

PHI BETA KAPPA
Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter
Minutes (by Amy Davenport for Craig Hayes)
October 19, 2023

President Susannah Livingood called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

Members attending: Cox, Thompson, Davenport, Pursley, Livingood, L. Levy, Haag, Gilbert

Minutes for the Spring 2023 chapter meeting were approved by consent.

REPORTS

- Vice President Report – There was not a report.
- Treasurer (Davenport)
 - Finances are in good order.
 - The University Account was approved to go into deficit without penalizing the Fit+Rec account since we can do transfers from healthy, OU Foundation accounts.
- Secretary (Hayes) – Craig was absent due to a conflict. He provided the Visiting Scholar info below.
- Members in Course
 - Dr. Thompson mentioned that they are ready to get the info in January.
 - Julia Ehrhardt has retired, but she would still like to be involved with the selection process. Dr. Thompson supports her involvement. Livingood requested she sign an agreement to be able to have her do it since it works with student records. Cox is able to send all info with OU Encrypt.
 - Military/Army has now moved to Arts and Sciences – The question is do they qualify now to be considered? Dr. Thompson's thought is that they do not qualify because they were not a traditional Arts and Sciences area of study. Sherry clarified that their degrees are in another area in Arts and Sciences.
- Scholarship Committee – No report; Susannah will reach out to see if there are updates.
- Visiting scholar – Dr. Gilbert presented Dr. Julia Clarke's visit information. It is exciting she will be on campus in vertebrate paleontology. The following information was provided by Craig Hayes.

Visiting Scholars – Dr. Gilbert expressed interest in [Dr. Julia Clarke](#)*

Dr. Clarke will present on campus Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12, with an open lecture at the School of Geosciences weekly Colloquium on Thursday afternoon. She will also speak to at least one class.

*Professor Clarke is interested in how new structures and functions arise in deep time with a focus on the evolution of dinosaurs including birds. She has published over 100 papers including 14 in the journals Nature and Science. She has an international field program in paleontology (e.g. in Antarctica, South America, Asia) as well as leading highly interdisciplinary collaborative teams integrating data on living animals to ask new questions of the fossil record. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Humboldt Foundation, The National Geographic Society, Explorers Club, AAAS, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and has been covered by NPR's Science Friday, The New York Times, Washington Post, National Geographic Magazine, NOVA, and other outlets. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, American Ornithological Society and The Anatomical Society, and received her degrees from Brown University and Yale University.

- Communications (Cox)
 - Cox requested items for the spring newsletter. Items should be submitted prior to Winter Break.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Oklahoma City chapter and their closing was discussed. Cox received an invitation to attend their dinner on November 1. Susannah may be able to attend to represent the chapter.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Gilbert is very interested in the chapter getting more formal outreach to local members. He discussed possibilities of a dinner and written and mailed notice of events. Susannah mentioned that the officers need to have a meeting to discuss this in more depth.
- Founders' Day Event – Dr. Gilbert would like an invite printed and mailed to members. Provost Wright will be in attendance. The event was on November 16, 2-3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM