

OSU-Tulsa Staff Advisory Council Minutes

November 21st, 2019

1. Administration Update – Karen Castle

- OSU Tulsa will be hosting the Northeast Oklahoma Legislative Tour on January 21st in the Helmerich Research Center. It is an annual meeting with area legislators, OSU A&M Board of Regents and University Presidents. The Chancellor will give a legislative update at the reception/lunch.
- President Fry has been meeting with over 50 individuals in a wide variety of capacities since July to further OSU Tulsa's positive involvement in the community and surrounding areas.
- She has also become involved in the Tulsa Chamber and will be joining their board in January.
- She attended a special session of The Association of Public and Land Grand Universities in San Diego earlier this month.
- Dr. Fry is also interested in conducting more small-group meetings with the staff and faculty of OSU Tulsa to continue gathering ideas and input.

2. Fun Facts – ahha Tulsa with Lauren Teague Collins

Lauren Teague Collins, Director of Communications, shared with us a brief history of ahha Tulsa and their presence in the Tulsa community. Originally named the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa, ahha was founded in 1961 with the mission to cultivate a more creative Tulsa. In 2012, the Hardesty Center was opened in the Tulsa Arts District. The center has 3 floors that are open to the public:

- The Gallery
- The Experience
- The Studio

The center offers a variety of camps, classes, and partners with Any Given Child-Tulsa to provide access to arts education for K-8 students in the Tulsa Public School system. ahha Tulsa partners with 13 other organizations to provide these opportunities to students.

Their hours of operations are Wednesday-Saturday 12:00pm-9:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm-7:00pm. Admission for Adults is \$12.75, children 3-12 is \$8.75, children under 3 are free.

3. Approved minutes from October 24th meeting

Tom Thorisch proposed two amendments to the October minutes. Beverly Morris moved to approve the amendments and approve the minutes. Danielle Roper seconded the motion and the motion passed.

4. SAC Activities

- The SAC will be participating in a 2 part sculpture tour of the Helmerich Research Center. The 1st will be on December 6th from noon to 1:00pm and will cover the inside portion of the tour. Lunch will be provided for the group. Dr. Singh will conduct a tour of the HRC. The second part of the tour will be held in the spring for the outside sculptures.
- The Administration will be holding the annual holiday party on December 18th 3:00pm-4:30pm. They will be conducting a “Best Sweater” Contest. Please submit a photo of yourself to Alicia McClendon alicia.mcclendon@okstate.edu before noon on the 18th to have your entry included in a slideshow that will be played during the party and attendees will vote on the “Best Sweater”.
- Starting in January, the SAC will kick off its Secret Staff Member activity for the entire month. All staff members at OSU-Tulsa are invited to participate. Participating members will be assigned a staff member to send good thoughts, small gifts, or other kind gestures once a week. If the event goes well, we will have another in the summer and fall. We will be sending out a questionnaire that will help your secret staff member better know your likes and dislikes, in order to send you things that match your interest. Olivia Woody olivia.knight@okstate.edu will be the point of contact for any questions you may have.
- The SAC would like to celebrate each staff member’s “work anniversary” with OSU Tulsa. At the beginning of every month, the SAC will recognize staff members who were hired during that month. We will send them a small gesture to say “Happy Work Anniversary!”
- Karen Castle is coordinating SAC events with the quarterly staff recognition events to better utilize time and resources.

5. Department Reports

- Elisa LeSieur with Academic Affairs shared with the council that the high school conferences for Jenks and Union were a success. Between both schools, there was a combined number of 2,000 students in attendance.
- Olivia Woody from the Learning Services Center encouraged other members to remind students to make arrangements for their final exams as Finals week is quickly approaching.
- Candace Jackson and Tom Thorisch in the Library were excited to announce the installation of work cubicles for the library staff members as they continue to operate in their temporary location.
- Danielle Roper informed members of the council that Career Services will be providing free coffee and tea as well as chair massages to students during pre-finals week. The Wellness Center is also going to begin offering 20-minute dance classes once a month.
- Alicia McClendon announced we will be participating again in the MLK Day parade on January 20th, 2020. The Center for Poets and Writers has also posted new workshops available. She also announced they are gearing up for enrollment messaging to be released soon. Lastly, she wanted everyone to be on the lookout for an exciting announcement that involves TCCI!
- Kathy Williams gave positive feedback on Dr. Fry’s attendance and presentation at the Tulsa Women’s Breakfast meeting at 36° North. Through her presentation, two promising connections were made:
 - Tulsa Remote- organization that encourages and supplies incentives to businesses and entrepreneurs to work remotely from Tulsa. OSU-Tulsa will be the first university to host their monthly dinner.
 - Osage Casinos

- Bambi Greer announced we have leased space at OSU-Tulsa to USA BMX and are also closer to completing roofing projects on campus.

6. Report from OSU-STW SAC meeting – Karen Castle

Karen Castle, Annette Morey, and Olivia Woody represented OSU-Tulsa the Stillwater SAC meeting on November 13th. One of the highlights of the meeting was a short presentation of Active Shooter Training on the Stillwater campus. This came in conjunction with last month's reports of gunfire in the Edmon Low Library. Officers were on scene within one minute and had the situation under control within 5 minutes. Stillwater is developing an Active Shooter Training video specific to Stillwater Campus. They will be posting it to the OSU-STW Police Department website when it is completed. They encourage all faculty, staff, and students to complete some sort of active shooter training. Currently, the College of Human Sciences is the only college to incorporate such training in their freshman orientation.

7. Next meeting of the OSU-Tulsa SAC will be January 23rd at 12:00pm in the Executive Board Room.