

Faculty Senate Meeting
January 28, 2011

In attendance

Agriculture	C. Bensch	<u>N. Peterson</u> No	
Business	V. Pasque	<u>D. Winger</u> - not	
Education	not present	represented	
Liberal Arts	B. Burgess	D. Elder	B. Shoulders
MSN	J. Unruh	B. Meyer	
Univ. College	S. Green		

Agenda

Minutes

Minutes of Nov. 2 2010 were approved as printed. Passed unanimously Elder, Unruh

Officer/Committe Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business

FSR 2011-01: Vote by raised hand, passed unanimously, Elder, Pasque

Supplemental (senate at ease session)

President Burgess asked for a brainstorming session to suggest ideas on how to improve the campus and campus life at OPSU. Suggestions included:

1. Enforce 24 credit hour University College component.
2. Ideas to improve campus aesthetics.
3. Filling critical faculty positions that were left unfilled when faculty resigned/retired. - Brent S.
4. Develop one cross campus system or username/password for online access.
5. Re-visit the Summa and Magna Cum Laude GPA requirements.
6. Strengthen campus security, access to buildings, especially at night.
7. Investigate accessibility problems for very tall students, low doorways and ceilings.
8. Accountability for student fees in situations where they are charged.

Set meeting time for next meeting: February 25, 2011 at noon in Hamilton Hall 127

Motion to adjourn: Elder, Bensch, passed

Submitted by

Dr. Beverly D. Meyer, acting secretary, January 28, 2011

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

FSR F2011-01

Introduced By: Burgess

Title: A Resolution Regarding Access for OPSU Students with Physical Disabilities

Whereas OPSU is a university that serves a number of students who have physical limitations; and

Whereas OPSU has demonstrated a commitment to making our campus accessible to students with physical and learning disabilities; and

Whereas no sidewalk exists on the section of Harrison Avenue that is proximate to the Oscar Williams Field House; and

Whereas a dangerous situation exists where physically disabled students who are traveling from the Aggie Apartments to the main buildings on campus must use Harrison Avenue; and

Whereas because of its sloped sides, which were designed for the purpose of drainage, physically disabled students frequently use the middle of Harrison Avenue to traverse between the apartments and the main campus; and

Whereas Harrison Street is sparsely lighted and students with physical disabilities enrolled in night classes or engaged in nighttime campus activities often have to use the middle of Harrison Avenue in the dark; and

Whereas drivers frequently travel Harrison Avenue at relatively excessive rates of speed and have on numerous occasions had to rapidly slow down to accommodate both the traffic of students with physical disabilities as well as routine pedestrian traffic; and

Whereas Harrison Avenue contains no crosswalks to protect both pedestrian or disabled student traffic; and

Whereas the lack of a sidewalks, crosswalks, speed bumps or sufficient lighting pose a clear and present danger to students with physical disabilities and all students, faculty and staff traveling between the south side of campus and the north side.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OPSU Faculty Senate that OPSU seek to accommodate the safety concerns of all students by addressing the lack of sidewalks, speed bumps, crosswalks or sufficient lighting on Harrison Avenue.

Enacted and Resolved on the ___ day of _____ 2011.

Brent A. Burgess, Faculty Senate President

Loyet Shafer, Faculty Senate Secretary

Votes: ___ Yea ___ Nay ___ Abstentions ___ Absent

**Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, January 28th at Noon
Hamilton Hall 127**

- I. **Call to Order and Role Call**
Approve Minutes

- II. **Old Business**
None

- III. **New Business**
FSR 2011-01

- IV. **Supplemental (Senate At-Ease)**
Brainstorming Session
Discuss Ideas

- V. **Committees (Senate Back to Order)**
Committee Assignments

- VI. **Closing**
Voluntary Remarks
Set Meeting Time for Next Meeting
Adjourn

Roll Call:

School of Liberal Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulders <input type="checkbox"/> Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/> Proxy_____
School of Business & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Winger <input type="checkbox"/> Pasque	<input type="checkbox"/> Proxy_____
School of Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Shafer <input type="checkbox"/> Randall	<input type="checkbox"/> Proxy_____
School of Science, Math. & Nursing	<input type="checkbox"/> Meyer <input type="checkbox"/> Unruh	<input type="checkbox"/> Proxy_____
School of Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Bensch <input type="checkbox"/> Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Proxy_____
University College	<input type="checkbox"/> Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Proxy_____

Quorum Present: Yes No

Faculty Senate Meeting
February 25, 2011–HmH 127

In Attendance

Agriculture C. Bensch
Education D. Randall L. Shafer
Liberal Arts B. Burgess D. Elder Shoulders
Math, Science, B. Meyer J. Unruh
Nursing
Univ. College Sara Green

Invited Guests:

None

AGENDA:

Minutes: Fac Senate Minutes, Approved (Elder/Shoulders)

Officer Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Burgess reported that the administration is working on FSR 2011–(regarding access for OPSU Students with Physical Disabilities).

President Burgess reported the administration's wish that Faculty Senate create 2 new committees in response to OPSU HLC accreditation visit. The Committees will be responsible for creating: 1) Faculty Handbook updates/Modifications, and 2) Institutional Review Board. Committees were appointed by Dr. (Pres) Burgess.

A. Faculty Handbook Committee members: David Elder, Brent Shoulders, Darren Randall, Judy Unruh, Curtis Bensch, Sara Green, & Vicki Pasque

B. IRB Committee members: Brent Burgess, Loyet Shafer, Beverly Meyer, Nels Peterson, & David Winger

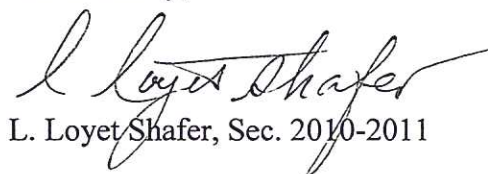
Voluntary Remarks and Concerns (at ease)

President presented brief remarks and encouraged discussion regarding members' input and ideas about sense of purpose of Faculty Senate. Brief discussion followed.

Other concerns were presented and briefly discussed. 1) Issues regarding online courses are being reviewed by the Online Committee; 2) Possibility of providing shuttle service for students during severe weather conditions; 3) Possibility of replacing the football field sod with Turf; 4) Judy Unruh reported on the exploration of "turnitin"–a comprehensive program to evaluate written work, check for plagiarism, and give students the chance to use peer review.

Motion to Adjourn: (D. Elder / J. Unruh) Passed

Submitted by,


L. Loyet Shafer, Sec. 2010-2011