

OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes
July 11, 2007
Student Union

Present: Matt Davis and Gary Daniels, ACR; Bekki Ward Harjo, ADDA; Randy Ritchey and Sagar Master, AITP; Ryan Eakins and Jimae Eakins, BCM; Felix Cuellar and Michael Saffari, C³; James McCullough, FAD; Brian Webster and Michael Grob, Horology; Art Visconti, ISA; Hacı Ulucesme, MCA; Bo Hudson and Amber Hill, RHA; Kevin Hulett, Student Ambassadors; Mary Graves and Hacı Ulucesme, SGA; Leah Torbett and Josh King, SNA; and Bruce Force, Kevin Montequé, Steven Rubert and Doreen White, Student Life.

Meeting called to order at 11:41 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed first time attendees to the Presidents' Roundtable and asked them to introduce themselves: Randy Ritchey, new sponsor for AITP.

Force made some announcements and reminders:

- Date and location have changed for this year's Relay for Life. It will take place next weekend at the football stadium. Clubs and organizations that want members to participate need to have their Activities Requests submitted before this Friday. Points will be awarded. PTK is sending 10-12 members. Sponsors are asked to spend a couple of hours with their members, but are not required to be there the entire time. Leah Torbett, SNA Club Sponsor, will be there the entire time, and is willing to stand in for sponsors, who have members wanting to participate. Just let her and Student Life know. Force apologized several times for springing this on clubs and organizations at the last minute, but the date has changed twice.
- Upcoming events including graduation and other things will be announced in the near future.

Next on the agenda, Steven Rubert spoke about upcoming Student Life activities. Free Movie Night this Thursday; Blood Drive next Tuesday – club member help is needed – contact Bruce Force or Doreen White; Free Massages on July 25; Last Free Movie Night of the semester, July 26; and Tulsa Talons Ticket Giveaway on July 20. Rubert then stated that this was his last Presidents' Roundtable in the position of Student Life Activities Coordinator, but still will be present as Phi Theta Kappa advisor. He has accepted the on-campus position of Director of Special Events and Services. Bo Hudson asked what was showing at the theatre on Free Movie Night. Rubert did not know.

Kevin Montequé then spoke about Student Life wellness and intramural sports activities. Wellness classes include SPIN Class, Monday – Friday, 11:35 am to 12:15 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday, 4:35 – 5:15 pm; and Pilates Class, Monday – Thursday, 6:15 – 6:55 am. Body Mass Index testing is this Friday. Student Life is attempting to close out the summer intramural season by finishing up soccer, which got rained out, and beginning softball just as soon as the condition of the sports field allows. Tomorrow is the Softball Coaches Meeting and Tuesday, July 17 marks the first day of softball play, unless the sports field is unfit, as is the current situation. Montequé will send e-mails and keep everyone posted. Josh King asked if someone can play if they are enrolled for the Fall Semester. Montequé replied that if they are not currently a student or employee, they cannot play. He went on to say that club teams are eligible for points if they complete an Activities Request, play, and submit a Points Verification Form. Torbett said the Student Nursing Association are trying to field a team and currently has 9 or 10 players. Will Montequé assign individuals, who do not have a team, to already formed teams? Montequé replied in the affirmative.

Force asked if there were any other questions or comments for Rubert or Montequé.

Art Visconti said he had a question concerning the upcoming Fee Allocation process. What are the dates for the presentations? Force said the information for the process is out on the Web site. The process will begin in September and the money will be disbursed in October, but the exact dates of the presentation are not yet

established. More information will be available at the next Presidents' Roundtable, along with information about CarniFall and such.

Force then mentioned that some cultural activities were planned for the Fall Semester, such as Salsa Dancing and Ballroom or Swing Dancing, which would allow for club participation. He joked that with all the recent rain he was trying to get Montequo to organize a catfish noodling class on the Deep Fork River.

Force reminded those present several times that the first Presidents' Roundtable of the Fall Semester is scheduled on the first day of classes, September 5.

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Kevin Hulett, Student Ambassadors: The organization is looking for Student Ambassadors. If anyone knows of a good student, who has time to help with campus tours, please nominate them as an ambassador.

Sagar Master, AITP: Members are still working on a project for the City of Beggs; and their next meeting is next week.

Michael Grob, Horology: Members will want to help with next week's Blood Drive.

Jimae Eakins, BCM: Wednesday Late Night is still scheduled at 9 pm and the student-led early service for Upward Bound is at 7:30 pm.

James McCullough, FAD: Members are finalizing plans for their Denver trip July 25 – 28 with about 30 students. Tours are scheduled and ballgame tickets have been purchased, and, no, they do not need any additional sponsors.

