Call to Order
President Renteria called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call


Recognition of Visitors
Jerry Legere – Emeritus Faculty Association
David Seigman – UCO Office of Information Technology

Approval of the Minutes
The minutes were approved as distributed.

Special Order of the Day
N/A

Senate Executive Committee Reports

President Renteria:

The executive committee met with President Betz and VP Neuhold on June 22. VP Neuhold reported the budget is awaiting approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and will have an update on the Tuition Waiver proposal once budget is approved. VP Freeman has received input from his leadership team on the Gender-Inclusive Restrooms Guidelines proposal. We anticipate official responses in July. The Age-Friendly University Resolution was sent to President’s Cabinet and the Legal Office as well as the Committee on Diversity. A
subgroup of the Committee on Diversity will be looking at the potential commitment of resources for designation. The committee presented the Staff Senate survey results to President Betz and VP Neuhold. These will be shared with the President’ Cabinet and the Finance leadership team. VP Neuhold reported the budget was balanced and addressed the budget gap with permanent solutions through significant reductions for operating costs, a tuition increase, and a few fee increases. UCO also will be reimbursed at 85% for concurrent enrollment vs the current 20% reimbursement rate. Part of the tuition increase will be dedicated to increasing the tuition waiver budget, with a commitment to proportionally grow the budget as tuition increase.

President Betz and VP Neuhold were upbeat about FY 20 and mentioned UCO is in a position to strategically invest. President Betz contributed the balanced budget to VP Neuhold’s leadership. President Betz provided a provided a summary of this legislative session. President Betz invites us to attend the Fall Forum scheduled for August 14. Finally, he boasted UCO again receiving the “Great College to Work For” designation by the Chronicle of Higher Education. UCO is on the Honor Roll. Additionally, UCO was selected for the “Top Place to Work in Oklahoma.”

The Staff Senate executive committee met with the Faculty Senate executive committee and UCOSA leaders on June 12 for the joint council meeting. Discussion of the academic calendar was prompted after the Thanksgiving Proposal update. The Executive Committee met on June 27 to prepare to prepare for transition from 2017-2018 to the 2018-2019 year.

President Renteria provided the end-of-year report for the Executive Committee.

**Vice-President Butler:**

There were 11 total documents during 2017-2018 Staff Senate year; 10 were resolved or dead with one outstanding in committee:


**Secretary/Treasurer DeBoard:**

Secretary DeBoard recognized ten senators who attended every Senate meeting during the 2017-2018 year: Senators Baird, Braun, Button, Campbell, DeBoard, Gamagedara, LaFave, Martucci, Scism, and Wellington.

**Webmaster/Historian Duke:**

Senator Duke reported that the website has been updated.

**Parliamentarian Powers:**

No report
University-Wide Committee/Representation Reports

1. **University Planning Council**  
   **President Renteria**  
   UPC met on June 8. President Renteria presented survey data, legislation, and efforts of the senate for this year. President Renteria reiterated the Tuition Waiver proposal request prior to the budget being finalized. Faculty Senate also presented on their accomplishments and echoed support for the Tuition Waiver and Gender Inclusive Restrooms Guidelines joint proposals. Faculty Senate is exploring a president-elect structure. Provost Barthell presented the following budget requests: 1) 8 tenure-track positions for FY 19; 2) temporary lectureships; 3) increase in faculty compensation; 4) TA increase base pay and tuition waivers for GA/RAs; 5) $250,000 request in one-time funds for Santa Fe plaza renovations to include the MBA and MPA programs, laboratory space, faculty offices, and Student Affairs space. UCO Downtown spring enrollment exceeded the previous fall enrollment.

   VP Freeman requested a mandatory fee for Athletics of $0.25 for FY 19. This fee will be used to increase the athletics scholarships cash portion, which cover non-resident tuition and fees. OIT presented a budget request to increase the technology fee over the next five years. In FY 19, the fee requested increased to $5 from $3. In years 2-5, the increase would be between $7.36-$14. The fee increase is part of the 2-year strategy to strengthen the OIT division. The UPC working group looking at UCO’s HLC quality initiative will meet July 25.

2. **Communicator’s Council**

3. **Healthy Campus Leadership Team**  
   **Senator Wellington**  
   No Meeting; No Report

4. **Committee for University IT Project Prioritization**  
   **Senator Button**  
   No Meeting; No Report

5. **National Alumni Board of UCO**  
   **Senator Ramsdell**  
   No Meeting; No Report

6. **Committee on Diversity**

7. **Oklahoma Legislative Update**  
   **Senator Butler**  
   **Upcoming: August 28 Runoff Primary Election**
   - Friday, August 3 is the last day to register to vote - as long as you are a U.S. citizen, a resident of Oklahoma and at least 18 years of age.
   - The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5:00 p.m., August 22.
   - Early voting will take place:
     - Thursday, August 23, 8 AM - 6 PM
     - Friday, August 24, 8 AM - 6 PM
     - Saturday, August 25 9 AM - 2 PM
Information on how to register to vote, track bills and find your legislators are on UCO’s Public Affairs website: http://sites.uco.edu/central/leadership/public-affairs/2018-legislation.asp
Additional legislative information is also located on this page in the legislative tool box.

8. **Business Continuity Oversight Council**
   - Senator Button
   - No Meeting; No Report

9. **Employee Wellness Committee**
   - Senator Wellington
   - No Meeting; No Report

10. **Transportation and Parking Committee**
    - No meetings scheduled until fall semester.

**Senate Standing Committee Reports and Membership**

1. **Constitution, Parliamentary Procedure, and Elections Committee**
   - Chair: Senator Powers
   - Vice Chair:
   - Members: Senators Daro, Powers, Wimmer
   
   Senator Powers explained how the officer election would be conducted. Senator Powers opened the floor to additional nominations. No additional nominations were received.

2. **Communications Committee**
   - Chair: Senator
   - Vice-Chair:
   - Members:

3. **Personnel Policies and Compensation Committee**
   - Chair: Senator
   - Vice Chair:
   - Members:

4. **Staff Development and Wellness Committee**
   - Chair:
   - Vice Chair:
   - Members:

5. **Information Resources and Technology Committee**
   - Chair:
   - Vice Chair:
   - Members:

6. **Alumni and Community Service Committee**
   - Chair:
   - Vice Chair:
   - Members:
Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Officer Elections - Each candidate for office was given 5 minutes to provide a brief introduction and overview of qualifications. During the time, Parliamentarian Powers distributed paper ballots. After the candidates finished speaking, President Renteria announced that ballots would be turned in to Parliamentarian Powers as Senators left the meeting.

Announcements for the Good of the Order

1. HR Information sessions on the new point factor method announced

2. Significant construction work will begin July 11 on the visitor parking lot in front of the NUC. Access will be inconvenient. Facilities and the contractor will work to identify alternate routes.

3. Senator Baird congratulated President Renteria for her leadership in the Senate this past year.

Adjournment

President Renteria adjourned the meeting at 3:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary-Treasurer DeBoard