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*The mission of the Northeastern State University Faculty Council is to promote communication and cooperation among the faculty and between the faculty and the administration. The Council serves as the faculty's collective voice in shared governance in order to achieve excellence in the academic endeavors of the university. Toward this goal the Council seeks to enhance the university's pursuit and dissemination of knowledge by promoting and preserving academic freedom and integrity, encouraging creative inquiry, and recognizing scholarly achievement. The Council further serves to foster the professional development and economic well-being of the faculty ~ Adopted by the Council, February 6, 2004.*

The meeting was called to order by President Renee Cambiano in Bagley 121 at 3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2017. There was ITV access in Tahlequah, Broken Arrow and Muskogee.

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

Mike Chanslor, representing the Executive Advising Committee, addressed the Council. He talked about the proposed Faculty Advising/Mentoring model. There was a task force that met for a year which had faculty representation. The Executive Advising Committee is now presenting the idea and wants to provide a framework for the program. The application that went out to some faculty was met with lots of questions. The committee would now like some feedback from faculty before proceeding. This is a reset and a new advising model. Faculty have been doing the advising/mentoring role, but the committee wants to institutionalize it and start over. The purpose is to enhance student learning on campus. It has become apparent that most departments will need all faculty to advise. The current system is not working. The level of advising that is going on is not what we need. They will provide resources to faculty. Students feel a need for more career preparedness. Some students are getting outdated information from some faculty. There was a question about how to connect students with their faculty advisor. There should be a structure in place and a way to interact with students.

President Turner addressed the Council. After addressing the issue of HLC and the dual advising model, he turned his attention to the issue of guns on



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campus. Student government and Staff Council have passed resolutions. His concern is to answer questions about what we can do to be a safer campus in general. There have been recent improvements in lighting and cameras on campus, we have multiple agency agreements, training has taken place and there is the safety app. Is the current law working? From his perspective, he has had 21 requests for permits on campus over his entire career at two institutions and has granted one. There were 49 gun bills starting in the legislature this year. The Chancellor wants system support through resolutions.

Patti Buhl addressed some concerns that were raised. People who are licensed do not always have the best training. Sometimes they have not thought ahead to situations that might arise, such as weapon retention and different ballistic effects. Some people are not ready to take a life. Guns on campus put first responders in hard situations.

President Turner wants to know if we have safety concerns or threats. Delegate Salmon read a prepared statement about his firearms preparedness, concealed carry permits and his support for individual rights. There were concerns about basic safety in clinic situations. Buhl remarked that any computer on campus can be turned into a panic button. Also, the phone app can be used. It was noted that lighting is still a problem in some areas of campus. President Turner stated that anyone is welcome to join the walk-through that is done once a year to look at lighting and other safety problems. He also pointed out a research article from Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research that supports the resolution under consideration by Faculty Council. It was also pointed out that we currently follow state law. The resolution supports the current law and opposes bills that would change the law.

President Turner briefly addressed the budget information he is hearing at the Capital. Reductions of 2-23% have been discussed. One recent scenario has higher education flat. There are still five weeks left in the session. The legislature needs to find a way to create revenues.

Luanne Lewis, Experiential Learning Specialist, addressed the Council. She asked faculty to help document what we are already doing so that we can share it. She is here to help. She is willing to discuss what is immersive learning or experiential learning and can visit with individuals.



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Chad McLane addressed the Council. He reminded faculty that the new BlackBoard goes live on Monday at [bb.nsuok.edu](http://bb.nsuok.edu). Courses will be transferred from summer 2015 onward. Older courses will be archived. Faculty are encouraged to use Zoom, which is a good tool. You can share screens with Zoom. There were suggestions to have novice training sessions to avoid intimidation and also to provide ways for students to learn to use Zoom without faculty having to do the instruction. Remember to download student evaluations, courses, and Collaborate videos if you need them. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to export or archive these resources. It was noted that you now need an IT ticket to add anyone to a course. There will be workshops next week and there will be videos of them for review.

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Quorum Check: There was a quorum present.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 3 and March 24 meetings were approved.
- IV. Old Business Items:
  - A. Appendix C Revision: The document is at the Provost's office.
  - B. Circle of Excellence Committee
    1. COE Celebration (April 18, 2017) –
      - a. Robyn N. Pursley – Service
      - b. Spence Pilcher – Teaching
      - c. Cindy R. Cisar – Research

Lunch is from 11:30-1:30 and more volunteers are needed. Academic Affairs provided \$6,000 toward the event. Meal tickets are \$20 for guests. There is now a Foundation account to support the event in the future. You can mark your giving for Faculty Council.

- C. Guns on Campus resolution  
Some wondered if this is a political statement. Some were concerned that they needed to represent the faculty and they did not know how all the faculty feel about the resolution. Some were concerned that we would be setting a precedent. It was pointed out that previous NSU and other state Faculty Councils have approved similar resolutions. There was speculation about ways that we could start a reserve force for the campus with people with concealed carry permits. It was



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pointed out that the fundamental issue seems to be that people do not feel safe. A review of the Clery statistics for campus showed that there were low numbers of crimes on all campuses in the previous reporting cycles. There was concern for increased security at Optometry. There were anecdotes about students living in campus buildings. How will legislators view a resolution such as this? After considerable discussion, there was a motion to table the resolution.

### V. New Business Items

#### A. Faculty Advising Model

There was brief discussion about the format for feedback to the Executive Committee. The Council expressed a desire to have faculty representation on the committee. Faculty Council is willing to collaborate on the faculty advising model. In order to change the system, faculty should be involved in the discussion. A list of advisees would be helpful. A proven model is the first year experience Gardner model which forms cohorts by discipline. There was a motion to send an email inquiring about the proposed timeline and in what format feedback was desired. We also would like to know who would be involved in forming the policy. The email will be sent before the next meeting.

### VI. Committee and Standing Reports:

#### A. Faculty Welfare Committee: John (Chair) –

#### B. Faculty Awards Committee - Needs Membership

##### a. Circle of Excellence Awards & Lunch

#### C. Ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee: Linda West (Chair) - Ron Cambiano, Rachel Green

#### D. Ad hoc Budget Committee: Linda West (Chair) - Renee Cambiano

#### E. Delicious Dialogues Pamela Louderback (Chair) - Demetri Plesiss, and Sharon Jones

#### F. University Committee Reports



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VII. Announcements:

- Commencement
- College of Education - Friday, May 5th @ 7:00pm
  
- College of Science & Health Professions and the College of Optometry - Saturday, May 6th @ 9:30am
  
- College of Business & Technology and the College of Liberal Arts - Saturday, May 6th @ 2:00pm
  
- Broken Arrow All Colleges - Monday, May 8th @ 7:00
- The Way We Worked Smithsonian Exhibit at the Broken Arrow Campus - May 19th - July 7th

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda West, Secretary/Treasurer  
April 21, 2017