

FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES  
250 Student Union  
November 14, 2006

Tom Phillips called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bidwell, Brown, G., Carter, Cruz-Rodz, Darcy, Dare, Goetze, Hirschlein, Jordan, Leavell, Martin, Materer, Meinkoth, Miller, Mitchell, Moberly, Moomaw, Nolan, Ransom, Rouch, Russell, Spicer, Van Delinder, Veenstra and Westhaus. Also present: Agnew, T., Catlos, E., Chapman, M., Christy, D., Crespo, A., Elliott, K., Emslie, G., Goodbary, A., Hines, K., Mathiasen, A., Milliken, C., Monismith, D., Muchmore, S., Payton, M., Purdie, R., Roberts, N., Shreffler, R., Shutt, G., Stoddart, D., Strathe, M., and Weaver, J. Absent: Bell, G., Bell, P., Brown, T., Gasem, and Giles

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Phillips asked for approval of the October 10, 2006, Minutes. Darcy moved acceptance of the Minutes. Jordan seconded. The Minutes were approved. Phillips asked for approval of the November 14, 2006 Agenda. Jordan moved acceptance of the Agenda. Cruz-Rodz seconded. The Agenda was approved.

**SPECIAL REPORT: Healthy Campus Update – Robin Purdie**

Robin Purdie, Director, OSU Seretean Wellness Center, presented a PowerPoint presentation and distributed several handouts. They have taken a three-prong approach to wellness at OSU which includes student wellness, faculty/staff wellness and community wellness. Wellness is not just about wellness and nutrition. Wellness is a total process. It is a human being and what good and bad happens to them and everything in between. Purdie defined “wellness” as described by Don Ardell, considered the “father of wellness”, as three domains. The physical domain (exercise and fitness, nutrition, appearance, adaptations/challenges, lifestyle habits), mental domain (emotional intelligence, effective decisions, stress management, factual knowledge, mental health), and meaning and purpose domain (relationships, humor, play). Purdie introduced Rachel Shreffler, Coordinator of the Student Wellness Program, and the “Share the WEALTH” program, which is a peer education program, started in 1996. She teaches over 600 students per year. These are peer educators that go out and conduct programs for students and it has been very successful. The topics they address include: alcohol education; sexual health; stress management; nutrition; communication; and tobacco (tba). Last year there were over 10,000 participants and 156 programs. The orientation classes included 54 programs last year with over 1200 participants and 33 instructors. Other wellness related services on campus include University Counseling Services (drug and alcohol counseling, students with disabilities), Colvin Recreation Center, Residential Life (living-learning centers, dining), University Health Services, and Campus Life. Purdie said, “If you look at the Division of Student Affairs, we are about the student success model. We are the people that try to support students in every other way. The faculty are the academic side”. Newest projects include a Tobacco Settlement Grant in partnership with UHS and the goal is to promote cessation and policy development. The “Choose Orange” program started this year and they are working very closely with dining services and with the Student Union to make sure there are healthy, low fat, low calorie options available no matter where students, faculty or staff go to eat.

Purdie said they would like for Faculty Council to consider a total wellness and health education class proposed as a mandatory class for all OSU students. They have visited with the Faculty Council Academic Standards and Policies Committee, and with SGA who is in support of this recommendation. Inside the packet distributed earlier there were two fact sheets. The first one was entitled “Strong and Healthy” from a large booklet from the Oklahoma Health Department. This includes a score card and reports on how Oklahoma is doing compared to the rest of the country in health indicators such as “are we eating right”, “are we getting enough exercise”, “are we smoking”, “are we injured unnecessarily”, etc. One column was titled “Today” and the other one “Yesterday”. These gave the percentages of Oklahoman’s and the grades received in the different areas. For example, adults who eat 5+ fruits/vegetables per day, is 15.4% today, in the US, 22.6% which ranks Oklahoma 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation and would give us a grade of an “F”. The entire list of health indices are health indicators that have been nationally recognized and by the State as well. The next handout was from The National Coalition on Health Care regarding the cost of health care. Everyone is impacted by health care costs. They feel like the Health and Wellness Class would help in increasing the health of all students by an educational process and secondly by hopefully having an economic impact on the State and eventually the country. They know that students face more and more problems than ever before; however, Purdie said they believe the Herophiles, 300 B.C., statement which is: “When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself, art cannot become manifest, strength cannot be exerted, wealth is useless, and

reason is powerless”, to be true. Purdie added that if you have your health you can work out everything else. She said in her 25 years at the Wellness Center she had seen 200 to 300 cardiac rehab patients go through the doors and many times no one ever cares about something until it is too late no matter what it is....health, money, relationships, etc. They want to address this issue before it becomes too late for our students.

