

OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes
November 1, 2006
Student Union Harlan Room

Present: Matt Davis, ACR; Casey Campbell and Eugene Young, ADDA; Bill Martin and Jason Hart, AITP; Angie Been, CMI; Felix Cuellar, C³; James McCullough and Jose Rivas, FAD; Stanley McMahan and Michael Grob, Horology; Art Visconti and Phil Hill, ISA; Kay Thompson, PTK/R.E.B.E.L.; Melanie Champion, RHA; Devin DeBock, Residential Life; Megan Wilhite, Student Ambassadors; John Teeples, SGA; Leah Torbett and Megan Wilhite, SNA; Guest Debbie Kinsey; and Bruce Force, Kevin Monteque, Steven Rubert and Doreen White, Student Life.

Meeting called to order at 11:36 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed first time attendees to the Presidents' Roundtable and asked them to introduce themselves: Kay Thompson, PTK/R.E.B.E.L. and Debbie Kinsey, Student Affairs.

Force apologized for the mix up concerning the in-room buffet verses going through the cafeteria line. It was a surprise to us that it was in the room this time, and although Doreen sent an e-mail as soon as she found out, most advisors did not receive the e-mail before coming to Roundtable. He said that from now on out, we will try to let advisors know whether or not to go through the line.

Announcements/Reminders:

- The Okmulgee County Mass Immunization Prophylactic Strategy is still scheduled for November 16-17. Volunteers still are needed. Okmulgee County Health Department's Kathy Cole, who will coordinate volunteers for the project, said three to seven people are needed per nurse to make the drill effective. Volunteers may chose to participate right up through Nov. 16, if they come to the Okmulgee County Health Department, complete the volunteer form, and have a photo badge prepared. Sharon Ray is the contact person for those badges. it is alright for any student to participate in the exercise just one time, even if they are not permanent Okmulgee County residents. Volunteers will serve about 8 hours on Nov. 17, six hours alone in the clinics. He said funding does not include volunteer food/snacks/drinks, and announced that this is another way for volunteers to contribute. It would be a great help if some clubs/organizations would volunteer to supply these items. Just let them know. Force asked everyone to take this information to their next club meeting, and seek volunteers to participate. If your clubs/organization chooses to participate, please complete and submit an Activity Request, and contact Kathy Cole, 756-6324, at the Okmulgee County Health Department. Community Event points will be awarded.

Next on the agenda was John Teeples, who announced that the Children's Christmas Party will be held November 30, 6 pm, in Covelle Hall. Clubs and organizations can volunteer time and/or money for the event. Help is needed to decorate, be Santa and man games. Please contact him if your club/organization will participate and be sure to turn Activity Requests in to Student Life.

Next on the agenda was Debbie Kinsey, Student Affairs, who came to speak about the Diversity Forums currently scheduled. Bruce Force passed around her handout documents. She explained that administrators had been present at the first forum, where they divided into groups and discussed diversity as it relates to OSU-Okmulgee's campus. Diversity is not just about race. She asked the group to give some examples of the definition of diversity and received answers such as "being understanding to others," "being open-minded," and "exhibiting tolerance to other cultures." Both Kinsey and Art Visconti mentioned generational diversity in each of our households. Communication is the key to understanding diversity. When the handicapped was mentioned as a group with a diverse community, she asked how we can better become diversity-friendly toward the disabled. Force mentioned the need for the campus to have a handicapped van in the motor pool; and Felix Cuellar mentioned the door knobs in the Student Union and elsewhere on campus needed to be changed to

levers; and Force said we need to become more ADA compliant in several areas. Casey Campbell said non-traditional students might have a hard time fitting into the student populace, so more on-line classes are needed. Devin DeBock said we need to look at diversity on a socio/economic level, also. Michael Grob said disabled people could benefit from larger rooms in the Residence Hall. John Teeple mentioned student age differences needed to be considered when assigning dorm roommates. Cuellar said we need more faculty/staff that can speak Spanish. Other groups of diversity on campus might include: age, gender, handicap, race, culture, rural versus urban, and different religions. Force mentioned the programs we offer largely target the male gender. Cuellar agreed and mentioned that some of our programs, such as construction and culinary arts, need to market to Hispanics. Leah Torbett mentioned that nursing was another field Hispanics are beginning to enter. Kinsey mentioned that this discussion was to continue next week, Nov. 8, 11:30 to 12:30, in the Citizens and First National rooms. Lunch is provided. Force distributed a sign-up sheet for those who wish to participate to sign. Kinsey asked those planning to attend to read the last two pages of the handout and be prepared to discuss the items in break-out groups. She said the findings will be summarized and included with other forums in a final self-study report. DeBock wanted to make clear the fact that this is an opportunity to make your voice heard. Force said Doreen will send an e-mail to advisors to determine who will come next week, and mentioned diversity in scholarship awards. Stan McMahan said we are all different, and that is what makes us alike. Kinsey said much of what makes us different from one another are our past experiences.

