

Minutes

Staff Advisory Council Meeting

February 25th, 2021

12pm - 1pm

Zoom Meeting

Member Attendees: Oliva Woody, Karen Castle, Tom Thorisch, Sherry Clegg, Beverly Morris, Elisa LeSieur, Alicia McClendon, Bambi Greer, Candace Jackson,

Guest attendees: Dr. Susan Johnson, Gene Leiterman, Mark Busenburg, Sheilah Coil, Patti Conroy, Saira Nadeem

- I. Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Candace Jackson moved to approve the minutes.
 - b. Alicia McClendon seconded the motion.
 - i. Minutes were approved.
- II. Report from Administration
 - a. Dr. Susan Johnson presented
 - i. Discussion points –
 1. Dr. Johnson commended all staff on the Tulsa campus for continued growth and success.
 - a. Enrollment in 2020 increased by over twenty (20) percent.
 - b. Credit hour statics also increased, however with a smaller percentage.
 2. Dr. Johnson reminded everyone the overall goal of the Tulsa campus is to support and work in cooperation with the Stillwater campus.
 - a. OSU-Tulsa students generate headcount and credit hours for the Stillwater campus, which is a win-win for both campuses.
 3. Dr. Johnson introduced Saira Nadeem, whose role will focus on undergrad recruitment.
 - a. Susan Tolbart new role will focus on graduate level recruitment.
 4. The OSU Tulsa campus has been approved to offer the following new programs.
 - a. BS – Strategic Communications
 - b. BS Industrial Engineering and Manufacturing
 - c. Truth and Reconciliation in the Americas (minor)
 - i. There are several other programs in various stages of the approval process.
 1. As soon as the programs are approved, OSU Tulsa will begin advertising the new offerings.
 5. The Tulsa campus is working with the community on several initiatives.

- a. As the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre approaches, it is important for the OSU Tulsa campus to take part and highlight this important history.
- b. The 100 Points of Truth and Transformation project continues with many projects and events leading up to the anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre.
 - i. Projects and events include –
 - 1. The establishment of a healing garden on campus.
 - 2. Discussion and seminars for staff, faculty and the public.
 - 3. Possible historical tours of the area around the campus.
 - c. Saturday School, another project, which works in conjunction with the Tulsa Public Schools to assist students as online learning continues to be a challenge.
- 6. Dr. Johnson thanked the members of SAC and all the staff and faculty for continuing to elevate the Tulsa campus.
 - a. Staff should not hesitate to reach out to OSU Tulsa administration for questions.

III. Gene Leiterman, Director of Operations at Glacier Chocolate presented

- i. Discussion Points -
 - 1. Glacier Chocolate is a locally owned business committed to the Tulsa community.
 - 2. The business offers seventy-two flavors of chocolates along with homemade gelato.
 - a. Glacier currently has two locations in downtown and midtown Tulsa with a third location to open in south Tulsa by the end of 2021.
 - 3. Mr. Leiterman gave a virtual tour of the location on Archer street.
 - i. This location can be rented as an event space.
 - b. Both locations highlight the work of Tulsa artists.
 - c. Both locations will sell wine and help the customer with chocolate and wine pairings.

IV. Report from Tulsa Program Representatives Meeting

- a. Discussion Points -
 - i. Oliva Woody reiterated the positive statistics Dr. Johnson discussed related to the Tulsa campus.
 - ii. There is discussion of an in-person graduation event possibly scheduled at the Driller's stadium, to allow for social distancing.
 - 1. Date – May 10, 2021.
 - 2. Event would honor all 2020 graduates.
 - iii. OSU plans to bestow first honorary degree to Dr. John Whittington Franklin, the son of John Hope Franklin, the renowned scholar and author.

V. SAC Event Suggestion – Employee Highlight

- a. Discussion Points –
 - i. This project would aim to highlight various staff members on the Tulsa campus, for the purpose of growing a sense of community.
 - 1. Suggestions –

- a. Use standard spotlight-type of questions.
- b. Work with marketing to add section on page.
- c. Staff could be nominated and/or selected at random.
- d. SAC officers will discuss and report back at next meeting.

VI. Department Reports

a. Library

- i. Lynn Wallace, library director, presented *Deliberately Forgetting the Destruction of Dreams: Looking Back on 100 Years of Documenting The Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921* in conjunction with the University of South Florida Humanities Institute on Feb. 23.
 1. The webinar was free and open to the public.
- ii. Tom has finished his online research courses for now.
- iii. Staff continue rotating schedule for on-campus with a strong virtual presence.

b. Karen Castle/Administration

- i. President's Leadership Society had first meeting.
 1. Looking forward to a new year.

c. Marketing

- i. Reminded SAC members to check Facebook page for upcoming events.
- ii. Working with CHS to plan Stately Affair Gala.
 1. Hopefully event will be in-person this year.

d. Advising

- i. Gearing up for summer and fall semesters.

e. Elisa LeSieur updated SAC on Native American Faculty and Staff Association

- i. Currently working with tribal elders on a Native American Land Recognition Statement.
 1. After statewide statement is approved, the organization will work on a Tulsa specific statement.
 2. Will continue to report on progress.

VII. Announcements –

- a. Elisa LeSieur was the recipient of the February Orange Pride Award for the Tulsa campus.

VIII. Next Meeting – March 25th, 2021 – 12pm – via Zoom link