Purdie requested input from Faculty Council regarding the request for a proposed Total Wellness Class — can it be done, should it be done, and can we afford to sit back and do nothing. The primary goal is that all OSU curricula include a health/wellness class. A secondary goal is to have HHP 2603/Total Wellness approved as a GENED course with a Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences designation. Possible methods of delivery might include internet based and/or an interaction structure; one hour per week of lecture followed by two hours of small group sessions using high tech methods of delivery (this would be preferable). Other options might include web, video streaming, Pod casting, or furnishing students with DVDs.

The other things being done on campus to create the culture for students are just as important as a classroom activity and include the 24/7 tobacco policy, drug and alcohol prevention, the bike program and trails, promoting walking, and most of all start to think and be more aware. Think Wellness!

Nolan asked if faculty would teach the class if it were a required course. Purdie said faculty would need to be added. There are three faculty members now teaching the Health and Human Performance class and she thought possibly two faculty would need to be added. Cruz-Rodz asked if the class would be offered on the branch campuses. Purdie replied the intent would be to offer the class OSU System-wide. Bruce Russell asked if they had considered such a course in a student’s freshman year as a not-for-credit course. Purdie said they had not but it was a thought. Russell said he wondered instead of having a three-credit hour course consider a one-credit-hour course each of the academic years a student is enrolled. Purdie said there are other models around the country and most of them include an activity and they have not put the activity portion into this class but it could be an option within the option. Russell suggested the academic portion could be web-based and have an activity such as swimming, basketball, weight lifting, etc. Purdie said the class now does what they call self-paced assignments and Rachel Shreffler is in charge of that. Each student currently in this class will have a behavior change or a behavior identification and change if they would like to include it within the class. It is a lot about self identification – what am I doing right, what do I need to improve on, how can I do that, what are the resources, etc. Moomaw said there is evidence that one of the advantages of getting a college degree is learning how to process information and one of the things associated with that is processing information about wellness and he did not see where the benefits would outweigh the cost of doing this. Purdie replied there are many studies in the different socioeconomic groups and the obesity rates and smoking rates and all of the things that contribute to disease. She thought we were a healthy campus until she talked to HealthChoice and found out a lot of our employees use a lot of health care and they are sicker than we would like to have them. She added, of course, there are staff members who are not faculty and college graduates. She did understand Moomaw’s point but felt like the more education on health issues students could receive the better off they would be.

As this project moves forward any faculty feedback can be emailed to [robin.purdie@okstate.edu](mailto:robin.purdie@okstate.edu).

