



Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting

Friday, October 6, 2023 at 12:00PM in SAB 202

Members:	COASN – Dr. Curtis Bensch, Dr. Kristy Calloway, Tenoch Ramon COAE – Dr. Patrick Maille, Dr. Marjory Hall, Dr. Jarrett Kaufman COBT – Vicki Pasque, Hue Helms
Present:	COASN - Dr. Curtis Bensch, Dr. Kristy Calloway COAE – Dr. Stacy Nordquist (proxy for Maille), Dr. Marjory Hall, Dr. Jarrett Kaufman COBT – Vicki Pasque, Julia Bird (proxy for Helms) Others: Kimberly Conyers, Nicole Muncrief Invited Guest: Dr. Julie Dinger
Absent:	Tenoch Ramon
Call meeting to order:	Dr. Curtis Bensch at 12:00 PM.
Invited Guest	Dr. Dinger reported on the following: HLC Student Success Academy – OPSU is participating in an effort to increase student retention rates. HLC Mid-Year Review upcoming – The new assurance argument is in process at this time. We received reaffirmation of accreditation during the prior review with a concern regarding faculty credentialing. Have been focused on improved documentation of faculty qualifications and will report this in the new assurance argument. BluePrints 2030 OSRHE Strategic Plan – emphasis is on changing our terminology from students being our customers to being the product we produce and Oklahoma and its businesses are our customers. Focus is shifting to student outcomes and advisory committees. EAB – Excited about the level of support this program brings for data analysis to increase enrollment, recruitment, and retention and for Financial Aid packaging.
Reading / Approval of Minutes:	May 5, 2023: Read and approved September 8, 2023: Bensch moves (Pasque seconds) for approval. Motion passes.
Reports from Officers and Committees:	Calloway will be absent for November meeting. Dr. Megan Steele will serve as proxy and take minutes.
New Business:	Faculty Senate goals for 2023-2024 academic year: Pasque recommended website improvement as it is still difficult to navigate and contains broken links.

	Bird suggested that some items we may want to carry over from last year are the faculty handbook and faculty morale.
Old Business:	<p>Faculty Senate Representation: two seats were added to give a better representation of the faculty body based on faculty numbers in each college and the faculty senate constitution.</p> <p>Letter of appreciation to State Legislature, Board of Regents, and administration for faculty pay increase: Letter was drafted by Bensch and approved via an email vote. Letters have been sent.</p> <p>Faculty Senate desires to review HLC reports: HLC report was received and disseminated to faculty senate members.</p>
Other Business:	<p>Issues that have been noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnover rate 2. Shared governance issues (changes over summer that faculty was not aware of) 3. Central advisors 4. Decreased ability to offer needed courses due to enrollment number change and inability to pay for adjuncts/overload <p>Motion by Pasque (second by Kaufman) to start a shared document regarding these concerns that will be sent to Dr. Billiot. The motion passed. Pasque will create the document and send to faculty senate members to begin drafting.</p> <p>After Dr. Billiot has time to review the document, she will be invited to address these issues with the Faculty Senate.</p>
Announcements:	None
Adjournment:	Dr. Curtis Bensch at 2:00 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Dr. Kristy Calloway.