

OSU-Okmulgee Faculty/Staff Council
Meeting Minutes
March 25th, 2008

1. **Present:** Angie Been, Felix Cuellar, Jenny Duncan, Bruce Force, Lori Freeman, Stevon Gregory, Louise Lee, John Pemberton, Sharon Smith, Leah Torbett, Allen York, Sergio Lyon, Steven Rubert, & Kevin Hulett

Absent: Todd Anderson, Maria Christian (E), Melissa Dreyer (E), Charlotte McCall, Danna Martin & Sareca Wilson (E), Punkin Fisher (E), Mark Rodriquez (E), David Martin (E), Bob Avakian, Brenda Lewis

2. **Guests:** Bob Seebeck, Christy McCall, Curtis Miller, Dr. Linda Avant, & Deborah McIntyre

3. **Meeting came to order at 11:35 a.m.**

4. **Appointment of 1 new Council member.**

- Curtis Miller, Staff

5. **Approval of February Minutes**

- Council approved the February minutes via email.

6. **HR Update - Christy McCall**

- Blue Cross Blue Shield – Booklets have been printed and are available in HR.
- Long Term Disability – Open enrollment to drop or enroll for 50% coverage: April 1st – April 30th.
- Looking to add additional carriers for dental and vision.

7. **Physical Plant Update – Bob Seebeck**

- Rural Health Bldg. – \$200,000 over.
- Daycare Center – Roof is on a portion of the bldg. They are starting on the inside. Timeline - Early next spring.
- Tech Room – New paint, crown molding, and carpet.

8. **OSU Faculty Representative Report – Vacant**

- OSU-Okmulgee Faculty received ballots in the mail. Leah will send an email to Faculty with further instructions.

9. **OSU Staff Representative Report – Allen York**

- A representative from the Faculty Council came to talk about health insurance. Currently, everyone gets \$34.44 to use as they need (we were given this when we changed from HealthChoice to Blue Cross). They are proposing the \$34.44 be taken away and put it into one account to be applied to those who pay for additional insurance. The purpose is to help with the cost for those paying family insurance.

10. Faculty Committee Report – Felix Cuellar

- No Report.

11. Staff Committee Report – Punkin Fisher

- Last b-day luncheon had 25 attendees.

12. Policies and Benefits Report -

- Jenny Duncan nominated Stevon Gregory. John Pemberton seconded. All approved.

13. Public Relations Report – Sharon Smith

- No Report.

14. Rules and Procedures Report - Vacant

- No Report.

15. Health & Wellness Report – Bruce Force

- James Byrd and Bruce attended a wellness meeting in Stillwater to discuss some strategies on becoming healthier. Representatives from all of the A&M colleges were there.
- April 11th – First annual “Lunch on the Lawn” from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Council House lawn. This is sponsored by the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition.

16. President’s Report – Dr. Linda Avant (Dr. Klabenes was gone due to a prior commitment)

- Room & Board Rates will increase. Dr. Avant met with the Student Gov’t Association. Room (housing) will go up 3%. Board (meals) will go up .25 per meal (up 6 – 8 %).
- State appropriations for next fiscal year looks bleak. Dr. Klabenes is currently meeting with our state representatives about the budget.
- May and June higher education appropriations will be cut due to lottery shortfalls.
- Student retention and recruitment are top priorities.
- Gun Bill Legislation – Burns Hargis has stated for the OSU system that we are opposed to it.

17. Administrative Council Report – Jenny Duncan

- No Administrative Council Meeting in March.

18. Old Business

- Outstanding Employee Awards – 50 Faculty and 50 Staff have been nominated.
- Employee Banquet – Covelle Hall, first Tuesday in June. Cowboy/BBQ theme.

19. New Business

- April Luncheon – Sharon Smith will help to promote it.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 15th, 2008