**SPECIAL REPORT: High Impact Tobacco Reduction and Cessation Program for Young Adults – David Christy**

David Christy, Tobacco Program Coordinator, University Health Services, discussed OSU's tobacco use reduction program for ages 18 to 24. It is an identification and cessation program combining pharmacotherapy, policy change, and the transtheoretical model. This is a grant-funded program with goals of tobacco use identification and cessation, policy development implementation and development and implementation of a wellness state tobacco education class. Development and implementation steps include the planning and development phase (year one), planning and implementation phase (year two), and the implementation phases (years three through five). Christy said in the 1950s and '60s about half of the population in the United States used tobacco. After the 1964 Surgeon General's Report it began decreasing. Over the last four decades there have been many studies done on links between tobacco and different diseases such as cancer, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, etc. Tobacco use is now considered the single most preventable cause of illness in the United States. Around 1999 the Center for Disease Control and Prevention published a book on *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs* and they borrowed on some of the states who were beginning to pioneer these things such as California and Massachusetts. California raised their tobacco tax by a substantial amount in 1988 and begun putting a certain amount of the money into tobacco use prevention and cessation programs as well as policy issues and evaluation of programs, etc. This basically looks at nine different areas that are considered to be very important parts of any kind of tobacco-control program and is from things such as community programs, evaluation, counter marketing, school programs and so on. It also uses a formula to indicate how much funding there should be for an ideal program for each state given the population. Right now Oklahoma is funded at approximately 17% of the minimum of what should be put into a comprehensive tobacco control program and that is even with the advent of the Tobacco Settlement Funds. Within some of the community programs to reduce tobacco use, which is a major component of this, there are some priority areas. One priority area is preventing the initiation of tobacco use among young people. The second one is cessation for current tobacco users, the third is protection from environmental tobacco smoke (especially now with the latest Surgeon General's report in July, 2006 in which it states there is no safe amount of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke). The programs within Oklahoma at the present time are mostly the community programs. Adult tobacco use here in Oklahoma with some of the 2004 data shows that about 26.2% of the population smoke or use tobacco. Only Kentucky has a higher number of people who smoke at 27.6%. Regarding youth and smoking, in Middle School there has been a decrease here from about 21% in 1999 to about 15% in 2005. High School tobacco use has also had an overall decrease from 42% in 1999 to 33% in 2005. The problem with those numbers is they are both beginning to plateau or not decreasing as rapidly because of marketing endeavors of the tobacco industry. There are now increases in females in Middle School and High School who are taking up smoking and also among males who use smokeless tobacco. There is little data on young adults age 18 to 24, which what is seen here on campus, as it is all lumped in with adults but the estimates are about 30%. Concerning the costs, in 1998 the annual amount of money spent in Oklahoma on smoking attributable costs was \$907 million or about \$272 per person in this state. As far as attributable deaths, between 1997 and 2001 the average was about 5,800 each year and that translates into a rate of about 321 per 100,000 and

more men than women. However, women are overtaking men in lung cancer. Christy said one of the things they are trying to do is work on a specific populations grant and there are only four at the present time in the State of Oklahoma which are looking at young adults specifically in a university setting. In this first year they will research and develop program components; form a Program Advisory Committee and begin meetings; gather baseline data on tobacco use on campus (use, knowledge, and attitudes) as well as data on use of tobacco cessation services and pharmacotherapy at University Health Services, develop training program for clinicians at University Health Services, along with policy and procedure development for resource referral and provision of pharmacotherapy; and begin discussions with key groups on issues surrounding a tobacco-free campus, and tobacco industry sponsorship policies. Year two will begin in the summer and they will continue implementation of tobacco use identification and a cessation program through University Health Services; continue discussions and plans regarding policy issues, focusing on a timeline for implementation; develop a Wellness State Class module on tobacco use; plan an OSU system-wide cessation and policy model; and evaluate program progress. Years three through five will include continuing implementation of a tobacco use identification and cessation program through University Health Services, making program modifications as necessary; implement tobacco-free campus policies; conduct Wellness state tobacco education module; evaluate program effectiveness, gathering on-going data on campus tobacco use, knowledge and attitudes; implement OSU system-wide cessation and policy model; and present findings of evaluation data, and development steps statewide and nationally, as a model for other campuses to follow. Christy added this seems to be the first university in Oklahoma to look at such a program and it could have an impact state-wide as well as nationally.

Hirschlein asked if other people smoking around you carried any kind of bacteria. Christy replied not necessarily. Phillips asked Andrew Mathiasen from the Student Government Association, to comment on a tobacco-free campus bill currently being discussed by SGA. Mathiasen said a bill had been written suggesting a smoke-free campus and added, for now, it has not passed through their Senate. They are circulating a survey among the students on several issues and smoking is one of the questions on the survey. At the present time they are trying to gather as much information as possible. Darcy asked if there is the possibility of new monies or external funding or donations should this university attempt to move toward a tobacco-free campus as it would include therapy, counseling, etc. Purdie said right now neither HealthChoice or Community Care have a Smoking Cessation Program. They depend on people paying for that themselves. She added that when we look at new insurance and go out for bid, they will look at support for, not only tobacco cessation, but other addictions as well. Christy said he would “never say never” on any kind of external funding. Darcy asked if there was any chance we could tap into the Tobacco Settlement money given the fact that this program fits perfectly within the goals and purposes of that money. Purdie said the cessation program is tobacco money and that is the \$500,000 grant written and that will provide cessation for students. They will dovetail that with faculty and staff to ramp-up a bigger program for the entire university. Rouch said the OSU Health Science Center in Tulsa has a smoke-free campus and the college does pay for a smoking cessation program for faculty and staff that wish to participate. Dave Stoddart, Assistant Director, Residential Life, said he was afraid a smoke-free campus would have a negative impact on Residential Life as approximately 25% of their students are smokers and if this campus becomes smoke-free it will have a marketing impact. Purdie said it might not as they hope students will choose to stop. Christy said any good part of policy

