OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE
2025-2026
April 10, 2026 Minutes

Zoom meeting: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Invitees: Core, Sheri; Croff, Julie; Dionne, Julie; Harp, Eric; Hartwell, Micah; Murray, Kelly; O'Brien, Matthew; Stroup, Jeff; Thai, Mark; Vazquez Sanroman, Dolores; All OSU-CHS Faculty
Attendance: Core, Sheri; Croff, Julie; Dionne, Julie; Harp, Eric; Hartwell, Micah; Murray, Kelly; O'Brien, Matthew; Thai, Mark

Administrator Present: Stroup, Jeff

Other Faculty Present: Wheeler, Deanna

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Dionne, called the meeting to order at 12:00, with a quorum present.

Action Items

1. Motion to approve March meeting minutes 2026
   Action: Approved
2. Motion to send the Student Accessibility Policy to the General Faculty for a vote.
   Action: Approved

Approval of Agenda: The Executive Committee met and approved the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes: motion to approve the March minutes.

- Motioned by Dr. O'Brien, seconded by Dr. Harp, unanimously approved.

Administrative Reports:

- Reported on preparations for the HLC visit on April 21st
- OSU's strategic planning process has about a month left to work on it.
- The status of Senate Bill 1177 resulted in a flat budget for higher education.
- Update on the Student Accessibility Policy (document provided to the members for review).
  - Motioned by Dr. Thai, seconded by Dr. Harp, to approve the Student Accessibility Policy to move forward to the General Faculty for a vote at the spring faculty meeting.

Faculty Senate President's Report:

- Faculty Senate Term Expiration Issues.
  - The group discussed issues with term expirations in the Faculty Senate, with Dr. D. Wheeler explaining that discrepancies in documentation had caused confusion about when terms expire.
  - Faculty Senate agreed on a solution to elect five people to the Senate, with two of them potentially serving only one-year terms to reset the election cycle. Dr. Dionne suggested recruiting current Senate members whose terms expire in 2026 to potentially run for one year and, in April of next year "resign" from the Senate, for the May 2027 voting processes.
  - Dr. M. Thai & Dr. K. Murray volunteered to do one more year on the Faculty Senate to correct this issue.

OSU-Faculty Council Representative by Dr. Eric Harp:

- Reported that the OSU Faculty Council had a previous meeting with technical difficulties and would meet next Tuesday again in Stillwater, with more updates to follow after that meeting.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative by Dr. Matt O'Brien:

Other Business:

- Reported that the Senate bill failed and is now deferred back to the executive order, though the executive order remains in place.
- The Faculty Advisory Council serves in a position for two years, explaining that other state institutions serve two-year terms, while we only serve a one-year term, creating compatibility issues for us to serve as a committee chair.

Other Discussion:

- Reminder to spread the word that we need attendees for the upcoming general faculty meeting May 8th, which requires a quorum for approving commencement class graduates.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. O'Brien; seconded by Dr. Murray; unanimously approved.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:16 p.m.