Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association  
*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Signed in as present:


I. Call to Order by President, K. Crow, at 11:05 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 09/04/12 regular meeting of the USAO Faculty Association were delivered electronically by W. Ferrell on 10/01/12. Two corrections were noted on the minutes. Motion to approve the September 2012 minutes with the two corrections was made by A. Karjala, seconded by J. Loutsch, and passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer’s Report

D. Hanson announced a balance of $787.57 and reminded faculty that dues were currently being collected.

IV. New Business

A. John Bruce discussed OSLEP and the changes that have been made for the upcoming year. This year, OSLEP has partnered with Creative Oklahoma to host a Fall Forum on Creativity. The topic of the forum will be “Leading Creativity and Innovation.” David Burkus from Oral Roberts University will be the instructor for the event. The forum will be a 2-day event on November 12-13. Thirty-five students will be selected statewide to participate. Students will earn three hours of upper division credit. Tuition will be $600.00. To apply, students must have a 3.0 GPA and a sophomore status. For more information, contact Dr. John Bruce.

B. K. Crow announced that Faculty Association committee assignments had been emailed to all faculty and he encouraged all committee chairs to contact their members and set up a meeting time for the committee.

C. K. Crow clarified why he appointed the chair to the Tenure & Promotion Committee. He read the duties and responsibilities of the Faculty Association President as written in the Faculty Handbook to the group. He encouraged members to send any request to change this policy to the Handbook Committee for further review.

D. D. Reigh discussed the Sabbatical policies and the current discrepancies in the pay structure. B. Brown made a motion to forward this concern to the Handbook
Committee for further review. S. Kelley seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

E. K. Crow discussed the concerns that have been sent to him regarding shared governance since the September meeting. He presented a proposed idea by D. Reigh to form an Ad-Hoc Faculty Concerns Committee. This committee would determine if the issues brought to the Faculty Concerns Committee warranted being discussed in regular Faculty Association meetings. As part of the proposal, four faculty would serve as members of the committee (one faculty member per division). Z. Simpson made a motion to form the Ad-Hoc Faculty Concerns Committee. A. Karjala seconded the motion. The motion passed with 29 Yes, 5 No, and 8 Abstentions.

V. Announcements

No announcements were made.

VI. Motion to adjourn by S. Brown; second, L. McElroy, 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendi Ferrell