planning of this nature has to take a period of time and possibly be done in stages. He added the same argument has been used many times in regard to smoke-free restaurants, bars, etc., in regard to a loss of revenue, and that has not happened in any state that law has been instituted. Moomaw asked that if we are the only campus to institute a tobacco-free campus would it affect enrollment. Christy replied that would have to be considered but more pro-health students might choose to come here. Christy said Purdue passed a policy in August and also the University of Iowa will begin one on January 1 and there are about 34 universities now with a tobacco-free campus policy....some major and some not so major. Closer to home the Stillwater Medical Center and the Warren Clinic are completely smoke free now. You can't even smoke in your car. You have to leave the grounds. Goetze asked about enforcing the State law regarding no smoking within 25 feet of a building. Christy said this is all part of the planning process that when you are determining policy you have to be able to look at and define what the definition of campus is and also enforce the policies mentioned. He added it would be much easier to enforce a rule if the campus were completely tobacco free.

**REPORT OF STATUS OF FACULTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:  
President Schmidly, Provost, and Vice Presidents**

06-04-01-SCAA	<i>Role of African Americans at OSU:</i> The administration accepts the recommendation as modified by Vice President Thomas on June 2, 2006.
06-05-01-EXEC	<i>Recommendations Concerning Confidentiality Agreement:</i> Pending. No Change.
06-10-01-EXEC	<i>Legislative Priority:</i> Pending
06-10-02-EXEC	<i>Electronic Posting of OSU Budget and Salary Documents:</i> Pending
06-10-03-Council	<i>Optional use of an Academic Mission-based Logo by Faculty and Academic Units:</i> Pending
06-11-02-RES	<i>Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research:</i> To President Schmidly
06-11-03-SALR	<i>Study Abroad Initiative:</i> To President Schmidly

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICIES — Jean Van Delinder**

Van Delinder presented a recommendation entitled "Recommended Policy on Incomplete Grades".

After a lengthy discussion Bob Miller moved to Table the recommendation and Darcy seconded. The vote to Table passed with 20 for and 7 against.

**ATHLETICS — Bob Darcy for Kris Giles**

Darcy reported that they now have a student, Niccole Grimaldi, on the committee.

**BUDGET — John Veenstra**

Veenstra reported Mike Holder had responded to a letter sent by himself and Tom Phillips.

Other items include soliciting University organizational charts from current back ten years with the idea of computing the salaries from the Assistant Vice President level and up; this would get us the amount of resources that are being directed toward upper administration.

**LONG-RANGE PLANNING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — Nick Materer**

Materer reported they are awaiting policies from Darlene Hightower about appropriate desk-top use. Also there should be a draft policy out next month for network use. The committee will review these policies as soon as they are received. The committee looked at one issue regarding the ownership of copyright when items are placed on the web. Materer has been in contact with Steve Price to clarify some of the Intellectual Property issues.

**FACULTY — Tom Phillips for Tony Brown**

Phillips indicated that a special subcommittee is being formed which will address the topic of flexible tenure-tracks for special family needs of faculty and more will be forthcoming next month.

**RESEARCH — Al Rouch**

Rouch introduced the following recommendation entitled: Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research.

**The Faculty Council Recommends to President Schmidly that:** the proposed policy to protect human subjects in research be approved.

**Rationale:** The current OSU policy for the protection of human subjects in research (4-0115, 1977) is outdated and inadequate. OSU has an obligation to safeguard the rights and welfare of people who volunteer to participate in research conducted under the auspices of the University. This proposed policy formalizes that obligation. The policy states very clearly the purpose, principles, and definitions needed for those conducting this type of research. Moreover, the policy states the duties and responsibilities of the Institutional Review Boards which provide oversight for research involving human subjects. The current policy fails to provide this essential information. The new policy conforms and complies fully with pertinent Federal and State regulations and demonstrates the Institution's seriousness in fulfilling its obligation with respect to research with human subjects. The policy applies to all OSU campuses.

Rouch said the committee had dealt with this issue the past few months and had worked with Steven O'Geary and his office who wrote the policy. The committee feels the policy is sufficient and adequate and is prepared to go forward with the recommendation as presented above.

