DeSilva called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bindewald, Champlin, Ellis, Emerson, Frazier, Hurst, Jones, Kaipa, Kakani, Khojasteh, Lovern, McCann, McFarlane, Melancon, Moss, Nabar, Nelson, Neurohr, Peek, Pivateau, Rebek, Sheehan, Walker for Talley, Wanger, Ware and Yates.

Also present: Bays, B., Beard, K., Biggins, L., Hargis, B., Miller, B, Misener, T., Peaster, R., Quan, T., Sandefur, G., Tucker, S. and Weaver, J.

Absent: Crick, Kak, Piehl, and Ramsey.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Special Report – Dr. Carol Jones – Bow Wow Film Festival ………………………………..

Remarks and Comments – President Hargis………………………………………………….

Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations and other Vice Presidents…….…….

Reports of Liaison Representatives …………………………………………………….……..

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Rules and Procedures ………………………………………………….………………

Student Affairs and Learning Resources …………………………….………………..

Academic Standards and Policies ……………………………………….…………….

DeSilva called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to sign the roll call as it is circulating the room and if you are a proxy for someone please sign your name as well as that of the council member whom you are representing. DeSilva entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Jones moved, McCann second. Motion passed. DeSilva entertained a motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting. McCann moved, Rebek second. Motion passed. DeSilva introduced Dr. Carol Jones.

**Special Report – Dr. Carol Jones – Bow Wow Film Festival**

DeSilva introduced Dr. Jones who will be talking about the upcoming Bow Wow Film Festival. Jones distributed the following flyer to the council members.



Jones stated that the upcoming Bow Wow Film Festival is sponsored by Pete’s Pet Posse. Jones said that the pups will be attending the festival. Jones said that one of the films featured will include four of the Pete’s Pet Posse pups. Jones said the university produced this film last year in conjunction with the Journalism School. It was a senior project for one of their students. Jones extended an invitation to all council members to attend the festival on January 29th. The pups will arrive at 5:30 and the show begins at 6:00. The festival should last a few hours and she would love to see everyone there.

**Remarks and Comments – President Hargis:**

Hargis welcomed everyone back from the break and he is looking forward to a great spring semester. Hargis stated that the legislature is not in session yet. Hargis stated that so far this year, there has been two increases in revenues. There will be a lot of agencies hoping to get some of these dollars. Hargis stated that no one has been cut as much as higher education. Hargis stated that three years ago OSU had $130 million for the Stillwater operation and last year it was $92 or $93 million. This was a tremendous cut to the budget. Hargis is hopeful that this year there will be a salary increase for faculty in Oklahoma. Hargis and the administration would like to see this happen. Hargis stated the legislators will convene next month.

Hargis stated that Howard Barnett, President of OSU-Tulsa, is stepping into a new role as President Emeritus. This new role will begin July 1, 2019. An email was distributed to faculty and staff regarding this new role. Barnett will primarily be focusing on helping with some of the restrictions on teaching opportunities at OSU-Tulsa. He will also be fundraising and working in the community. An internal search will be done to find a successor. Hargis stated that they have been trying to bring the Stillwater/Tulsa operation much closer together over the last few months, unifying the budget as best they can and get out of the business of who has to purchase items or gets credit for courses. Hargis stated that whoever leads OSU-Tulsa has a strong relationship in Stillwater. Hargis stated that Dr. Pam Fry has been doing a great job as the Provost at OSU-Tulsa. Hargis said that there has been talk in Tulsa about a four year university. Hargis is excited for the opportunity to grow in Tulsa. Hargis stated that the largest number of transfer students come from Tulsa Community College.

DeSilva opened the floor to questions. Miller asked for clarification about the four year university. Miller wanted to know if this would be a university independent of OSU. Hargis stated that it would need to be OSU or OU or OSU and OU. Hargis said they will need to see where it goes. Hargis stated they have a similar model in Indianapolis with Indiana University and Purdue University (IUPUI). DeSilva asked if this would affect CHS? Hargis stated they would continue in their role and their focus on health/nursing. Hargis said we will be working closely with President Smith and Langston colleagues.

