Call to Order
VP Renteria called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call


Recognition of Visitors
Annmaria Martucci, Kelly Vaughn, Carlie Wellington, James Daro, Lauren Bieri and James Provine, incoming senators.
Jerry Legere, 1994-2010 Registrar and Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management; liaison for Emeritus Faculty/Staff Association

Approval of the Minutes
Motion to amend the minutes to include “Senator Butler encouraged all senators to stay informed about upcoming budget legislation and contact their legislators during non-UCO work time.” Motion passed. The minutes were approved as amended.

Senate Executive Committee Reports

Vice President Renteria:
Vice President Renteria reported for herself and President Baird this month.

President’s Report
President Baird attended the UPC meeting on May 8th before going on paternity leave. The Executive Committee met with the Faculty Senate (incoming and outgoing) and incoming UCOSA leadership on May 23. Each council discussed end-of-year reflections and goals for the coming year. Vice President Renteria gave an overview of the executive committee monthly
meeting with President Betz and VP Neuhold. The President’s Cabinet meetings have become budget meetings. These meetings are addressing the current state of the budget as well as looking at enrollment and focusing on retention. President Betz is part of the Task Force on the Future of Oklahoma Higher Education. Vice President Renteria gave the Executive Committee end-of-year report. For 2016-2017, the Staff Senate actively reviewed its purpose, bylaws, and processes as well as actively engaged in a variety of University interests including legislation supporting no weapons on campus, modifications to the Leave Share policy, and changes in the practice for use of leave in FMLA in case of maternity, paternity, and adoption, among other issues. Vice President Renteria requested anyone interested in serving on the Business Continuity Oversight Council as the Staff Senate representative contact her after the meeting.

Vice President’s Report
For the 2016-2017 year, the Staff Senate reviewed 12 issues. Of these issues, three bills were dead in committee. The remaining nine issues were resolved via five resolutions, one amendment, and three proposals. We received responses for the three proposals from President Betz; two proposals will be implemented as of July 1st, 2017. We are ending the year with no outstanding bills. The collaboration between Staff Senate and Faculty Senate has been further strengthened this past year by attending the Faculty Senate meetings and monthly joint councils meeting. An invite has been extended to Faculty Senate to send an official representative to Staff Senate meetings. The Executive Committee hosted Part I of the Staff Senate orientation on May 3rd. VP Renteria is working finalizing the second part of the orientation, which will take on June 29th from 2pm-3:30pm.

Secretary/Treasurer Duke:
Secretary/Treasurer Duke reminded outgoing senators to turn in desk plates. She also reminded senators of the location for July’s meeting.

Reporter/Historian Tozer:
Reporter/Historian Tozer is working on the website for next year’s incoming senators. She is also updating bills passed during this legislative session.

Parliamentarian Powers:
Parliamentarian Powers had nothing to report at this time.

University-Wide Committee/Representation Reports

1. University Planning Council
Senator Baird

There were three reports made at the UPC meeting on May 8th. Dr. Jeff King presented on the Student Transformative Learning Record (STRL). Grant funding for STLR ends in FY20. For FY20 (and going forward), STLR will need $511,000. STLR continues to be recognized internationally, elevating UCO’s profile in Transformative Learning. STLR has substantially improved the retention rates of the three STLR targeted populations: first generation college students; low socio-economic status students; and underrepresented minority students. VP Freeman presented on the needs of the Operations division. He did not make a request for funds, but instead focused on making UPC aware of the challenges the division. The pay scale for UCO’s police force is significantly lower than industry standards resulting in high turnover. It
costs Operations $8.67 per square foot of building space annually to upkeep; this is comparable to other buildings and industries. VP Johnson presented for University Communications. The KUCO radio station space is 50 years old. It will cost $500,000 to secure a space downtown; VP Johnson has secured $250,000 for the move if UCO will contribute the other half.

2. Communicator’s Council Senator Jackson-Hardwick

Senator Jackson-Hardwick had nothing to report at this time.

3. Healthy Campus Leadership Team Senator Curtis

Senator Curtis had nothing to report at this time. She suggested removing this item from the agenda until after their next meeting in September.

4. Committee for University IT Project Prioritization Senator Dumas

No meeting this month, nothing to report at this time.

5. National Alumni Board of UCO Senator Morris

Senator Morris was absent, nothing to report.

6. Committee on Diversity Senator Renteria

The committee met on May 10th. The committee discussed details of its participation in the UCO Unified: Explorations in Global and Cultural Competence employee conference. The committee will host two listening session in the summer, one in mid-June and the other in late July. The LGBTQIA+ Faculty and Staff Association has launched its website. The UCO International House has moved to Central Plaza. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion announced three collaborative initiatives—Black Male Initiative, Hispanic Success Initiative, and Native American Initiative—are currently recruiting students. Finally, the committee discussed the creation of an end-of-year report.

7. Legislative Update Senator Butler

Senator Butler gave an update on legislation. There was a breakfast this morning; there will be a big election in 2018; there are conversations regarding K-12, but not K-16; there is not a voice for higher education or technical schools. The legislature is expecting another deficit next year. Senator Butler encouraged all senators to talk to their legislators during non-UCO work time.

Senate Standing Committee Reports and Membership

1. Constitution, Parliamentary Procedure, and Elections Committee
Chair: Senator Powers
Vice Chair: Senator Rogalsky
Members: Senators DeBoard, and Moore
Report: Officer Nominations will start today. Email in regards to Officer Nominations should go out later today. Nominations continue until June 27, 2017. Scheduled the results for the Officer Elections on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, the day after our July meeting during which we will hold the elections.

Reviewed the changes made in the Bylaws as a result of the SSA 2016/2017-001. Thanks to Webmaster/Historian Senator Tozer, the updated Bylaws are on our website. Discussed if there were any more changes that needed to be made to the Bylaws this year and decided there were not.

2. Communications Committee
   Chair: Senator Tozer
   Vice Chair: Senator Jackson-Hardwick
   Members: Senators Hsu, and Wullstein
   Report: The committee did not meet last month. Nothing to report.

3. Personnel Policies and Compensation Committee
   Chair: Senator Mankin
   Vice Chair: Senator Shortt
   Members: Senators Goad, LaFave, Motley, Peck
   Report: Senators Mankin, Shortt and LaFave met and even though there was not a quorum, they discussed the responses received from administration regarding the SSP 2014/2015-001 Tuition Benefit proposal. The Budget proposal, which was first introduced by Senator Goad, has been taken off the June 8, 2017 agenda per his request.

4. Staff Development and Wellness Committee
   Chair: Senator Curtis
   Vice Chair: Senator Castleberry
   Members: Senators King, Waddle, Weathers, and Young
   Report: The committee did not meet in May and has no unfinished business to start the new fiscal year.

5. Information Resources and Technology Committee
   Chair: Senator Button
   Vice Chair: Senator Vorpahl
   Members: Senator Hagy
   Report: The committee met to compile the year-end report.

6. Alumni and Community Service Committee
   Chair: Senator Hogan
   Vice Chair: Senator Dumas
   Members: Senators Butler, Hull, Killian, and Morris
   Report: No monthly report, Senator Renteria read the yearly report to the senate.

Unfinished Business
None

New Business

None

Announcements for the Good of the Order

Executive committee announced their plans to run for office next fiscal year. Secretary/Treasurer Duke reminded the senate of the UCO Endeavor Games this upcoming weekend. Senator Mankin encouraged the senate to attend HR employee wellness events.

Adjournment

Vice President Renteria adjourned the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer—Cheryl Duke