Phillips asked for a vote. The recommendation passed unanimously.

**RULES AND PROCEDURES — Earl Mitchell**

Mitchell reported the committee had counted the votes for the recent Vice Chair election and the new Vice Chair is Bob Miller. Mitchell said Council is to operate by *Robert's Rules of Order* according to the Faculty Council by-laws and one of those rules states there should be a limit on debate time and at times this has been abused by redundant discussion. He feels like debate can be expedited by following this rule and he will attempt to enforce it in the future.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS AND LEARNING RESOURCES — Beulah Hirschlein**

Hirschlein said the committee had met on November 2 and heard a report from Gerry Auld, Coordinator of the Study Abroad Program. All members were present except for a GPSGA representative that is needed due to the fact that the second student assigned to this committee this year had resigned. Hirschlein asked Glenn Brown, Councilor and committee member, to talk about the Study Abroad Program and present the recommendation. Brown said the last two years he had taken Study Abroad classes to Italy and that had given him the opportunity to both experience it from an instructor's standpoint and also to see what it afforded the students and to see some of the issues firsthand that are involved in doing a study abroad. He thought many would agree the Study Abroad Program is an important learning experience if it can be made available for our students. Particularly with the global economy he thinks a goal should be set that all OSU students have a study abroad opportunity.

Brown read the following recommendation entitled "Study Abroad Initiative" on behalf of the committee.

**The Faculty Council Recommends to President Schmidly that:** The following four point plan should be adopted to increase Study Abroad participation by OSU students.

1. OSU should set a long term objective of 100% of graduates having a significant Study Abroad experience.
2. A goal of 25% participation in five years should be set.
3. The Provost should form a committee by January of 2007, consisting of representatives of the Administration, Faculty, Students and the Foundation to define what actions should be taken and what support should be provided to students and faculty to help reach the objectives in Items 1 and 2.
4. By the Fall Semester of 2007, specific actions will be in place and reported to the Faculty Council.

**Rationale:**

With the growth of the international marketplace, providing students insight into foreign cultures is considered critical to many in the civic and business communities. A measure of this intensification is the declaration by the United States Senate of 2006 as the "Year of Study Abroad" ([www.yearofstudyabroad.org](http://www.yearofstudyabroad.org)). In recognition of the trend, some institutions have set goals to increase participation in study abroad. The most notable of is one of our sister Land-Grant institutions, Michigan State University (MSU). MSU has set a goal and has started to allocate resources to enable every one of their students to participate in a Study Abroad experience ([studyabroad.msu.edu](http://studyabroad.msu.edu)). There is no apparent reason why OSU should not have the same goal.

Currently less than 10% of OSU Students participate in Study Abroad. Of those, roughly one-quarter are in individual programs and three-quarters are in faculty led programs. To reach 100% participation, a concerted effort must be made at the University level to provide a wide range of activities, including long and short term experiences. In addition, each academic unit should be encouraged to explore how Study Abroad can be integrated into their existing degree

requirements. Most importantly, significant resources should be directed to assist faculty in the development and operation of faculty-led Study Abroad courses.

Some concerns brought up included why set a goal of 100%. The response was because some schools request it of their students before they graduate. Dare asked about the concern some parents might have regarding the expense of a study abroad program. Bob Miller said from his own personal experience, with his children attending universities that require that they go abroad, he has found that the cost has been cheaper than their out-of-state in-residence costs and if it is done properly it can be done. It was suggested the Foundation be involved. Moomaw asked what would we be willing to give up in terms of Foundation resources, faculty resources, or faculty time to do this. Brown said this recommendation would not require a General Education requirement and this was just an attempt to get serious about having more of our students having a study abroad experience. Russell said this recommendation could send a statement to the general population of Oklahoma that we think it is important for our students to have a broadening experience in another country and this could set OSU apart from other schools in the region. Provost Strathe said three initiatives had been undertaken in the last three years relative to this subject. The first was a task force that was chaired by Dr. Al Carlozzi that developed a very extensive set of recommendations both around increasing the number of international students that come to OSU as well as some areas of study abroad. That was followed by another task force which actually assigned responsibility for those areas, recommendations, and a time frame for when those might be done. Most recently OSU has appointed a standing International Education Council which is advisory to Dr. James Hromas. They met for the first time about ten days ago and will be meeting on a monthly basis to do much of what is recommended here. Last year the Student Government Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association passed a recommendation for a small fee to help with travel grants for individual's studying abroad. The State Regents rejected that fee but Strathe moved, out of her office, base dollars into a Study Abroad Travel Grant Program. This was a modest amount and she feels there is sufficient interest because that account has been depleted and she will be trying to identify additional resources for the Spring. She added she fully supports the recommendations of the committee. There are some things that have been done, for example, five student Fulbright proposals were submitted which is the largest number ever submitted and they will have some additional Fulbright faculty that will be going forward with release dollars and Steve Hallgren, for a small amount of his time, to help with that program and he is doing a great job. She assured all that international education is a very, very high priority for OSU.

