McCann called the meeting to order with the following members present: Belmonte, Champlin, Collins, Depperschmidt, Doust, Ekman, Emerson, Grubgeld, Hurst, Kak, Khojasteh, Lewis, Lloyd, Moss, Oberhelman, Pivateau, Peek, Ramsey, Rebek, DeSilva for Richards, Sheehan, Walker, Ware, Wanger and Mattern for Zhang. Also present: Bayles, M., Bird, L., Clark, G., Gaug, H., Henneberry, S., Kensinger, Z., Levine, B., Malaska, M., Matoy, A., Sandefur, G., Scott, A., Smith, B., Taber, C., Tucker, S., Weaver, J, and Wray, K. Absent: Borland, Johnson, McFarlane and Tenorio.

HIGHLIGHTS

Special Report – Dr. Lee Bird/Dr. John Mark Day
Remarks and Comments –Gary Clark for President Hargis
Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations and other Vice Presidents
Reports of Liaison Representatives
  SAC  
  Women’s Faculty Council  
  AAUP  
  Wellness Center
  Graduate Faculty  
  Emeriti  
  SGA
Reports of Standing Committees
  Academic Standards and Policies  
  Athletics  
  Budget  
  Campus Facilities, Safety and Security
  Diversity  
  Faculty  
  Long-Range Planning and Information Technology  
  Research  
  Retirement and Fringe Benefits  
  Rules and Procedures
  Student Affairs and Learning Resources

McCann called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to sign the roll call as it is circulating the room and if you are a proxy for someone please sign your name as well as the council member for whom you are representing. McCann asked if there was any discussion regarding the May 9th minutes that were sent out to everyone. Seeing none, asked for a motion to approve. Jones moved, Wanger second. Motion passed. McCann asked for approval of the August meeting agenda. Walker moved, Belmonte second. Motion passed.
Special Report – Dr. Lee Bird/Dr. John Mark Day – iam.okstate

Dr. Day introduced himself and presented the following PowerPoint presentation to the council.

Day stated that his office is working very hard to help new students in particular get engaged and find their place on campus. The new marketing campaign, iam.okstate.edu, will go live tomorrow, August 16th.

Dr. Bird stated that the iamokstate is an exciting initiative and one of the many ways OSU is trying to help with student retention and satisfaction. Bird distributed the following information regarding the BCT (Behavioral Consultation Team) which is a threat assessment team that has been on campus since 1985. Bird stated that the BCT team tries to identify students in crisis much sooner and work with them for a successful outcome. 90 students were referred to her office last year. Of these, 50 made the BCT list. The other 40 were dealt with in other ways such as counseling. They identify, investigate and figure out the best plan to help these students.
Student distress signals can include:
- Depression
- Poor concentration
- Loss of interest
- Agitation/increased irritability
- Anxiety
- Alcohol and/or drug abuse
- Self-harm thoughts, statements or threats
- Aggressive or abusive behavior
- Extreme procrastination
- Marked change in personal hygiene, behavior or academic performance

General approaches to distressed students:
- Speak with the student in private outside of class.
- Show concern, interest and willingness to listen.
- Indicate the student of your observations or conversations to your concerns directly and honestly.
- Understand what the student needs from the situation.
- Discuss contacting with the student and have them make an appointment to see you or their advisor.
- If the situation seems urgent, call 413-545-3472 and speak with the student who has a counseling appointment at 503 Student Union.
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Student Resources
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (ASAC)
ASAC is committed to providing quality, confidential services for OSU students, affected by problems related to substance abuse. We promote and provide innovative, comprehensive services that increase the well-being and quality of life for students. The goal of ASAC is to help OSU students maximize their potential by supporting the academic, personal, and social growths.

For more information, call 413-545-3472 or visit the website: asac.osu.edu/Alcohol-and-substance-abuse-center.

Campus Life
Students must struggle to connect with other students and activities on campus. Student involvement in campus activities is important to academic success and student satisfaction. Campus Life offers a variety of clubs and organizations, leadership and service opportunities.

For more information, go to campuslife.osu.edu or call 413-545-5496.

Career Services
Career services at the OSU Career Development Center can help students find internships or jobs.

For more information, call 413-545-6182, or visit: careerdevelopment.osu.edu.

Housing & Residential Life
The University of Massachusetts Amherst has a variety of residential options, including traditional dormitories, apartments, and townhouses.

For more information, call 413-585-3002, or visit: housing.osu.edu.
Bird stated that training for colleges and departments is available. This program is for the Stillwater campus only. Tulsa as well as the other branch campuses have their own programs.

Remarks and Comments – Gary Clark for President Hargis:

Clark is excited to welcome everyone back to campus and stated that move in day will be tomorrow. The fall semester will begin very soon.

