brenda Smith

* At the August Graduate Faculty Council meeting, updates were provided to the Council on graduate enrollment, annual progress of graduate students, and graduate student stipends.
* To encourage earlier submission of the final thesis/dissertation documents, the Graduate College is implementing a priority deadline this year.
* A new graduate program, Certificate in Big Data Analytics, was approved by the Council.  This is a multidisciplinary program brought forward from the Computer Science Department.
* The Council endorsed the idea of requiring all graduate students to complete a plagiarism training module through the Collaborative Institutional Training Institute (CITI) training platform.
* The final version of the *Best Practices in Advisory Committees and Defenses* document was reviewed and endorsed by the Council. This document now takes into account discipline-specific practices.
* The Council was informed that the Graduate College will be pilot testing a parental leave policy in the College of Human Sciences this year and a process of performing thesis/dissertation plagiarism checks, through a Desire2Learn community with the help of ITLE.
* Council discussed the handling of incomplete grades for graduate courses in Banner and was asked to consider potential implications for graduate students as the university defaults back to the previous policy.

C. Woman’s Faculty Council – Barbara Miller

WFC officers met with the Provost to discuss issues women face at OSU and elsewhere.

WFC chair and secretary attended Orientation for new faculty and passed out flyers.

WFC officers have been invited to the Institutional Diversity reception for new faculty and staff to represent WFC.

Dates for the WFC monthly meetings in the Library Browsing Room are below. Last Wednesdays of the months noted, 4-5:30 pm.  May meet in Nov./December, not sure at this point.

Sep 30 - Welcome Back and Meet New Faculty; discuss upcoming events to plan for: Research Week speaker, Difficult Dialogue Series, new initiatives, etc.

Oct 28 -

Feb 24 -

Mar 30 -

Apr 27 –

Letters to Deans and Directors going out in the next week or two, requesting donations for Research Awards.

If you cannot make meetings and are interested in working with WFC, as a research award judge or in any other capacity, please contact Linda Watson at [linda.watson@okstate.edu](mailto:linda.watson@okstate.edu)

D. Wellness Center – Mary Talley



E. GPSGA – Catherine Haviland

GPSGA will be adopting a local charity by the end of the month for Graduate Students and Faculty to have the chance to increase their community service hours as well as help the community.

Material Grant Applications are due December 4th at 5:00pm, applications will be located on the website.

GPSGA has a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ostategpsga>. Instagram and Twitter, @okstategpsga. Please follow us for photos, event information, and also application information!

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 – No Report

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

h. Research: Andrew Doust – Update

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

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

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