Call to Order
President Renteria called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Senators Absent (4): Senator Jackson-Hardwick, Senator Liskey, Senator Mankin, Senator Ramsdell,

Recognition of Visitors
Dr. Mark Kinders - Vice-President for Public Affairs
Dr. Cia Verschelden – UCO Office of Institutional Assessment
Tiffany Bryant – UCO College of Fine Arts and Design

Approval of the Minutes
The minutes were approved as amended on the floor to include an additional report.

Special Order of the Day

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mark Kinders, Vice President for Public Affairs

Dr. Kinders gave an update on the Special Session of the OK Legislature. He explained that it is very challenging to pass tax increases since it requires a 75% majority. The Senate has passed HB 1045, the “Grand Bargain” designed to patch the budget. It has not yet passed the House. The Special Session is ongoing, but it is not clear how this situation will be resolved. Dr. Kinders noted that there were 45 freshman legislators in the 2017 session. He also discussed a possible measure that could make it to ballot in 2018 that would reduce the 75% majority rule that currently requires a vote to pass tax increases in the state legislature. He discussed a case that is in front of the Supreme Court that would impact gerrymandering when creating legislative
districts. If the court rules that gerrymandering is not legal, it would require systemic changes at the state level to see any impact. Dr. Kinders answered questions from senators that included a possible bill to restrict Greek houses ability host parties where alcohol is served, guns on campus, the costs associated with calling a special session, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

**Senate Executive Committee Reports**

**President Renteria:**

The executive committee met with President Betz and VP Neuhold on October 18. President Betz said he received the DACA resolution from Staff Senate, along with the Faculty Senate and UCOSA resolutions. He mentioned these resolutions will assist him in conversations with the State Regents to advocate on this matter. VP Neuhold discussed the budget cuts and credit shortfall. Block 2 enrollment is expected to lessen the credit shortfall. We are currently waiting on the state to pass budget. VP Neuhold mentioned they are starting to run scenarios to plan budget for next year. President Betz feels good about what UCO is doing as an institution—looking at real issues and proceeding in a way that is "appropriately conservative." VP Neuhold updated the committee on the UCO Compensation Project. The project has been presented to President's Cabinet and Deans. President Betz also shared the positive outcome of the NCUR Oversight Committee visit to UCO in advance of us hosting the conference in April and discussed the positive outcome of the Indigenous People’s Day events. The executive committee met to vote on the recommendations for the two remaining Academic Affairs seats, both with 2 year-term remaining, for Tiffany Bryant and Brenton Wimmer. Both appointments will be voted on during this meeting.

**Vice-President Butler:**

Two bills are being discussed during the meeting; if committed, these will be assigned to committees. These will be located in the spreadsheet in the shared drive. As a reminder if each committee chair/appointee will update their individual bills and track the progress in the aligning folders on the shared drive. President Renteria Mendoza and I are reaching out to schedule meetings with the Staff Senate committee chairs. This meeting will go over templates, proposals, resolutions and policy feedback.

Senator Tozer attend the Faculty Senate meeting October 13, 2017, and made the report to the Senate. VP Neuhold presented to the Senate and discussed the budget. She mentioned they were looking at many options for the budget, but nothing has been decided. VP Pope also presented. He discussed the need for advisors to work on student retention. He also reported a 45% decrease nationwide in international apps, which is significantly impacting UCO. Dr. Pope explained how other schools are waiving out of state fees, but mentioned there is a delicate balance between decrease of tuition and increase in number of students/credit hours. He also reported that there is a committee working with the Noel Levitz consulting group that is looking at this issue as well as enrollment and retention. Faculty Senate has assigned committees and is looking at reworking bylaws and constitution. President Archuleta gave shout out to Staff Senate for our structure and website.
Secretary/Treasurer DeBoard:

Campus Wide Committee reports that are not a part of a Standing Senate Committee need to be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer immediately after Senate meeting. Reminded senators that the next two Staff Senate meetings will take place in the Dogwood Room.

