

## OSU-Tulsa Staff Advisory Council Minutes

October 24, 2019

### 1. Administration Update – Dr. Pam Fry

Dr. Fry shared a warm welcome and gratitude for asking her to attend our October meeting. She was so pleased to see the willingness of Tulsa staff members to participate in our SAC chapter.

She informed the council of some of the current goals the administration is focusing on for the Tulsa campus, including:

- Focusing on program development. Increasing course offerings on the Tulsa campus will equate being able to increase our enrollment numbers.
- They have appointed a new dean to the College of Arts & Sciences who would like to develop more A&S course offerings on our campus as well.
- Fundraising planning efforts with Cindy Webb and Annie Alexander, staff members of the OSU Foundation, to focus on scholarship offerings.
- Her number one goal is to increase undergraduate and graduate enrollment numbers for OSU-Tulsa in the next 3-5 years.

Dr. Fry also shared with the group that the combination of Health Education and Aviation with Human sciences, the New College (which is what they're calling it in the transition), is developing a program to offer an urban serving elementary education program. She was also pleased with the recent success of the Latino conference held on the campus earlier this month.

### 2. Fun Facts – OSU-Tulsa Art with Annette Morey

Annette presented a slideshow and brief facts behind several art pieces located across our campus. Those included:

- “Dreamscape” by Jesús Morales (garden sculpture behind the HRC)
- OSU-Tulsa Gateway Structure (located on hill, west of the HRC)
- “Circumoculus” by George Peters and Melanie Walker (suspended sculpture located in lobby/atrium of HRC)
- “Explore” by James T. Russell (stainless steel sculpture located in front of the HRC)
- “When Friends Meet” by Allan Houser (sculpture located on Main Hall courtyard)
- “Suspense” by Menashe Kadishman (sculpture located behind the main library, facing pond)
- E.W. Woods Memorial (located directly outside of North Hall at east end)
- Courtyard Area Art Deco Tiles designed by Ruth Armstrong (tiles located on North Hall, Auditorium and Admin Hall)

3. Approved minutes from September 26th meeting. Alicia McClendon motioned to approve the minutes. Tom Thorisch seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. SAC Upcoming Activities
  - Staff and Faculty Dessert Event – campus will be closed from 3:00pm-4:00pm for a dessert social event. Staff and faculty will enjoy a welcome presentation from Dr. Fry, as well as the honoring of this quarters Orange Pride Award recipient.
  - Halloween decorating contest – campus offices will compete in a contest for Most Creative Theme and People’s Choice. Judging Tour will begin at 11:00am on the 31<sup>st</sup> in the Main Hall Commons.
5. Department Reports
  - Julia Kacergis, with the Helmerich Research Center, shared that 3 HRC researchers were awarded \$1.9M to develop sustainable processes for recovering oil and natural gas from unconventional shale resources. They are also preparing for an upcoming symposium at the center.
  - Olivia Woody encouraged staff members to help spread the word about the upcoming deadline for the OSU-Tulsa Creative Writing Contest on November 15<sup>th</sup>. There are two categories in which participants can submit entries: Poetry and short story. Information on the contest can be found at <https://tulsa.okstate.edu/writingcontest>
  - Annette Morey was excited to announce a new coordinator for marketing, Aaron Campbell, will begin on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Alicia McClendon, also with Marketing, shared October 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> was declared Tulsa Transfer Week by Mayor G.T. Bynum.
  - Beverly Morris informed the council that Spring 2020 enrollment opened on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Karen Castle had the opportunity to attend the Department Head meeting between Stillwater and Tulsa. This meeting provided department leaders the opportunity to share information between departments, in addition to advocating for faculty to come to the Tulsa campus for courses. A new incentive is the brand new Green Room, opening November 1<sup>st</sup>, that can be utilized by faculty.

6. Announcements – Karen Castle and Annette Morey
  - Our President, Karen, and our vice president, Annette, have plans to attend the November SAC meeting for the Stillwater campus.
  - Annette encouraged staff members to recommend guest speakers to attend our monthly SAC meetings. She would like participants to be members of the Tulsa community that can share events and programs that could be beneficial for OSU-Tulsa to participate in.
  - Annette would like staff members to share ideas for events that the SAC could attend together as a group. For example, Ahha Tulsa, Glass Blowing, etc. Please email [Annette.morey@okstate.edu](mailto:Annette.morey@okstate.edu) with any suggestions you may have!
  - The Bedlam Food Drive will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>. Boxes will be available on campus for food donations. Community wide event will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> at LaFortune Park to receive donations.
  - Alicia McClendon shared a great opportunity to receive free tickets to enjoy the Tulsa Ballet production of Giselle. Participants would volunteer at the check-in table on November 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 6:30 performance. If interested, members may contact [alicia.mcclendon@okstate.edu](mailto:alicia.mcclendon@okstate.edu) for additional information.
  
7. Our next OSU-Tulsa SAC meeting will be held November 21<sup>st</sup> 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Executive Boardroom in the Administration Hall.