

**Faculty/Staff Council
Minutes
January 19, 2010**

Quorum was not met. November minutes were not approved.

Present: Steven Murphy, John Pemberton, Ken Milliman, Aaron Gaddy, Steven Rubert, Allen York, Bruce Force, Art Visconti, Mark Rodriguez, Bob Avakian, Steve Bryant, Bob Seebeck, Bruce Roberts, Jenny Duncan, Michelle Kreps.

Absent: Sharon Smith (E), Curtis Miller (E), Leah Torbett (E), Trudy Book, Christy McCall, Louise Lee Ballenger, B.J. O'Brien, Kevin Hulett, Charlotte McCall, Brian Caldwell, Todd Anderson, David Martin.

HR Report – No report.

Physical Plant Update – Bob Seebeck reported:

- The daycare is on schedule and will be completed in April.
- We're starting a paving project to the west of the police and laundry facility.
- The roof over the Automotive Office building is almost finished.

OSU Faculty Representative Report – Bob Avakian reported:

- Stillwater discussed plans for cuts on their campus to meet the budget for the next fiscal year.
- The first part of the faculty meeting, they were discussing possible budget plans and cuts for this next fiscal year.
- The discussion of the baboon...it turns out that the committee that approves scientific protocol, had approved a study of Anthrax using baboons, at the end of which, by federal law, the baboons have to be euthanized, whether or not they survive. Burns Hargis stepped in and vetoed the experiment. The press picked it up and claimed he did it because Boone Pickens' wife is a PETA associate, but at the last meeting Mr. Hargis pointed out that he had information that was not privy to the public about what was going on. The faculty council did a report. You should have received an email with that report attached. I would suggest that if you are going to be talking to anybody about it, that you read that report, because it is an excellent piece of work. And it turns out that there were very good reasons for us turning it down, and the big thing is there was no agreement, there was no breaking of any trust or anything else, just letters that had gone back and forth trying to set this up. So if anybody talks about the baboon controversy, it is really nothing. It was squelched for many reasons, many of them purely logistical, and it has no reflection on what we are going to be doing in the future.

OSU Staff Representative Report - Allen York reported:

- I am in the process of getting teleconferencing so I can listen to the meetings in Stillwater, so I won't have to drive and we will save a little money.

- President Hargis discussed the use of stimulus money for FY2011. The energy center is helping to offset some costs. He spoke about how the stimulus funds are helping us out, but of course that runs out in fiscal year 2011. For the Stillwater campus right now -- but they are kicking around the idea of furloughs on that campus for people who make more than \$30,000 per year, but it is still in discussion, and there's not anything set in stone.
- They are talking about eliminating out-of-state tuition for students who have increased ACT scores, as a recruiting tool for the Stillwater campus. Right now, it is \$10,000 more per year for out-of-state students.
- Raffle tickets are being sold for the Bedlam game on Feb. 13. If you are interested email me. It goes to a scholarship fund.

OSUIT Faculty Committee Report – No report.

OSUIT Staff Committee Report – No report.

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 – Bruce Force reported:

- Tobacco committee is planning some events and working on signage in preparation for July 1 when we go tobacco free.

President's Report – No report.

Old Business -- None.

New Business –

- Bob Seebeck talked about the process the university went through the last time we selected a president.
- Bruce Force - There was a question about retirees and alumni being able to access okstate email accounts, because there is some interest by retirees to be kept informed about employees that are retiring and other campus news.
- Michelle Kreps announced that Upward Bound camp will be held June 7 – July 16.

Next Meeting – February 16, 2010