Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association  
_Tuesday, 1 November 2011_

Signed in as present:


I. Call to Order by President, Nancy Osborn, at 11:07 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 10/4/11 regular meeting of the USAO Faculty Association were delivered electronically by S. Rees on 10/24/11. A motion to approve the October 2011 minutes made by A. Karjala, seconded by John Johnson, and passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer’s Report

K. Crow announces a balance of $867.57.

IV. Committee Reports

- Tenure/Promotion committee will meet in January
- Curriculum committee has two changes for vote: 1. Yoga class receives permanent course number PHED 1331. Passed with 33 approving, 2 abstaining. 2. Revised course description for EDUC 2022, Education for Exceptional Child. Passed with 35 approving.
- Handbook committee meets every Thursday. Fifteen of twenty-seven pages have been evaluated thus far.
- IDS committee (Faculty Association) has met. K. Crow, chair, asks the association to consider the continued existence of this ad hoc committee. Do we need it? Discussion includes questions about the University version of the committee, such as whether it will continue to exist, (if so) whether its members will rotate, and whether a second IDS committee will be redundant. It is generally agreed that answers to these questions should be pursued, and that conflation of the two committees is possible if the University committee’s membership is revised to include two positions that are appointed by Faculty Association.
- Cultural and Recreation committee is out of money. Discussion and confusion about this committee and its funds prompts N. Osborn to request a formal motion for Association vote. K. Davis moves that Faculty Association petition the Cultural and Recreation
committee for documented procedures, criteria, deadlines, and application forms. J. Loutsch seconds. Passed with 37 approving, 1 abstaining.

V. Old Business

Final exams schedule should stay the same. Classes that meet after 3:00 will have exams on the last day of class, not during official exam days.

VI. New Business

Please advise your Faculty Association representative of any scholarly activities you wish touted at Regents’ meetings. Schedule of meetings and attendees:

- 8 November, N. Osborn
- 18 December, K. Crow
- 14 February, N. Osborn
- 10 April, N. Osborn
- 12 June, N. Osborn

Please turn off lights in classrooms and office suites upon leaving.

Discussion of new mail order pharmacy option offered by Health Choice. N. Osborn provides phone number for Oklahoma Employee Group for those who disapprove of this change: 1-800-543-6044.

J.C. Sanders asks that minutes be updated on Faculty Association website. Members look around and find I. Shafer still retired. Faculty Association officers will try to find someone on campus who knows the password for the webpage.

VII. Announcements

- Jan Tindale art show and USAO drama production *Angels in America*, November 11 and 12
- Fall museum trip to Ft. Worth’s Kimbell Art Museum, November 3
- New York trip will be May 22-27 and can be used for Independent Study credit
- N. Warden reminds faculty to RSVP for Hypatia luncheon scheduled for 10 November

VIII. Motion to adjourn by K. Lamar, second J. Knapp, 11:47 am

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley S. Rees