Clark stated that the final numbers will not be known for a few weeks but OSU had record applications and admits. Clark stated OSU is expecting around 4,100 in the new freshman class.

Clark said that President Hargis challenged the leadership at OSU to improve our retention and graduation rates. Efforts are underway to help accomplish this. Missy Wikle is in charge of a first year success office. A retention to graduation committee is also in place, which brings together students and faculty to help students be successful and graduate.
The OSU Foundation had a good year last year. They exceeded their goal of $125 million by raising $145 million.

Campus Highlights:

The College of Education has received a five-year $25 million grant from NAFSA. Clark stated that the College of Education has a new name – College of Education, Health and Aviation (COEHA). Sandefur stated that the new “official” name is EHA. The Apparel Design Program was ranked sixth nationally. Fashion Merchandising was ranked eighth nationally. Henry Adams, OSU scientist, lead an international team of 62 researchers in publishing a recent paper in Nature Ecology and Evolution on the effects of drought. This research project was partially funded by an NSF grant. OSU has the highest number of Native Americans that are earning bachelor degrees in Engineering and Engineering Technologies.

OSU’s first football game is this week. Even though a Thursday night game is not ideal, it does give our football program a chance to have a national audience. The Big XII assigns these games, so OSU does not have a choice. Everyone will get a Thursday night game every year or two.

Convocation is Friday afternoon. Clark invited all faculty members to attend.

Clark stated that the OK Supreme Court confirmed that the cigarette tax/fee was unconstitutional. They are also considering the 1 ½ % excise tax on purchases of new vehicles.

**Report of Status of Council Recommendations:**

**President Hargis, Provost Sandefur, and/or Vice Presidents**

**Provost Sandefur:**

Sandefur stated the following recommendations remain pending:

17-03-01-FAC: Revisions to P&P 2-0905 “Nomination & Appointment Process for Regents Professors”.
17-03-02-FAC-ASP: Guidelines for Search & Screen Committee Best Practices.
17-05-01-Budget: Increasing Foreign Student Undergraduate Enrollment
17-05-01-SALR: Increasing support for Study Abroad participation.

**Report of Liaison Representatives:**

**A. Staff Advisory Council – Kristin Henderson**

Committees have started to meet and discussing upcoming projects for 2017-2018:

- Awards and Recognition Committee
o Met to discuss process for Distinguished Service Award and will make the nomination packet available within the next 2 months

• Communication committee
  o Working on getting College Admin liaisons in place to help communicate with all staff more effectively
  o Finalizing the new website that will launch next month

• Fundraising Committee
  o In process of collecting fundraising items for the Homecoming Basket Raffle that benefits Staff Scholarships
  o In process of organizing a flower fundraiser
    ▪ Will sell cards for $20; card will allow you to get a free bundle of flowers every month for 1 year from The Little Shop of Flowers

• Events Committee
  o Will team up with American Red Cross to hold Blood Drive November 3rd at OSU SU Starlite Terrace from 10am-4pm
  o Harvest II will be October 27th

B. Women’s Faculty Council – Shida Henneberry

To start the 2017-18 academic year, we would like to introduce our new WFC Executive Committee:
Sarah Milligan, Chair
Steph Link, Vice Chair
Kim Loeffert, Secretary/Treasure
Shida Henneberry, Faculty Council Liaison.
All of us with support from the OSU committee are excited to continue our efforts to build upon the success of last year’s initiatives. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the WFC organized two fall group discussions: Jean Van Delinder effort towards securing and NSF Advance grant for the campus and VPR, Dr. Kenneth Sewell discussed research on campus. In addition, we collaborated with ITLE to host two focused panel discussions in the spring: Women and Leadership and Advocacy for Women. We hosted a book discussion group dealing with issues of women in leadership that gave members of our OSU community a platform to share experiences and build towards a better campus culture. Finally, we wrapped up the year with another successful scholarship reception where we awarded a total of $13,250 dollars in annual research awards and $1,000 for the Ann Ryder and Clara Smith Leadership Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduates! Thank you to the 14 colleges and divisions on campus who provided support for the WFC Research Award and the 14 volunteer reviewers who helped evaluate the almost 80 entries. We began last year and continue this year with a WFC representative on the campus working group to address issues highlighted in the 2015 COACHE
survey.

This year, The WFC will form a bylaws review committee to evaluate and update our function within the greater campus community. We encourage anyone interested in assisting with this review process to get in touch with WFC Secretary/Treasurer, Kim Loeffert (kim.loeffert@okstate.edu). We would like to have a combination of newly engaged and long-standing WFC members to participate for the greatest relevancy.

We are currently finishing out the event schedule for the year. Based on feedback we received last year, we will have a series of lunchtime speakers focusing on topics dealing with issues of family/life balance, career advancement, and leadership. If you are interested in collaborating, please reach out to us with your thoughts or suggestions.