Bekki Ward Harjo, ADDA: Members are preparing to take a trip to the munitions plant in McAlester.

Art Visconti, ISA: Members have been busy purchasing softball equipment, and will hold a softball sign up hotdog luncheon on Thursday, June 12, 11 am to 12:30 pm. They also are planning a tour to ABB in Bartlesville on July 26.

Gary Daniels, ACR: T-shirts, designed by Brain Caldwell and Cody Frusher, have arrived; and are on sale for \$12.50, and \$13.50 for 2X. If anyone would like to purchase one, they can contact Matt Davis. Members recently were treated to a BBQ lunch by ABS. York recently visited to talk about a modified furnace. Hobson treated them to a pizza lunch. They had a cookout just before break, and will plan a cookout for graduates.

Michael Saffari, C³: Many members are gone on internship; they participated in an ABC event in June; will help with the Relay for Life; and prepare for graduation and honoring graduates. Force asked Cuellar if Robin got in contact with him. Cuellar said, yes, she wanted to borrow the jail.

Josh King, SNA: Members are recruiting new members from a new class of students; are participating in a few fundraisers including one that will give away an iPod; are ordering new t-shirts; have established a nursing items store; are planning a meet and greet among different class levels; will have a guest speaker next week, a hospice recruiter; and are planning to field a softball team.

Amber Hill, RHA: Members will meet next week.

Mary Graves, SGA: Senators recently adopted a resolution in support of a 5.9 percent increase in fall tuition rates, whereas most other colleges are raising rates at double-digit percentages. SGA Sponsor Thomas Holman is working with Library Director Jenny Duncan to establish a text book loan program, which will provide text

books to students whose monies have not come in or who cannot acquire text books by any other method. The Senate has donated \$500 to assist with this startup. Senators will support Cowboy Connection and Move-in Day activities. They also will buy an iPod or some other prize for another activity. Graves will send an e-mail to Senators to gain monetary and participatory support for Relay for Life. The Senate also is very interested in bonding with other campus clubs and organizations to rally support for establishing a campus-wide common lunch hour and/or find alternative methods to hold meetings such as D2L or discussion threads. If anyone has ideas along these lines, please contact the Senate. Force suggested the Senate propose a joint resolution with the Faculty Staff Council for a campus-wide common lunch hour. Rubert said Phi Theta Kappa was interested in supporting the idea. Cuellar asked what has to happen to establish a common lunch hour. Force again suggested the joint resolution. Graves suggested a petition for signatures. Force said the Future Chefs Association rarely gets to participate in the Presidents' Roundtable due to culinary classes being held during lunch hour, and he is working on some things to help them out with this next fall. Graves continued by saying, of course, we all realize that class comes first, and students have jobs and family for which they have to schedule time. Taking all of this into consideration, it is imperative that we do what we can to work together as an institution to promote student development outside of the classroom. Cuellar asked if anything can be accomplished through the Presidents' Roundtable meetings. Force commented that it seemed to be the consensus of the group that a campus-wide common lunch hour would be beneficial for students and clubs, and that in and of itself speaks volumes. He noted that the discussion would be noted in the minutes of the meeting as documentation of that consensus. Ryan Eakins added the Baptist Collegiate Ministries to the consensus, saying a campus-wide common lunch hour would benefit their programming as well. Force mentioned that the Registrar would be the one to contact concerning any legalities about fulfilling contact hour requirements. Some discussion ensued about the impossibility of including everybody in the common lunch hour, seeing how many industry-specific programs were on the eight-week class/internship cycle, and others were on full a semester internship cycle. Matt Davis added that we know that offering food during lunchtime meetings was a big draw for attendance. Force concluded the discussion by saying we will do what we can to develop students, and asked those present to go back to their club membership, gather thoughts and comments, and bring ideas back to the next Presidents' Roundtable.

Felix Cuellar asked about the status of the Estudiantes de la Cultura Hispana since Matthew Vianes is no longer at OSU-Okmulgee. Force said he thought more paperwork was due, and Cuellar said he thought he had some of it in his possession.

Graves asked if indeed an Activity Request was needed for clubs and organizations to participate in the Relay for Life. Force answered in the affirmative.

Force then mentioned a timeline of events that would begin the Fall 2007 Semester: Labor Day on September 3 then Move-in Day & Cowboy Connection on September 4, and the next day, September 5, classes begin and the first Presidents' Roundtable of the fall semester will meet. He asked for club and organization volunteers for Playfair, a connectivity activity during Cowboy Connection, which is like a freshman orientation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.