

**OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes**  
**July 9, 2008**  
**Student Union**

Present: Matt Davis and Jason Mitchell, ACR; Randy Ritchey, AITP; Aaron Gaddy, C<sup>3</sup>; James McCullough and Dom Washington, FAD; Jason Ziegenbein and Judd Jennerjahn, Horology; Art Visconti and Robert Rhoades, ISA; Steven Rubert and T.J. Stryker, PTK; Devin DeBock, Residential Life; Beverly Dennis, RHA; Kevin Hulett, SA; Mary Graves and Mary Bell, SGA; guest Wren Hawthorne; and Bruce Force, Magen Davis and Doreen White Student Life.

Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed a first time attendee to the Presidents' Roundtable and asked him to introduce himself: Robert Rhoades, ISA.

Force relayed some announcements:

Force made a few announcements: It is time to begin to complete club paperwork and get documentation in order for the Fee Allocation Process to take place this fall around the beginning of September. Continue to creatively plan for the fall semester and include fundraising activities. Pre-finals and finals week run from August 11 to 22, and no activities aside from regular club meetings are allowed. Two graduations are scheduled this semester. Auto/HEVi students graduate on Friday, August 22, 7 pm and all other divisions will hold their graduation ceremony together on Saturday, August 23, 10:30 am. Carnifall is scheduled October 30, so clubs/organization should plan their activity as soon as possible, and turn in their Activity Request early to reserve that activity. First come - first served. Clubs/organizations are still encouraged to help out planning/sponsoring weekend events/activities for the student population. Clubs/organizations are not being asked to fund the events, merely assist planning and implementation. Please contact us with suggestions.

Matt Davis asked Devin DeBock about the day/time graduates would have to be out of the dorms in light of the split graduation. DeBock said that plans have not been finalized, but as it looks right now, a good guess is that all students and graduates will be required to vacate by 2:30 pm on Saturday, August 23. He will make sure everyone knows when the final day/time is set. He asked student leaders living in the dorms to encourage all students to celebrate graduation responsibly, because many students get out of classes on Thursday, and there will be two nights and days of potential boredom, which could foster troubled behavior. DeBock included an announcement that clubs/organizations that want to get information in packets going out to students entering the dorms for the fall semester, need to get the information ready and submitted to Bo Hudson before the end of July, and contact Residential Life as soon as possible.

Wren Hawthorne then shared the results of a couple of recent Campus Life surveys that helped measure student engagement in extracurricular activities. One survey was sent to all current students with a response rate of seven percent and the other was sent to OSU Institute of Technology's faculty and staff with a 46 percent response rate.

Hawthorne's Power Point presentation is attached to these minutes, but a few findings included:

- Three fourths of participating students say they are very or somewhat involved in campus activities.
- Four out of five participating employees said the same.
- Work is the primary barrier to participating in extracurricular activities along with other family obligations.
- Scheduled time of activities is a barrier, also, especially for students who live closer to campus.
- Most employees give high ratings to current programming, but suggestions for improvement fell into four categories: misalignment with student body; lack of things to do in the community; need for greater campus involvement; and need for more weekend activities.

**Advisors are encouraged to share the attached presentation with students and other employees.** If anyone has suggestions concerning increasing student involvement in activities, especially as it relates to the four categories above, **please contact Hawthorne.**

Devin DeBock asked about the margin between “very” and “somewhat”. Hawthorne noted that with most answers, the two choices were very close. A larger margin was between “somewhat” and “not involved”.

Student Robert Rhoades spoke up to say he is probably one of the students that needs targeted for alternative forms of engagement. He is married with kids living in McAlester, 75 miles away, and works a job. He is on campus 8 am to 4 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, only, and does not get a lunch break. His wife also attends school in Wilburton and works fulltime. He’d like to see a “couples night” with childcare provided, potentially in the State Room. Discussion ensued, which included potentially 1 to 2 times per semester and if Rhoades would be willing to pay a reduced childcare fee. He was.

Art Visconti asked what happened to the carpool concept from the last Presidents’ Roundtable discussions. Mary Graves noted that Keith Gable has re-establishing the online commuter board “on his radar,” but he is only working 20 hours each week, and it currently is tagged as low priority.

James McCullough asked why we don’t have a commuter bus like the Tulsa/Stillwater BOB. Mary Bell commented that just one route scheduled morning and evening would be helpful. DeBock noted that BOB currently is having financial difficulties.

Force then made announcements for Wellness and Intramural Sports Coordinator Kevin Montequ. The intramural softball meeting is tomorrow, and play begins next Wednesday. Body Mass Indexing is scheduled on July 25.

He had one last announcement to make concerning a community member question about whether we have a club/organization for Students Against Drunk Driving. Apparently, someone is soliciting donations claiming they are affiliated to an on-campus group. Please contact Force if you know anything about it.

Magen Davis then mentioned Free Movie Night tomorrow. Movies showing are WALL-E and Hancock. Transportation leaves the east parking lot of Covelle Hall at 6:15 pm. Massages are on July 16, 11 am – 4 pm, Covelle Hall. A NASCAR themed Blood Drive is scheduled on July 22, 9 am – 3 pm, Covelle Hall.

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Horology: Members are working on a poker tournament.

FAD: Members are planning a Chicago trip and recently hosted a guest speaker, author Michael Wallis.

ACR: Snap-On Tools gave a presentation before break. Members also are talking about a service learning field trip.

ISA: Members are working toward getting new hats; will field a softball team; recently hosted a Haliburton presentation; will host Chesapeake Energy on July 16; and will take a field trip to Cardinal Glass on Aug. 5.

Student Ambassadors: Members went to Tulsa for dinner recently.

PTK: Members went to a day center in Tulsa and gleaned a list of needed supplies for donation. A fellowship event is planned at the lake on July 19.

AITP: Members are working on fundraising ideas.

Student Senate: Town Hall meeting is scheduled July 23 to discuss tobacco free campus education, the energy conservation initiative and the recycling initiative. Also they hope to purchase all books that are used on campus for a book loan program. They hope to have nine subjects by the fall semester.

C<sup>3</sup>: Many students are on internship, but they want to institute a website for recruiting club members, and they are thinking about a chili cookout in the fall.