Darcy called the question. Phillips asked for a vote and the recommendation passed unanimously.

Hirschlein announced the Bailey Scholarship, which is a study abroad type scholarship, is due in February and she asked faculty to encourage their students to apply.

**REPORTS OF LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES:****Staff Advisory Council — Marsha Chapman**

Chapman reported SAC supported the recommendation of action for the OSU budget and salary documents to go on-line and Carey Warner, Chair, will prepare a resolution to be sent to administration. SAC is still discussing a tobacco-free campus and will vote next month.

**Graduate and Professional Student Government Association — David Monismith**

Monismith reported on the following:

**Co-Sponsorship and New Student Organization** – GPSGA recently Co-Sponsored events for two organizations. The events are Diwali Night, which is hosted by the Indian Student Association and will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Seretean Center, and the Salsa Ball, which was hosted by the Latin Dance and Cultural Club. GPSGA also recently recognized a new student organization, the Psychology Graduate Student Association.

**Website Update** – The GPSGA website has recently been updated to include a Graduate Student Suggestion/Response Form. This will enable graduate students to communicate any ideas, suggestions, or problems to GPSGA. The form allows for students to submit their suggestions or responses anonymously if they so choose.

**Fall BBQ** – GPSGA is holding its fall BBQ today (November 14<sup>th</sup>) from 3:30 - 6:00 pm. All graduate students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. The event is being held on the Willard Hall Patio.

**Research Day in the Capitol** – The officers of GPSGA are planning to hold a Research Day in the Oklahoma Capitol in April (hopefully in conjunction with the OU Graduate Student Senate). The goal of this Research Day will be to increase awareness of the importance of research among State Legislators.

**Graduate Faculty Council — Al Rouch for Bob Hunger**

Rouch reported that at the October meeting Graduate Council:

- Approved new MS and PhD programs in Natural Resources & Ecology Management.
- Approved two new options (“Curriculum Studies Program” and “Social Foundations of Education”) in the PhD program in Education. These options will replace the former single option called “Curriculum and Social Foundations.”
- Approved a process for use by graduate students and the Graduate College to resolve and/or appeal issues not related to grades and/or academic integrity.
- Approved changes in catalog wording to clarify that extra work is required of graduate students taking 3000 or 4000 level courses for graduate credit that are marked with an asterisk.
- Approved and recommended to the Graduate Dean that in decisions resulting from a vote of a graduate student advisory committee, a positive result occurs when the thesis/dissertation advisor votes in the affirmative and no more than one member of the committee dissents. Departments/programs may impose more stringent requirements.
- Approved a policy whereby students who fail to meet the requirements of a graduate program will be transferred to Special Student status upon the request of the department head/graduate coordinator.
- Discussed possible changes in policies related to assigning grades to Research. This discussion will continue at the next meeting of the Graduate Council.

Mitchell asked about bullet 6 where in the sentence it read "...upon the request of the department head/graduate coordinator", if it was "and/or" or "either/or". Rouch responded it was "either/or". Emslie added there is an appeal on that issue and it is not automatic. The student has the right to petition for a hold until action is taken and until that petition is heard the student is still in the program.

### **New Business**

Bruce Russell said the discussion about study abroad prompted him to think about OSU's foreign language requirements and he wondered if we are moving toward a time when we should actually require foreign language campus-wide and not allow substitution from high school. Phillips directed the Academic Standards and Policies Committee take up that issue.

Darcy moved Faculty Council move into Executive Session and that only Councilors and Chief-of-Staff, Al Goodbary, representing President Schmidly, remain. Jordan seconded. Phillips called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is December 12, 2006. The Fall General Faculty Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center Auditorium with a reception immediately following.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Jordan, Secretary*