**Report of Status of Council Recommendations:**

**Provost Sandefur and Vice Presidents**

Dr. Sandefur gave the following recommendation update.

The following recommendations remain pending:

18-10-01-LRPIT: OSU Intellectual Property and Copyright Policy.

18-10-01-Exec : Procedures for Consideration of Removing Names of Facilities.

18-05-02-Faculty: Proposed changes to the Preface and Body of the “Policy Statement to

Govern Appointments, Tenure, Promotions, and Related Matters of the Faculty of OSU”.

Other Vice Presidents – Dr. Leon McClinton. McClinton is currently the Director of Housing and will also be serving as Interim Vice President, Student Affairs until Dr. Doug Hallenbeck arrives in April. Dr. Hallenbeck will be coming from Clemson University.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

1. AAUP – Barry Lavine

The campus chapter of AAUP will be having an organizational and informational meeting for those interested in learning more about the AAUP. Anyone whose job description includes instruction in higher education is eligible to join this professional organization, regardless of your title (lecturer, instructor, adjunct, visiting, etc.). Read more about AAUP’s One Faculty emphasis:

<https://www.aaup.org/sites/default/files/files/One%20Faculty%20Principles(1).pdf>

OSU’s chapter will meet on Wednesday January 23rd from 4 - 6 p.m. in Physical Sciences 117.

1. Emeriti Association – Barbara Miller

The January Program in the Emeriti Association’s “Making the Most of Retirement” series at the Stillwater Public Library will be a program on “Tax Planning for Retirees.”  The program will be held January 16th at 1:30 pm in the public library. Dennis Bertholf, a ten-year counselor in the AARP Tax Program will lead the discussion.  Dr. Bertholf retired from OSU after a 38 -year career as Professor of Mathematics.

The program will cover two main topics, strategies for reducing taxes for the 2019 tax year, and what’s new in the 2018 filing rules, and what this means for preparing your taxes.

The Emeriti Council wishes to thank retiring council members Dennis Bertholf, Tana Rutan, Kay Murphy, Kent Sampson, and Clem Ward for their services. Clem Ward will continue his service as representative for Catering and Reservations, Barbara Miller will take over as historian from Kay Murphy, and Althea Wright will take over as chair of the Emeriti Suite committee.  Kay Keys will take over as secretary.   The council also welcomes new counselors Gladeen Alred, James Halligan and Barbara Miller.

1. Women’s Faculty Council – Tracy Quan

The WFC is seeking applications for our two annual student awards: the WFC Research Awards, which reward outstanding research and scholarship by graduate and undergraduate students; and the Ann Ryder and Clara Smith WFC Leadership Endowed Scholarship which honors leadership at the undergraduate level. Applications will be posted on the WFC website soon, and the submission deadline is February 15, 2019 for the Ann Ryder and Clara Smith WFC Leadership Endowed Scholarship and March 1, 2019 for the WFC Research Awards.

Pledges for the WFC $40 for the 40th philanthropic campaign to support WFC initiatives will soon be able to be made either online through the link on our website or via a pledge form that can be requested by contacting WFC Vice-Chair Kim Loeffert ([kim.loeffert@okstate.edu](mailto:kim.loeffert@okstate.edu)).

Upcoming meetings and events:

* January WFC meeting on January 17th , 2-3pm, CLB 106A
  + Dr. Carol Moder (Ann and Burns Hargis Professor; Director, Doel Reed Center for the Arts; Professor of TESL/Linguistics)
  + Title: Gendered Language in the Workplace
* First WFC Book Club meeting on January 25th, 12-1pm, The Daily Grind
  + Book: *Lived Experiences of Women in Academia* by Alison Black and Susanne Garvis
  + Please contact facilitator Dr. Erica Townsend Bell ([etowns@okstate.edu](mailto:etowns@okstate.edu)) if you are interested; Everyone is welcome!
* February WFC meeting on February 7th, 2-3pm, CLB 106A
  + Dr. Laura Belmonte (Associate Dean for Instruction and Personnel for the College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of History)
  + Title: Advancing Equity at OSU
* Research Week speaker Dr. Rebecca Sandefur (2018 MacArthur Foundation “Genius Grant” Recipient; Associate Professor of Sociology and Law, UIUC)
  + Lecture on February 19, 3:30-5:00pm, Student Union Theater (co-sponsored with CAS and Edmon Low Library)
  + Discussion on February 20, 3:30-4:30pm, Student Union Case Study 1 (co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology)

Anyone interested in the WFC can visit our website at womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu and sign up to be put on our email list.

