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**Approved Minutes**  
Faculty Senate Regular Meeting  
Friday, April 1, 2022

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BRENT SHOULDERS AT 12:04 PM**

**Roll Call**

**AE**—Tito Aznar, Cheng-Hsien Wu, Brent Shoulders

**ASN**—Sydney Wilkinson, Megan Steele, Justin Collins, Laura Franks

**BT**—Steve Martin, Julia Bird

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Aznar moved to approve both the minutes from the January and February meetings. Dr. Collins seconded. Motion passed.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

**President Report** – Mr. Shoulders had no official report, but will have things brought up in new business.

**Vice President Report** – Mrs. Franks mentioned the Handbook Committee and their status. They met today and are making progress with it. They are waiting on a new administration to establish a good process on how to approve it and make proposed changes.

**Secretary Report** – No report from the secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Student Advisement**

Mr. Shoulders brought up the recent meeting that was had about advising yesterday. He posed the question to the senate about the thoughts of everyone when other people advise their advisees. Mrs. Steele expressed some concern about this happening because some advisors have not been “trained” to advise in specific areas. There was some discussion about the summer and the lack of advisors being around so there is a need but this poses a challenge.

**Potential Changes to General Education**

Mr. Shoulders brought up the potential for changing the requirements for general education hours. He talked to administration about this and they expressed that there is no change in the immediate future. However, this is still a possibility, but just a couple years out. Even though this is not an immediate change, there still has been some proposed adjustments to the general education hours which does include changing required hours and adjustment of the required humanities courses currently.

**Potential Change for Nursing**

Mr. Shoulders updated the faculty senate about the administration’s response in regards to moving Nursing to the College of Online Learning. Administration made it clear that this was a departmental idea and pushed from their end, however, members of this senate do not feel that this is accurate. There is concern about this move of nursing to COOL and especially concern in regards to who is driving this decision and if the right people are being able to weigh in on the decision.

### **CapEd Relationship**

OPSU have let CapEd know that our university has concerns about the relationship and the potential ending of the relationship. CapEd is currently preparing an updated agreement that they will propose to see if we can improve this business relationship. This is a bit different than what the members thought was happening, as they had been under the assumption that the relationship was ending. However, it would seem that this is being reevaluated and the process of recruitment and financial allocation might be adjusted and the relationship would continue. We should know in the next months what that relationship will be moving forward.

### **Faculty Pay Study**

Mr. Shoulders mentioned that the COAE recently had a meeting where there were questions about the enrollment stipend. It was mentioned that this potential enrollment stipend was referred to the Faculty Pay Study. However, there has been no more news about this stipend or any official referral to this committee. There are still lots of questions around this because it is believe that enrollment numbers were met and that the stipend should be in the works.

### **Social Media Policy**

Mr. Shoulders brought this up and the policy that may or may not be in place regarding social media. There are questions about what this policy might be, is it appropriate, who is enforcing it, is it being equally enforced? Lots of concern about the policing that is happening. Mr. Shoulders will look into this policy and contact administration about this.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Presidential Search Committee**

The committee is meeting today and interviewing candidates in OKC. They are looking to bring the candidates to campus in the near future for potential meet and greets with students and faculty.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Faculty/Advisor of the Semester**

Ms. Wilkinson brought up the idea of creating an award for a faculty member, similar to what the Staff Association does for a Staff Member of the Semester. She expressed an idea of working with Student Senate to start something like this to recognize outstanding faculty and/or advisor. Mr. Shoulders is going to do some research and talk to the Student Senate and work on getting something like this established.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

COASN – Just hired a new Math teacher. Ag Ed position is open and there are have been a handful of applications. Panhandle Protégés is preparing for the summer and already has 19 applicants and still taking more applicants, as well as helpers from faculty and/or staff.

COBT – Congrats on the 12 state championships for PBL! They also have had 4 second place finishes and 1 third place finish.

COAE – Art Jubilee is April 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Senior Exhibits will be the first week of May. *The Play That Goes Wrong* being presented by the Theatre department April 21-23 at 7 pm in the Centennial Theatre. Spring Concert is April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Centennial Theatre. No Man's Land Reading Series – guest author/speaker will be Kathryn Kuitenbrouwer is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Aggie Connections is April 11<sup>th</sup> at the President's House.


Mrs. Steele moved to go into executive session at 1:30 pm. Mrs. Franks seconded. Motion passed. All members present entered into executive session. Dr. Collins moved to come out of executive session at 2:39 pm.

Mr. Shoulders then proposed a special meeting in regards to campus morale on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon.

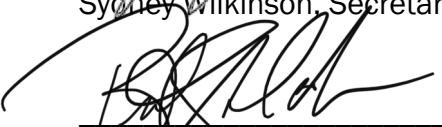
**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sydney Wilkinson, Secretary

  
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