

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

1:30 Emeriti Suite

Executive Committee Members Present: Kent Sampson, Mike Lorenz, Priscilla Gerfen, Kay Keys, Ron Miller

Council Members Present: Rick Beier, Francis Epplin, Gary Sherrer (via phone), Judy Hoberock, Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Mike Woods

Committee Chairs Present: Clem Ward

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Minutes: It was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Mike) that the minutes of the February 28 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

President-elect Appointment: Kent announced that Gary Sherrer has agreed to serve as president-elect. The Council approved the appointment.

Directory Update: Sofia reported that the directory had been delivered to the printer and should be ready to mail in early April. She had 50 extra copies printed for use by the Council. Kent thanked all those who worked on this critical project.

Treasurer's Report: Ron stated that he had no new information from the Foundation as he has not yet been able to access their reports. Bugs are being worked out of the new system. While the credit card is still in Ron Elliot's name at this time, Ron Miller is authorized to use it. It was moved (Sofia) and seconded (Carolyn) that the treasurer's report be received. The motion passed.

Special OLLI report: Kent introduced special guest, Robin Davis, who has been director of OLLI since June of 2019. Robin reviewed the schedule of events from our last joint meeting, and it was agreed that we would follow that same order of business for the May 2 dinner at Legacy Village. Each group will have a few minutes to update attendees on current activities, and there will be some sort of entertainment. Since most OLLI members are Emeriti members, we will subsidize all meals. OLLI will pay for the meals of their staff as well as the set-up charges at Legacy.

Membership: Mike Lorenz announced that Burns and Ann Hargis had become life members as had Gary and Jane Clark. He passed around a list of recent retirees who had received information about the association and asked that Council members make personal contact to encourage those they know to become members.

Programs: Priscilla announced that Dr. Sewell, vice-president for research, would be speaking at the April 4 Monday night dinner as Mike Boynton, the originally scheduled speaker, was going to be out of town. She will try to re-schedule Boynton for the June meeting.

Faculty Council Report: A complete report, submitted by Barbara appears below.

Unfinished Business: Kent reported that a handful of people had expressed a desire to mentor undergraduate students. An orientation will be provided for the mentors, and the program will be launched in the fall. Ray suggested that a five-minute presentation be made at the April dinner. Kent will invite Josh Taylor, who directs the Hargis Leadership Institute.

New Business: Following Clem's presentation regarding caterers' rising prices, Mike L. recommended that Clem calculate how things would play out with a \$5.00 increase per meal. Clem will report his findings at the next Council meeting, with the idea of implementing the increase in the fall if he finds it workable.

Announcements:

- Volunteer opportunities exist for the May 7 Commencement and for Special Olympics, which are scheduled for May 11-13. Those interested in the latter should call 1-800-722-9004.
- The next Council meeting will be at 1:30 on April 25 in the Emeriti Suite.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Submitted by Kay W. Keys, Secretary

March 8 Faculty Council Report, Submitted by Barbara Miller

Christie Hawkins reported on **Stillwater Faculty Demographics:** Overall OSU Stillwater faculty are 58 % male, 42% female. 43% of faculty are tenured. 64% of all faculty are tenure track.

But, only 30 of women faculty are tenure track, while 70% of male faculty are tenure track. Compared to other colleges across the country we have about 1.2% fewer men, and 1.2% more women in the total faculty population. We have 1.4% fewer white faculty, and 1.4% more minorities.

Matt Upson and Kathy Essmiller reported from the library with an update on **open educational resources:** The use of these resources has increased among students. And Faculty are becoming more aware of them. In 2019, before covid, 195 sections at OSU used these items, with no cost for students. The use of open access materials can now be added to course descriptions, to help students save money. More information about this available on the library website.

Aaron Smith reported from IT on **increased cyber attacks** on campus and encouraged all faculty to report any unusual emails, etc.

Dr. Robinson, Chief Public Safety Officer, reported an **update on guns on campus:** Pre 1995 no guns except for police were allowed in OK. In 1995 licenses were required for guns. In 2019 the state said no license required. Now anyone besides police carrying a gun must have written

permission from the OSU President. He proposed voting to update the Faculty Council recommendation on this. The motion passed.

President Shrumm noted that only three new cases of Covid were reported the first week of March. There are 15 positive cases on campus at this time.

She reported that the committee is working on the Provost Search, and they have several nominations.

Interim Provost report: no action on current faculty council recommendations

NO VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

A Faculty Council Chair report has been added to this and future agendas: She reminded everyone that Faculty Council elections are coming up after Spring break, and there are still openings for some colleges.

She also mentioned that many offices on campus have been reaching out to Ukrainian and Russian Faculty, and the seven Russian students on campus.

Meeting adjourned. The faculty council resolution about Guns on campus is available on the Faculty Council web Page.