Reporter/Historian Tozer:

The website is up-to-date now, after an issue with getting the box with upcoming meetings to publish correctly. This should not be an issue moving forward. Reminded Senators to submit a headshot to include on the website in order to assist constituents with recognizing senators around campus. She is waiting on the group and executive committee photos from Photo Services.

Parliamentarian Powers:

Today we will be voting on whether or not to commit two bills. If committed, they be assigned by Vice-President Butler to an appropriate committee for review. The committee can bring the bill forward as a proposal or a resolution, or they can kill it. A proposal is something where we ask the president of the university to make a change and requires a response. A resolution is something where we express the sentiment of the Senate and is directed to the appropriate office(s). Both of these have to be passed by a majority vote. If the committee decides to kill the bill, they will report this out to the Senate the reason(s) why and will include everyone on campus they discussed the issue with.

University-Wide Committee/Representation Reports

1. University Planning Council                President Renteria
   UPC did not meet in October. The next meeting is November 10. VP Butler will attend on behalf of the Senate.

2. Communicator’s Council            Senator Curtis
   Senator Curtis will be sending an email with events.

3. Healthy Campus Leadership Team    Senator Wellington
   The committee just began meeting again after a leadership change. They will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month in HES.

4. Committee for University IT Project Prioritization    Senator Button
   Committee did not meet.

5. National Alumni Board of UCO      Senator Ramsdell
Committee did not meet.

6. **Committee on Diversity**
   President Renteria

The committee met on October 11. The committee was provided with an update on DACA and efforts that are being taken. The committee also discussed the upcoming transition of the Connect to Diversity website to the new webpage template. The NCUR 2018 Inclusion and Diversity Committee reported they are looking at providing registration fee waivers to increase attendance of underrepresented groups and are working on a video. The NCUR committee is looking to re-sign restroom facilities across campus to ensure NCUR participants will have access to accessible and gender-inclusive facilities. The Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity module will be included in the upcoming administration of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

7. **Oklahoma Legislative Update**
   Senator Butler

House Bill 1081 was signed by Governor Fallin and appropriates $23.3 million to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services after the Mental Health Department lost funding from the cigarette tax overturned by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Special session has been going for 6 weeks since September 25 discussing the budget shortfall of $215 million revenue loss by this decision. The Senate passed a budget bill on November 6 addressing this shortfall and it will be heard by the House. This bill purposes a 4% GDP increase and is said to provide recurring revenue to help bring more stability to the state budget addressing next year’s predicted budget deficit. The bill also keeps a promise to the teachers of Oklahoma by providing a $3,000 pay raise, and a $1,000 pay raise for our state employees.

8. **Business Continuity Oversight Council**
   Senator Button

Committee did not meet.

9. **Employee Wellness Committee**
   Senator Wellington

Senator Wellington asked senators to forward an email she sent the previous day to employees in their area. The committee seeking input from employees that have not participated in events. She also reminded senators of the UCO Day of Wellness scheduled for November 9 from 11-1pm.

10. **Transportation and Parking Committee**
    Senator Castleberry

There were a lot more questions asked during the October meetings. The committee established what the goals of the committee. There seems to be a lot of misinformation going around currently about what the goals of the committee are and what information has been decided. The ONLY thing that the committee has decided on was that a Hybrid of types of parking will work best for UCO moving forward. We want to do Zonal parking permits for the high demand lots and a hunting license approach for the low demand areas. The Zones could change every semester. This would help ease the congestion in the busier lots so that students and faculty/staff are not trying to look in the same crowded lots each day. Each “zone” would have a certain number of permits sold to both faculty/staff and students based on how many of each group uses spots in those areas currently. We have not discussed how to decide who will park in what
“zone” yet. I have shared the proposed zone information and how many of the spots are used with the senate already.

The goals of the committee are:
• to provide efficient use of the current parking spots;
• keep congestion to a minimum, and to prevent people from circling the same crowded lots repeatedly;
• to increase customer satisfaction; and
• financial sustainability for TPS.