The WFC Research Awards, as well as the Undergraduate Women’s Leadership Scholarship will take place again this year. We will send out a call for reviewers and student proposals in November for a Spring deadline.

For more information about the WFC, please see our website at http://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/

C. AAUP – Barry Lavine

The OSU Chapter of PLU had its election to select a new set of officers.

Allen Scott will be the Chair of the Local Chapter for 2017-2018 and Barry Lavine will serve as Chair-Elect.

The next meeting of the State AAUP Chapters is Saturday, September 2 at 11:30AM at UCO in Edmond.
D. Wellness Center – Mary Talley

Dr. Bird stated that Kim Beard will be taking over for Mary Talley at the wellness center as the new Assistant Director of Employee Wellness.
E. Graduate Faculty Council – Dr. Brenda Smith

Monthly Graduate Faculty Council meeting was held May 19, 2017.

- Academic Program Committee. Council reviewed and approved the following recommendations from the Academic Program Committee: 1) a change in program name and requirements for the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (previously Master in Interdisciplinary Science); 2) online delivery of the M.S. in Educational Psychology; 3) a new option under the Ph.D. in Education for Special Education; 4) new doctoral programs in School Psychology and Forensic Science.

- Thesis/Dissertation Titles on Transcripts. Council endorsed the inclusion of the thesis or dissertation title on the transcript. Non-thesis titles can also be included.

- TOEFL Working Group Update. Council was informed that the catalog language has been updated and the working group will re-convene in the fall to further work on sub scores, additional English training, etc.

- Graduate College Updates. Dean Tucker informed Council that feedback on the new commencement video was positive. The plan is to update the video twice a year with new marshals as well as faculty participation. There were 650 students who participated in the commencement ceremony and a record number of doctoral candidates. The 3MT competition is moving to the fall.

F. Emeriti Association: Anne Matoy

OSU Emeriti Association Upcoming Events
OSU Emeriti Association has a great calendar of events planned for the fall.

Monday Night Dinners feature interesting speakers in addition to a regular brief business meeting. Meet and greet begins at 5:30p with dinner at 6:00p, at the Conoco Phillips Alumni Center with the exception of the December meeting, which is held at Meditations.

9/11 -- Chris Batchelder, President & CEO, Alumni Association
10/2 -- Steve Dobbs, Landscape Service Manager, OSU Campus
11/6 -- Kyle Gibbs, Captain, Stillwater Police
12/4 -- Stillwater Concert Chorale at Meditations

The Technology Group meets at 1:30p at the ITLE Building on the second Wednesday of every month (9/13, 10/11, 11/8).

September 20--Making the Most of Retirement, in connection with the Stillwater
Public Library offers interesting programs and armchair travel events. Held at 1:30p in the 3rd floor reception area of the Stillwater Public Library.

9/20 -- Christy Morrison, Stillwater: Great Place to Retire
10/18 -- Stan & Barbara Grogg, Armchair Travel Series
11/15 -- Laura Payne, Volunteering at the Botanic Garden

The Council meets once a month on the last Monday of the month (8/28, 9/25, 10/30, 11/27) at 1:30p in Room 102, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center.

G. SGA – Zach Kensinger

August 15th, 2017
Zach Kensinger - SGA Chief of Staff

- SGA President Erica Stephens and Vice President Brayden Farrell, will be hosting a welcome week session called “Meet your SGA President and Vice-President”. Their presentation will be focusing on the importance of campus involvement and how SGA can be a resource for all students on campus.
- Lights on Stillwater will be held on August 23rd at 7 p.m. at Boone Pickens Stadium.
- The Supreme Court has a Chief Justice seat open and also four other justice seats open due to those students graduating last spring. Applications will go out during the first week of school and appointments will take place during the first two weeks of school.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Academic Standards and Policies: Scott Johnson – No Report

Athletics: Terry Collins – No Report

Budget: David Oberhelman – No Report

Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Erik Ekman – Update

Ekman informed the council that discussions have been ongoing regarding handicap spaces around the Student Union and the lot by the Paul Miller Building. Ekman stated that if you have a permit for a parking structure you are allowed to park in that structure only. You cannot park in any surface lots. Ekman stated that if you have a structure permit as well as a handicap permit you can park in any handicap space in the structures as well as surface lots. Ekman hopes this issue has been resolved to everyone’s satisfaction.

Diversity: Justin Moss – No Report
Faculty: Chris Richards – No Report

Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Nathan Walker – No Report

Research: Andrew Doust – No Report

Retirement & Fringe Benefits: Bobbikay Lewis – No Report

Rules and Procedures: Pamela Lloyd – No Report
Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Gina Peek – No Report

Old Business – None

New Business – None

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Faculty Council is Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in 412 Student Union, Council Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Lloyd, Secretary