1. Wellness Center – Kim Beard/Todd Misener



Misener announced to the council that the Colvin Center will be waiving the fee for spouses to

use the facilities when accompanied by their active member spouse. This will expire on

February 14th. The wellness center is offering this as a way to remove barriers so everyone will

be welcome to workout. Misener stated that they have created space that is accommodating to

everyone. Nelson asked if the Seretean Wellness Center was included. Misener stated yes it is.

Misener stated that children are also welcome but need to be accompanied by their parent and

stay with them. There are certain areas that children will not be allowed.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Reports of Standing Committees:

a. **Athletics: Justin Talley – No Report**

b. **Budget: Steve Wanger – No Report**

c. **Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Scott Frazier – No Report**

d. **Diversity: Justin Moss – No Report**

e. **Faculty: Robert Emerson – Update**

Emerson stated that the committee reviewed and editing the policy on Teaching Faculty Qualifications. This will be presented next month as a recommendation. Dr. Brenda Masters will be attending the meeting to explain if necessary.

f. **Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Eric Rebek – No Report**

g. **Research: Dianne McFarlane – No Report**

h. **Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Griffin Pivateau – No Report**

i. **Rules and Procedures: Pamela Lovern – Update**

Lovern stated that the Faculty Council elections are coming up. The actual voting will be in March. Prior to voting, new vice chair candidates need to be identified. We need to have these two candidates at the February meeting. Lovern asked the councilors to be thinking about potential nominees for the vice chair position. Lovern asked faculty members to contact potential nominees and verify that they are willing to serve. Please let any of the officers know who you believe would be a good candidate.

Lovern stated that nominees are needed to fill representative positions for those who are retiring. This will be done after the February meeting. Nomination forms will be sent out mid-February. Lovern asked those councilors whose term is ending to be thinking about potential replacements from their college. If someone was nominated to fill a vacancy or is serving a one or two year term, you are eligible to run for a full three year term.

Lovern stated the following terms are expiring in May and need to be filled:

CASNR – 1 three-year term

CAS – 3 three-year terms (of which we need four candidates)

1 two-year term

1 one-year term

CoEHA – 1 three-year term

CEAT – 1 three-year term

CHS – 1 three-year term

BUS – 1 three-year term

OSU/OKC – 1 three-year term

Lovern asked the councilors to be thinking about these upcoming vacancies and candidates to fill them. Lovern explained that for each college we will need to have at least one more candidate than the number of open positions.

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

k. **Academic Standards and Policies: Jon Ramsey – No Report**

**Old Business –**

**New Business –**

Todd Misener announced a new resource that he and Chris Barlow have been working on for a while. Misener stated that with the mental health issues of students and the concerns on campus the office of university counseling services recently launched an online therapist service called TAO (Therapy Assistance Online). This is a program that students can be referred to by faculty members. This program is online and is an add-on to existing counseling services. Students can do this program in a self-guided way. Misener encouraged everyone to take a look at the resources on the university counseling website. This was just updated. Misener stated there is a lot of great information on the website regarding how to use the resources and more importantly how to refer students and colleagues to the help they need. Misener stated that assistance can be given right away, no need to wait. Counseling services is also partnering with Mercy to provide a 24 hour mental health hotline to students. Misener asked faculty members to provide this information on their class syllabus. All funding was done internally without having to charge anyone extra.

Misener stated that they offer mental health first aid training on campus. There is no cost to those interested. Funding has been provided by a generous donation from the Merrick Foundation for materials. OSU has 24 professionals trained to teach these courses on our campus. The training takes 8 hours. Misener encouraged everyone to check out the website.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the **Council Room, 412 Student Union.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Lovern, Secretary