**Senate Standing Committee Reports and Membership**

1. **Constitution, Parliamentary Procedure, and Elections Committee**  
   Chair: Senator Powers  
   Vice Chair: Senator Duke  
   Members: Senators Daro, Duke, Powers  

   The committee met on October 9, 2017 and began discussions.

2. **Communications Committee**  
   Chair: Senator Tozer  
   Vice-Chair: Senator Weathers  
   Members: Senators Curtis, Provine, Tozer, Weathers  

   The committee met on October 11, 2017. The committee discussed divisional listservs and creating a survey for all staff members next semester. Each listserv will need a name, and we’re unsure currently what to name the small divisions area. All others will be simply list.Operations, list.Finance, etc. Student Affairs already exists. At next meeting, the committee will discuss in more detail the survey to send out next semester.

3. **Personnel Policies and Compensation Committee**  
   Chair: Senator Shortt  
   Vice Chair: Senator LaFave  
   Members: Senators Bieri, Caldwell, Crouch, Hocking, LaFave, Martucci, Shortt, Vaughn  

   The committee met twice, on October 12 and 24, 2017. The committee continued discussion on the tuition waiver benefit and Senator Shortt provided a handout of the proposed bill as a rough draft to work with. Research will continue, and assignments were given out to committee members. There was discussion of inviting the Faculty Senate representative(s) from the Personnel Policies and Compensation Committee to form a joint resolution.

4. **Staff Development and Wellness Committee**  
   Chair: Senator Castleberry  
   Vice Chair: Senator Wellington  
   Members: Senators Campbell, Castleberry, Hagy, Jones, Wellington
The committee met on October 6, 2017 and met with Josh Stone from the parking office to discuss some ideas that we had for a potential parking resolution and how these would impact the parking office.

5. **Information Resources and Technology Committee**  
Chair: Senator Button  
Vice Chair: Senator Moore  
Members: Senators Button, Gamagedara, Mankin; Moore

Committee did not meet; no report

6. **Alumni and Community Service Committee**  
Chair: Senator Haggerty  
Vice Chair: Senator Jackson-Hardwick  
Members: Senators Haggerty, Jackson-Hardwick, Liskey, Peck, Ramsdell

Committee did not meet; no report

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Tiffany Bryant was recommended for appointment to an Academic Affairs seat with a 2-year term remaining. Dr. Brenton Wimmer was recommended for appointment to an Academic Affairs seat with 2-year term remaining. After reading statements of interest and debate, both nominees were confirmed.

Senator Tozer presented SSB 2017/2018-001 Campus Expression Policy Revision. Senator Tozer moved commit the bill. It was seconded. Debate ensued. Motion passed.

Senator Campbell presented SSB 2017/2018-002 Gender Inclusive Restroom Initiative. Senator Campbell moved to commit the bill. It was seconded. Debate ensure. Motion passed.

**Announcements for the Good of the Order**

- Forum on DACA and immigration-related policies- Nov 8 at noon in Radke Theater. Refreshments to follow.
- The Masquerade: A benefit for student scholarships – Nov 18 at the CHK Central Boathouse starting at 6pm.
- Lessons in Leadership will be bringing Tony L. Dearman, Director of the US Dept. of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Education – Nov 21 at 9:30 am.
• Senator Jones announced that the Athletic Department offered family passes for faculty/staff during football games. Program was successful enough that the same program will be implemented for basketball and wrestling.
• US Olympic Gold Medalist Lori Hernandez is coming to speak at UCO on Nov 14.
• Senator Shortt reminded the senate that electric golf carts need to remain plugged in when not in use during cold weather to prevent the batteries from freezing.
• Senator Moore announced that on January 31, the Political Science Student Association will host a debate for the Republican candidates for Oklahoma governor.
• Fall commencement dates announced:
  o Dec 15 at 1pm CEPS (except Psychology); at 5 pm Jackson College and Psychology
  o Dec 16 at 10am CB and CMS; at 2pm CLA and CFAD (includes ACM)

Adjournment

President Renteria adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary-Treasurer DeBoard