

OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes
April 2, 2008
Student Union

Present: Matt Davis and Joey Davis, ACR; Randy Ritchey, Curtis Greb and Jared Brown, AITP; Felix Cuellar and Evan Stevens, C³; Jason Ziegenbein and Judd Jennerjahn, Horology; James McCullough and Dara Burge, FAD; Art Visconti, ISA; Thomas Kipkurgat and Ali Ulucesme, MISA; Steven Rubert and Morgan Klabenes, PTK; Devin DeBock, Residential Life; Bo Hudson and Beverly Dennis, RHA; Todd Anderson and Kent Morrow, VICA; Kevin Hulett and Miranda Wilhite, SA; Mary Graves and Mary Bell, SGA; Bruce Force, Kevin Monteque and Doreen White, Student Life; and guests Wren Hawthorne and Anita Watkins.

Meeting called to order at 11:43 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed first time attendees to the Presidents' Roundtable asking them to introduce themselves: Morgan Klabenes, Judd Jennerjahn and Jared Brown. He then congratulated Curtis Greb and Kent Morrow for graduating this semester.

Bruce Force relayed some announcements:

Technology Showcase is scheduled tomorrow, and 3,500 people are expected on campus. Next Thursday is the FFA competitions, and clubs can contact James Byrd to volunteer to help. Points can be awarded, so make sure you complete your paperwork. No extra curricular club activities during pre-finals and finals weeks, April 14 – 24, which is graduation day. Regular club meetings are allowed.

Mary Graves then spoke to the group about joining in on the Okmulgee County Relay for Life, scheduled Friday, May 2, 7 pm to Saturday, May 3, 7 am. The event is part of a nationwide fundraiser for education and research for the American Cancer Society. Teams consist of 8 – 15 members. Cancer survivors have their own special tent. Club sponsors are needed to stay with members on site, which is the downtown square. Even volunteering for a couple hours would be appreciated. If interested, please contact Mary Graves or Bruce Force. Helen Orcutt is OSU-Okmulgee's team captain. Morgan Klabenes added that a couple of businesses have donated to the cause: WalMart, \$1,500; Creek Nation Casino, \$500; Boomerang, biscuits and gravy; Preston Feed, raffle item; Beggs American Heritage Bank, time/money; and Miss Morgan's Dance Academy, free dance lessons. Art Visconti asked what style of dance was donated. Klabenes replied tap, ballet and jazz. Force also mentioned there would be a silent auction if anyone wanted to donate an item to auction off. Some guidelines during the event include: A team member must have a walker on track at all times. Unofficial members are welcome to join in. There will be raffles, and more raffles are welcome. Sales of memorial cards and support stickers are ongoing, as well as luminaries.

Anita Gordy-Watkins then spoke about an upcoming student life survey, which will solicit opinions campus-wide to help develop programs for students. Student Life staff may be approached at any time to listen to new ideas for programming. The online survey link will be sent to students and employees alike, and focus groups will be formed after data is collected and reviewed. Watkins then went through some points of the survey, and requested feedback from those present on content. There was none. Wren Hawthorne added that participants might not have to complete the entire survey depending on answers given. Force added that the survey would take five to ten minutes and make participants eligible for free stuff. She then asked if those present thought students would take time to complete the survey. Some though yes, others no. Watkins asked those present to discuss the survey at their club meetings, and contact her or Force if you have any input after today's meeting. Felix Cuellar pointed out misspellings and grammatical errors, which Watkins said would be fixed. Visconti asked if there would be a link, so participants didn't have to "go anywhere" to complete the survey. Thomas Kipkurgat asked about the timeframe for beginning the survey. Watkins indicated in the next couple of weeks. Mary Bell asked if the students would be more likely to complete the survey if given at the same time as instructor evaluations. James McCullough indicated they would not. Cuellar said the history for completion of

instructor evaluations isn't very good in and of itself. Curtis Greb said he went to complete an online instructor evaluation, which was taken offline the day after class ended. Kipkurgat asked about instructors awarding extra points for survey completion. Watkins will check into that.

Devin DeBock then spoke to the group about a potential increase in room and board rates. Typically, several student groups are contacted for input into potential increases. Such meetings are strongly encouraged by our president and the Board of Regents. Recently, DeBock has addressed the Student Senate and the Residence Halls Association. We are looking at a three percent increase in room rates, which translates to about \$45 per semester for the best room on campus, or \$11.25 per month. Utilities are set to increase 15 percent mainly due to the ice storms. For one dorm, Miller Kamm, the bill was \$30,4612.00, making a 15 percent increase very large. As for meal plans, last year there was no increase, and this year they are looking at about \$.25 per meal. For a ten meal per week plan, that's \$38 per semester. Our Business VP is looking at the declining balance policy of "use it or lose it," to see if the balance can be rolled over to the next semester. Greb mentioned that he has lost money before, and hopes for a solution. Kipkurgat asked when the increases would take effect. DeBock indicated in the Fall Semester. Cuellar asked if there was any discussion about fuel cost relief for commuter students. Hawthorne mentioned that CIS has the web based commuter board on their to-do list. DeBock ended the discussion by saying that when comparing apples to apples, it costs less to live on campus.

Force then moved on to announce upcoming Student Life activities:

Massages are scheduled on April 14 and 21

Moonlight Breakfast on April 21

Free Movie Night on April 10, transportation available

Next Wednesday, Springfest, where there will be a rock wall and football throw, free burgers and slush puppies, and musical entertainment by Nick Gibson. Students can pre-register Monday and Tuesday, April 7 & 8, to be entered in a drawing to win a free t-shirt or iPod, and also can register for the drawing on the day of Springfest.

Kevin Montequ spoke next about wellness classes and intramural sports. Five on five is in playoffs. The racquetball tourney meeting is tomorrow, and play begins next Tuesday. Plans are in the works for some new intramurals next semester, such as a Strong Man Competition. Exercise classes include: SPIN Class is Monday through Friday, 11:35 am and Tuesday and Thursday, 4:35. Pilates is Monday through Thursday, 6:15 am. Aerobics is Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7 pm and Kickboxing is Monday and Wednesday, 6-7 pm. Joey Davis asked how long Montequ expects the Racquetball Tourney to be. Montequ indicated they would be finished before pre-finals week.

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Curtis Greb, AITP: Members held a first-semester picnic last weekend; are working on sponsoring the Tulsa Chapter meeting; are looking for donated computers to repair and give to students; are helping the City of Beggs with their cemetery database.

Bo Hudson, RHA: They have one more event this semester.

Thomas Kipkurgat, MISA: Members had several field trips in March, which included African Night at Stillwater; the state capitol; and the Rotary Club. They also hosted a Taste of Nepal event and will host high school international exchange students at tomorrow's Technology Showcase. Their next meeting is the 15th.

Dara Burge, FAD: Members took two trips on the 28th – Wichita and OKC. They brought home 42 Brass Rings and have 107 entries for Graphex on May 8.

Judd Jennerjahn, Horology: Members are looking at their budget for upcoming trips to visit jewelers and service centers. They will have a booth at Technology Showcase, and look forwarding to sponsoring a get-together at the local lake.

Joey Davis, ACR: Next Tuesday is a trip to Air Assurance and their last meeting/dinner is scheduled on the 22nd.

Morgan Klabenes, PTK: Members are at internationals now; will participate in Relay for Life; and continue their daycare reading program.

Miranda Wilhite, Student Ambassadors: Members will participate in Relay for Life and as graduation ushers.

Mary Bell, Student Senate: At their last meeting, they spoke about Crisis Management and Energy Conservation.

Meeting adjourned: 12:35 pm.