

**OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes**  
**October 1, 2008**  
**Student Union**

Present: Matt Davis and Weston Streber, ACR; Fil Guinn and Shadow Rider, AITP; James McCullough and Dara Burge, FAD; Art Visconti and Amanda Crosswell, ISA; Dr. Laura Roets and Terra Beaver, NASA; Keith Crownover and Jillian Hitchcock, O&P; Magen Davis and TJ Stryker, PTK; Bo Hudson, RHA; Kevin Hulett and Karla LaMunyon, Student Ambassadors; Mary Graves and Crystal Robol, SGA; Leah Torbett and Savannah Doughty, SNA; Steven Rubert, guest; Jeremy Strickland, guest; Ezra Gentle, guest; and Bruce Force, Kevin Montequ and Doreen White Student Life.

Meeting called to order at 11:38 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed first time attendees to the Presidents' Roundtable and asked them to introduce themselves: Savannah Doughty, Scott Wolf, Jeremy Strickland, Ezra Gentle, Weston Streber, Fil Guinn, Dr. Laura Roets and Jillian Hitchcock.

Force then relayed some announcements. Fifty-two people registered to vote during Promote the Vote week – 50 students and two employees. He thanked SGA's Crystal Robol and Miranda Wilhite, RHA's Eddie Turner, PTK's T.J. Stryker, FCA's Josh Garrison, Horology's Judd Jennerjahn, ISA's Ross Moffett, NGE's Keith Gable, and O&P's Dorothy Mwakina for serving on this year's Fee Allocation Committee. Some upcoming events include:

Free Swing Dance Lessons this Saturday, Oct. 4, 2-3 pm, Covelle Hall  
Free Movie Night Thursday, October 9, 7 pm, Orpheum Theatre  
Free Massage, Wed., Oct. 15, Covelle Hall South Wellness Center, 11 am – 4 pm  
Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 20 – 24, Alcohol /Drug Awareness and Faces of Meth presentation on Tues., Oct. 21, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Viersen Lounge and Victims Impact Panel, Covelle Hall Auditorium on Thurs., Oct. 23, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Classes are welcome at both presentations.

Force went on to talk about Carnifall, Thurs., Oct. 30, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm. He asked those present to discuss this event with your clubs and submit activity request by Thurs., Oct. 9, by 4:30 pm. The request should include your table and chair request, and your activity or fundraiser. He finished by announcing the next Presidents' Roundtable is scheduled Nov. 5.

Steven Rubert then spoke about the Career Encounters event scheduled Oct. 7, 9 am – 2 pm, for high school seniors, adult learners, CareerTech counselors and faculty, parents and friends, which highlight our academic programs, how to enroll, etc. He needs volunteers to work in parking lots, registration and lunch. For more information, contact Steven at 293-5220.

Mary Graves addresses the group about the Children's Christmas Party scheduled Dec. 4, 6 – 8 pm, in Covelle Hall. Historically they expect 250-300 children to come. They need 65 – 80 volunteers to help set up and implement the event. Sign in sheets for children will be in Covelle Hall, at the Salvation Army and Head Start. Discussion ensued about the age limit for participation. Currently the cut-off age is 12, and she asked the group's opinion if they should move the age limit ten. Dr. Laura Roets suggested the 11 – 12-year-olds could serve as mentors. Leah Torbett asked about a child, who is the oldest of four, being the only one in the family not to get a gift. Karla LaMunyon stated that it was difficult to find age-appropriate gifts for the group. Doreen White agreed with Torbett's observation. The Senate will discuss and settle the matter before sign up ensues. Bo Hudson asked if the 65-80 volunteers needed included people who work the booths. Yes. Dara Burge asked if students, who are not Senators, could help assemble the goody bags. Yes. Free t-shirts will be available for volunteers. For more information, contact Graves at 293-5296.

Jeremy Strickland, Okmulgee County Program Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), spoke about that program. The county's office is having great success. They received a venture grant from the United Way, have partnered with the Anne Moroney Youth Shelter, and have begun four new programs in Morris, Beggs, Okmulgee and Henryetta that specialize in school-based mentoring. This is where the volunteer meets the child at school and spends an hour or so with them there. Strickland brought with him a Big Brother from the Morris program, Ezra Gentle, who then spoke about having seen commercials about BBBS when he was a child. He went in to the program thinking he was going to help someone else, but it has come about that he is the one receiving the value. He and his Little Brother meet once a week to hang out, play football, draw pictures and play checkers. They often talk about their goals. He was surprised to see the determination and persistence of the underprivileged as they work their way through hard times.

Strickland continued that Ezra's Little Brother was elated that he was going to continue the program matched to him. He said the group should see the faces of the kids on the day their Big Brother is due to come. They watch the clock. The teachers just cannot meet 100 percent of these children's needs. There is such a void, and BBBS is making a difference. He then spoke of a Little Brother in the Beggs program that lost his match last year. The Department of Human Services has been to his house seven times for neglect, and he is still at home. He said that he is the type of kid that when a teacher decorates a bulletin board with a marshmallow snowman, he would eat the marshmallows. He found a match for him last week.

