



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Council

March 1, 2019 Minutes

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Meetings (First Friday of the Month) 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: CASE 134, BAAS 215 and NSM 112.

The meeting was called to order by President Cambiano in CASE 134 at 3:01 p.m. on March 1, 2019. There was Zoom access in Tahlequah to Broken Arrow 215 and Muskogee 112.

Guests (Time is typically set aside for administrators who wish to address the council):

Open Educational Resources (OER) - Jerol Skinner, Sarah Whittle, Pamela Louderback, & Alesha Baker.

Alesha Baker provided a recap of what OERs are. There is a general

consensus that faculty are concerned about the quality of these kind of resources. She shared a reminder about how this is a cost savings measure to our students. Jerol Skinner pointed delegates to the CTL Website for funding opportunities

[https://academics.nsuok.edu/teachingandlearning/Funds- Awards](https://academics.nsuok.edu/teachingandlearning/Funds-Awards) Delegate Louderback shared about the Council of Online Excellence sub-committee of grant funding at the state level and a possible partnership with another university in Arkansas in the future. Secretary Whittle provided information about incremental implementation of OERs and the help librarians provide. Questions were posed about another date/time for a second webinar; how to incorporate funding for pre-existing content with new additions. OER is a statewide initiative (COLE), therefore it is a campus initiative and a tremendous cost savings opportunity to our students. Campus administrators are in support of this being the faculty's choice.

Josh Rader - Syllabus additions

Delegate Waters shared about the research of Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab, a sociologist who is looking for ways to make college affordable. Mr. Rader discussed the variety of needs our students face: some are homeless, some are living out of their car, some do not have money for food, or cannot buy appropriate clothing for a job interview. Sometimes our resources for assistance include those with off-campus partners. On the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses there is a Rowdy's Resource Room for free distribution of food, personal hygiene items, school supplies, and clothing. There are also mental health resources on both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses. The Light the Way scholarship is also set up to help address these needs. There is a link for "Report Concern" on the bottom of all NSU webpages, which is sent to Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT).

There was a proposal from Delegate Waters for a link to Student Services to be included in all syllabi for Fall 2019.

I. Call to Order: 3:01 p.m.

II. Quorum Check: A quorum was present.

III. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed. Posted

<http://offices.nsuok.edu/facultycouncil/FacultyCouncilHome.aspx>

IV. Old Business Items:

A. Open Educational Resources

B. Website Update (email) Still approximately 60 days (will require additional training)

- C. Transfer Project (Gardner Institute Needs Assessment Foundations of Excellence). Update: All dimensions have submitted their reports. On Monday a meeting will take place to finalize the draft.
- D. OSHRE Driven Conversation about Online Program/Courses - Quality Online Instruction
 - C-RAC Handout - Handout
 - Expectations of Online Programs
 - Online Self-Assessment - The tools reviewed were:
 - University of Arkansas – <https://online.uark.edu/students/readiness-quiz.php>
 - Penn State - <http://tutorials.istudy.psu.edu/learningonline/ORQ/ORQ.htm#ShowResults>
 - Texas Wesleyan - <http://txwescetl.com/about-distance-ed/for-students/>

V. New Business Items:

- A. Student Well Being (Dr. Waters-Bilbo)
- B. A motion was made from Delegate Waters: Faculty Council proposes that in Fall 2019 there be a link on all syllabi to Student Services. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed. This is a recommendation to go on to Academic Council with plenty of lead-time to be shared with all Faculty at the end of April.
- C. Faculty Awards Committee: Dr. Cambiano (Chair) - Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 11:00-1:00 is the Circle of Excellence Luncheon at the UC Ballroom. The Media Studies Campaign class is coordinating this event with President Cambiano and are currently working on a keynote speaker. There is encouragement for all faculty to attend since this is the primary recognition for faculty by faculty. A large number of CoE nominations have been submitted in all three categories. All individuals have been notified of their nomination and the deadline for packet submissions is Sunday, March 24.
- D. Nominations Committee - contact President Cambiano if anyone is interested in serving in Faculty Council leadership beginning in 2019-2020. It is encouraged for the role of President to be held by a tenured faculty member. Voting will take place in April.

VI. Committee and Standing Reports:

- A. Faculty Welfare Committee: Dr. Diamantopoulos (Chair)
- B. Faculty Awards Committee: Dr. Cambiano (Chair) - **April 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

- C. Ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee: Ms. Whittle (Chair)
- D. Ad hoc Budget Committee: Ms. Whittle (Chair)
- E. HawkTalks: Dr. Louderback (Chair)
<https://offices.nsuok.edu/facultycouncil/HawkTalks.aspx> The next HawkTalks will take place Tuesday, March 26, 12:00 p.m. with Dr. Chris Owen.
- F. University Committee Reports
 - Emeritus (Dr. Sargent) - President Cambiano has spoken to the Department Chairs and some names have been shared through these channels of retirees.

Date(s) to Remember:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1 - Honors Program Spring Banquet - 6:30 p.m. - UC Ballroom • March 4th and 5th Veteran Lounge/Veteran Service Office Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 4 - 2:30-3:00 p.m. – Broken Arrow ○ March 5 - 2:00-3:00 p.m. Veterans office and 3:30-4:30 p.m. UC Basement • March 6 - Centurion Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. NSU UC Ballroom • March 28-30 – Hosting 81st Annual OK-AR section meeting of MAA (see VP Diamantopoulos for more information) • April 3 – Battenfield-Carletti – Todd Mutzig – 10:00 a.m. – Webb Aud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 3 - GreenLink Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - Community Room • April 8-13 - 47th Annual Symposium on the American Indian • April 16 - Circle of Ex Luncheon - 11:00a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - UC Ballroom • April 17 - Branscum Alumni 30th Ann Open House - 4:00-6:00 p.m. • April 18 - Tiffany Maher Lecture - Afternoon • April 25 - Employee Recognition Reception - 4:30 p.m. - UC Ballroom • April 27 - Honors Assembly & Ovation Awards - 9:30 a.m. - Webb Aud
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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Burkhead Whittle, Secretary/Treasurer, March 4, 2019