



August 13, 2024

Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Type:** Monthly Staff Senate Meeting (ZOOM)

**Call to Order:** 9:00am

**Attendees:**

- **Officers:** Paul Mihos, Olivia Honas, Khanh Long, Samantha Powers, Angela Miller
- **Senators:** Denise Davis, Phil Salon, Patty Pearsall, Jeremy Moss, Kari Earnest, Lisa Mayer
- **Ex-Officio:** LaDeana Bolton, Beth Sullins
- **Additional Attendees:** April Schweikhard, Adam Lawmaster, Amanda Scott, Amber Foster, Angela Heiny, Angela King, Anissa Allen, Bethie Seay, Bryan Touchet, Cara Kelly, Carey Herrera, Charlotte Levario, Creg Kelly, Darla Vann, David Taylor, Don Eberly, Drew Freeman, Elijah Blalock, Francis Okeke, Gabriela Rodriguez, Gabrielle Burd, Karen Gold, Jonathan Joiner, Joshua Majed, Kaylie Stogsdill, Laura Clary, Lauren Deerdoff, Leslie Vicente, Lorri Craig, Chelsea Luck, Macie Lowe, Angela Majed, Major Joshua Lee, Meghan Talley, Gina Mullins, Elenoa Paysnoe, Phil Salon, Sheryl Hayes, Suzanne Blagg, Tarah Hayes, Tasha Porter, Vik Gopi, Mary Wilson, Yasser Youssef, Katie Yokum, Yonna Creason
- **Guest Speakers:** Tammy Robbins, Josh Majed, Lindsay Risley

Tammy Robbins –

- This year’s one-month medical insurance premium holiday will be September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> for employees enrolled in a Cigna medical plan. Medical insurance coverage will not be disrupted during the premium holiday. Premiums for other insurance benefits will still be taken from your pay.

Lindsay Risley –

- Upcoming wellness events can be found online at <https://hr.ou.edu/wellness/livewellOU> and via email communications.
- September is OU Well-being Awareness Month (WAM). This month will include some extra programming and activities, as well as bringing awareness to campus resources and partners that do things to promote well-being and healthy lifestyles.

**I. \*Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve- Patty Pearsall, Second- Phil Salon

**II. \*Treasurer Report:** Motion to approve- Patty Pearsall, Second- Phil Salon

**III. Non-Committee Reports**

- a. Police Safety with Major Joshua Lee – The OUPD is in the early stages of deploying additional technology such as body cameras and LPR (license plate recognition cameras) to help with investigations. These have been utilized in many campuses

across the United States. Please reach out to Major Joshua Lee or Chief Walter Evans if you have any questions.

- b. Employee Benefits with Beth Sullins – A dependent care audit was conducted earlier this year. A full report will be coming out soon with the details. New employees hired with the university will be required to verify dependents moving forward. We have completed RFPs for dental and vision and are continuing to work on RFPs for other premiums and tools. Please reach out to Beth Sullins with any questions.
- c. Schusterman Library with April Schweikhard – Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-4pm, the library will have free popsicles for Welcome Week. Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm, the library will host an open house with free pizza and drinks, as well as prizes – stop by to find out about services and resources that can save you time and help you succeed! Faculty, staff and students are all welcome to attend upcoming events. The library will soon offer an ECEI collection which includes board books and picture books and education kits available for checkout. They have also added anatomical models of the cervical spine, ear, hand, and hip for checkout.

#### **IV. Committee Reports:**

- a. Communications – Please send any items for the Staff Senate Newsletter to Kari Earnest by 4pm on Fridays to be sent out the following Tuesday.
- b. Fundraising & Store – Samantha has been monitoring sales and fulfilling requests.
- c. Membership & Policy Review – The bylaws that were approved last session are currently with OU Legal. More information will be provided as it is received.
- d. Merit Award – Co-chairs will be Paul Mihos & Dianne Estes
- e. Staff Activities –
  - i. Food Trucks will continue once per month on Wednesdays
  - ii. Calendar of Events –
    1. October 31<sup>st</sup> – Chili Cook-Off & Costume/Door Decorating Contests
    2. December 5<sup>th</sup> – Winter Event
    3. February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day Sweet-heart Desserts
    4. March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick’s Day “Leprechaun” Scavenger Hunt
    5. April 7<sup>th</sup> – Staff Appreciation Meal (Kick-off to Staff Week)
    6. April 9<sup>th</sup> – Sugar Llamas Donuts
    7. April 10<sup>th</sup> – Awards Ceremony & Staff Appreciation Lunch

#### **V. New Business**

- o \*Approval of upcoming expenditures for events
  - Pride Parade (October) requesting up to \$750 for registration and other items
  - Fall Lunch & Learn requesting up to \$625 for food and drinks
  - Chili Cook-Off & Halloween Costume Contests up to \$500 for Prizes
  - Holiday Reception (December) requesting \$5,000 for food, drinks, and desserts
  - Motion to approve- Patty Pearsall, Second- Phil Salon
- o Upcoming Events @ OU-Tulsa & Available Online

- State of the University Address to Staff, Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am: OU President Joseph Harroz, Jr. will provide a State of the University Address. A livestream option is available to those not located on the Norman campus.
- Alumni & Friends Reception, Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm: An opportunity to reconnect with past Alumni and network with each other, as well as thank them for their time at OU. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend this event in Founder's Hall. A link to RSVP has been sent via email.

**VI. Round Robin – N/A**

**VII. Adjournment – Motion to approve- Patty Pearsall, Second- Phil Salon**

\*Voting for items motioned occurred online after the meeting. A quorum participated in the vote and the results are included with the minutes.

Respectfully Submitted by

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