Next up was Steven Rubert, who thanked everyone for their participation in CarniFall. Alcohol Awareness week was a success – except the postponement of the Luau. He mentioned that Free Movie Night on November 9 is cancelled and two others were scheduled November 2 and November 16. Megan Wilhite was called upon to speak about AAW's Boos and Booze Spook House. She said they had a great turnout – 300+, and the event was covered on Channel 6 news that night and the next morning. Force mentioned that students from several area schools participated. Kay Thompson was called upon to speak about upcoming events that R.E.B.E.L. is planning. She said the spook house was bigger than last year and should continue to grow year to year. R.E.B.E.L. planned the recent Halloween Party, at which vampire teeth were distributed and a costume contest was the main entertainment. The group is in the process of planning the upcoming Thanksgiving Party scheduled November 16, 11 am – 1 pm, in the Student Union. The theme is "Gobble 'til You Wobble" and will feature free food and games. Rubert continued speaking about upcoming activities, which included the Blood Drive on November 7, in the NCAT 1st floor lobby; Leaders for Life the same day at 4 pm, Student Union; P.E.T.E University on November 14. The topic will be "How to Stay Physically Fit." Lottery entries for Bedlam tickets will be available on Monday, Nov. 6, Covelle Hall. Felix Cuellar, C³ said he would like to see the whole campus get more politically aware as elections are next week. Doreen White mentioned that Student Life has sample ballots posted on its public bulletin boards. Steve Rubert mentioned that he would team up with Student Senate to get something going.

Felix Cuellar asked if there is going to be a debriefing on the Technology Showcase. Force answered that he could contact James Byrd, and that he heard there were 5,000 to 6,000 students here, and Prospective Student Services received about 300 cards for recruitment leads. Discussion followed that several technology center instructors were no longer bringing students, because it seemed to be just a "fair." Force said it seems as though the students were here just to grab free stuff then tear up and steal things, and he also thinks the career technology centers think it is no good. Kinsey said she had heard good reports on the showcase. Angie Been said the Arts and Sciences marketing group were there to make a report about the event. Force said the National Crime Lab seminar was a good target tool for IT recruitment. McMahan said Watchmaking saw thousands of students and had no problems. Force added that he thought some saw it as a free day out of school for the participants. DeBock mentioned that having separate lunches for instructors encourages them to leave students unattended.

Kevin Montequé was next on the agenda to discuss upcoming wellness and intramural sports activities. Flag Football was completed last Thursday, and the winning team may be going to participate in games at Stillwater. On the semester calendar, dodge ball and 3-on-3 basketball has switched places. The gymnasium was not going to be accessible for basketball. Dodge ball play begins next Tuesday. The 3 on 3 basketball meeting is

scheduled November 21 and play begins on November 29. Montequé said to come to him if you need help devising a health and fitness workout program. SPIN Group Cycling Class begins 11:35 am, Monday – Thursday, and Student Life hopes to implement a Pilates Program in the Spring Semester.

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Phil Hill, ISA: Members participated in CarniFall, and earned a \$150 profit by selling 90 turkey legs and Electronic Challenge, an Operation-type game; 15 students will tour Michelin tomorrow in Webbers Falls; and Industry Days are coming up.

Megan Wilhite, SNA: Study nights are every other Monday in the Nursing computer lab, 7 pm; Pizza is \$2 for non SNA members; They have a full house, 20 – 25 people, at their club meetings; They recently participated in Breast Cancer Awareness, and earned \$90 at CarniFall.

Melanie Champion, RHA: Members recently participated in CarniFall.

John Teeples, Student Senate: Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party, November 30, Covelle Hall.

Jose' Rivas, FAD: Members participated in CarniFall and a costume party; they are planning an industry visit to Bentonville, Ark.

James McCullough, FAD: Vis. Com. has a show beginning Dec. 3 at the Community Center in Bartlesville.

Kay Thompson, PTK: Members had 3 booths; are working on their Hallmark Awards for five-star, and are planning to attend the Regional Conference on Feb. 2.

Angie Been, CMI: Members are planning a luncheon meeting for two times next month; also they participated in CarnFall.

Force reminded participants about the Student Life Banquet scheduled next Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m., State Room.

Adjourned: 12:30 pm