Magen Davis asked what the age range is for volunteers. Strickland said that currently all programs are using high school students. They are in need of older volunteers. The children in the program are grades second through fifth. If the program were in the community, the age range of the children would extend to sixteen. Strickland relayed that the children enroll in the program, both children and volunteers complete profile information, and a couple of children's profiles are given to the adult to decide the best match. Sharing common interests most usually are the determining factors in matches. Strickland also explained that our college students may volunteer for a twelve-month commitment, and during the summer months stay in touch with the child through e-mail and phone calls. For more information on this program, please contact Jeremy Strickland, 756-7700.

Kevin Montequé addressed the group concerning upcoming activities, wellness programs and intramural sports.

Oct. 7 Kids' Night, Covelle Hall, 6 – 7 pm

Oct. 9 Intramural Soccer Meeting, Covelle Hall, 4 pm

Oct. 9 Free Movie Night, Orpheum, 7 pm, (if you bring family members, they need a photo ID)

Oct. 14 Intramural Soccer Play Begins, Sports Field, 6 pm

Oct. 15 Free Massages, Covelle Hall, 11 am – 4 pm

Oct. 23 Racquetball Meeting, Covelle Hall, 4 pm

Oct. 27 Racquetball Play Begins, Covelle Hall, 6 pm

Oct. 30 Intramural Softball Meeting, Covelle Hall, 4 pm

Nov. 4 Intramural Softball Begins, Sports Field, 6 pm

Intramural Flag Football Play-offs are tonight – Lackey Loccs and Regulators. Bo Hudson asked if the soccer was a modified play or full team/field. Montequé indicated play would be half field (60x40) and 6-on-6. Force followed up by stating that the Kids' Night on Oct. 7 is not a babysitting service. It is an opportunity for families to come to Covelle Hall and enjoy some recreation.

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Amanda Crosswell, ISA: Members recently attended an industry presentation by Michelin, and they are raffling off a coupon for a set of \$600 tires donated by them. They hold officer elections next week, and will attend a St. John's Industry Presentation.

Bo Hudson, RHA: Members held officer elections last week, and have scheduled the next general assembly next Wed., at 8:30 pm, in Wilson Commons.

Dara Burge, FAD: Members have a meeting next Wed.; have a booth at Carnifall; and Silly Olympics the Wednesday before Halloween.

Scott Wolf, BCM: Will hold an open house for our students. Day/time to be announced.

Jillian Hitchcock: Members will have a Pajami Whammi event on Oct. 29 in Wilson Commons. Students can wear costumes, and there will be dancing, food, drinks and activities. They also are planning a trip to Florida to tour Grace Prosthetics and St. Petersburg College.

Savannah Doughty, SNA: Members recently enjoyed a dinner out; published a SNA Newsletter, and will participate in Carnifall.

Crystal Robal, Student Senate: Senators recently purchases several textbooks to keep in the library for students who cannot afford to buy them.

Karla LaMunyon, Student Ambassadors: Ambassadors assisted with the implementation of the name change celebration and voted to buy textbooks for the library.

Weston Streber, ACR: Members held officer elections, and those elected include Weston Streber, President; Malcom Garrett, Vice President; Denny Sowder, Treasurer; and James Huddleston, Historian/Secretary. They are planning a field trip to the Boone Pickens Stadium construction. They will have a putt-putt golf booth at Carnifall, and have bought fingernail polish and hot wheels cars for prizes.

T.J. Stryker, PTK: Members recently attended their honors conference, taking 2,814 lbs of food for the food bank. The entire region donated 3,200 lbs. They are making necessity boxes for a Tulsa homeless shelter to help provide a starter kid for those moving into housing and getting jobs. He challenged other clubs to fix boxes for the cause. See him or Magen Davis for a list of items needed.

Shadow Rider, AITP: Members are still involved with their refurbished computer fundraiser and the Beggs Cemetery records project. Four members will go to the AITP regional competition/meeting. In addition, they will have a rubber duck grab game for Carnifall.

Force mentioned that all clubs/organizations participating in Carnifall need to have free candy to pass out to children, so make sure it is budgeted in.

Dr. Laura Roets, NASA: Members are raffling off a \$75 gas card from Creek Nation Travel Plaza and several other items. Drawing date is Oct. 10, and tickets are three for \$1 or nine for \$2. They will donate money for the Children's Christmas Party; attend a Pow Wow in Stillwater, and will select a Miss NASA and/or a NASA Warrior for November's Native American Month.

Force mentioned that Muscogee Creek Nation is sponsoring a Pink Party, a breast cancer awareness event, in Covelle Hall, October 15, 1 – 4 pm.

Bo Hudson stated that Residential Life and RHA have teamed up to purchase five new PCs for the Wilson Commons.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm