

**Faculty/Staff Council
Minutes
December 15, 2009**

Quorum was not met. November minutes were not approved.

Present: Curtis Miller, Sharon Smith, Bruce Roberts, Allen York, Bob Seebeck, John Pemberton, Steven Rubert, David Martin, Steven Murphy, Mark Rodriguez, Trudy Book.

Absent: Christy McCall (E), Leah Torbett (E), Bruce Force (E), Bob Avakian, Louise Lee Ballenger, B.J. O'Brien, Michelle Kreps, Kevin Hulett, Ken Milliman, Charlotte McCall, Brian Caldwell, Todd Anderson, Art Visconti, David Martin.

HR Report – No report.

Physical Plant Update – Bob Seebeck reported:

- Construction on the daycare facility is moving along very well, we are ahead of schedule -- should have it completed in April.
- In the Student Union, we have completed one of the solariums, and the other one is to begin construction shortly, and we will be bringing new skylights for the top of this building.
- The Construction Technology department has been working every day fixing drain lines – the students are getting real world experience working out there in the cold. In the Automotive Center, we are just about to complete the roof on that building.

OSU Faculty Representative Report – No report.

OSU Staff Representative Report - Allen York reported:

- Dr. McKeever is the head of research in Stillwater, and he said for the fiscal year '09, there was 163 million dollars spent on research, and in fiscal year, '06, there was 103 million dollars spent, so it increased 60 million dollars. The research that is going on on the Stillwater campus, because of all the new buildings, the Henry Bellmon Research Center is being built and supposed to be finished next June.
- They are discussing trying to get bidders for off campus day-care, and that is a benefit, not actually building a day-care on the Stillwater campus, just subbing it out to daycare centers around Stillwater, getting a group rate, making it a little more affordable.
- Also, they're discussing housing displacement -- emergency housing for people during ice-storms, they can stay free five nights in one of the residence halls, for employees family. If you are ever stranded up there, go to Parker Hall, and they will let you stay for free when you have a legitimate excuse, so this is a new thing that is getting ready to come into effect in Stillwater. You can stay there now for any reason, but they charge you a nightly fee. These rooms are not being utilized, they hold them. If it is for longer term, they put you in University apartments, and they have their own linens and everything. Those are set aside for people

who want to rent them for game days. They haven't offered this to employees before, but during an ice storm, or your electricity goes out, or your house burns down – you can stay there.

OSUIT Faculty Committee Report – Mark Rodriguez reported:

- We're focusing on green committee activities, and the last meeting we had was December 1. Posters are done and some of them are up. We got them printed and the library laminated them so they will last longer, and they're being posted at the locations where the bins are so people can deposit stuff in the paper recycling bins. The cost was only \$27 dollars.
- Other matters we discussed -- we are looking at other materials that could be recycled. I have to talk to James Byrd about the issue of plastics and basic containers now, and seeing if there is something we can do constructively with all the container stuff that gets deposited or used on campus by students and staff and faculty.
- One person suggested potential savings if recycled water was used for lawns or to water the lawn. I do not know if we have reservoirs or places where we could utilize town water, but our usage of city water could be reduced substantially by using other water sources on campus.
- The issue of diesel for vehicles on campus, using vegetable oil -- instead of processing the vegetable oil to make a viable diesel fuel for vehicles, we wondered if it is possible for vehicles to be modified to use filtered vegetable oils instead. We felt that it's best that any efforts in that direction would probably be at least promoted for the grounds people instead of the motor pool people, because the grounds people utilize things with diesel power on campus, whereas the motor pool is just cars and vans.
- Then we were also looking into educating students as to the hidden costs of a lot of the things that they do, that could be mitigated by different practices, because often when people don't think about recycling, they just think who cares, throw it away and it is gone. We have to look at the labor and other issues that are involved with recycling to see if this really helping the campus overall. Ecologically, it may be helping the campus, but we want to make sure we are not utilizing staff to do these things, which may not necessarily be good for the University financially, so we have to make sure there is a cost payback for the efforts that we do.
- We have picked up 50 to 52 bales of cardboard that has been recycled on campus, and we gave some money from that to the general fund. We were wondering if those types of funds could go back in to more efforts, at least, instead of general funds deposit if what we actually recoup from recycling could be used to promote further efforts on campus, which could again get that synergy of monies back in to the University to help.

OSUIT Staff Committee Report – Curtis Miller reported:

- The Birthday Luncheon has been the only thing we have been working on. So far, feedback has been good, and we have changed the format significantly, and the feedback has been good. No major changes, but we have tried to allow for

people to come at the beginning or at the end, but we still don't get a lot of the faculty to attend. If there are any ideas for how to allow them to attend, please let me know.

Policies and Benefits Report – Position vacant – No report.

Public Relations Report – No Report.

Rules and Procedures Report – Position vacant - No report.

Health and Wellness Report – No report.

President's Report – No report.

Old Business -- None.

New Business –

- Bruce Roberts said committee members should be thinking about becoming president of Faculty Staff Council – the next president needs to be a staff member. It's a two-year position and you get great experience in a leadership role.

Next Meeting – January 19, 2010