

**RECORD OF DISPOSITION BY ADMINISTRATION OF FACULTY SENATE ACTIONS
(September 2013-August 2014)**


	Date of Senate meeting	Item*	Origin	Disposition by administration; Date
1	10-14-2013	Faculty appointments to councils/committees	Faculty Senate Committee on Committees	Appointed; 10-25-2013
2	10-14-2013	Resolution for Student Response Systems	Information Technology Council	Approved
3	11-11-2013	Changes to the Faculty Handbook regarding exam accommodations for student athletes	Athletics Council	Approved, 12-03-2013
4	12-09-2013	Faculty appointments to the Research Council and the Faculty Awards & Honors Council	Faculty Senate Committee on Committees	Appointed, 1-31-2014
5	12-09-2013	Reapportionment of the Research Council	Research Council and Vice President for Research (VPR)	Approved, 1-31-2014
6	2-10-2014	Faculty appointment to the Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship Selection Committee	Faculty Senate Committee on Committees	Appointed, 3-18-2014
7	4-14-2014	Endorsement of OU Retirees Association In Support of State Funding for The University of Oklahoma	OU Retirees Association	Approved, 4-21-2014
8	4-14-2014	Firearms on Campus	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Approved, 4-21-2014
9	5-05-2014	Faculty appointments for end-of-the-year vacancies on university and campus councils/committees/boards and Faculty Senate standing committees	Faculty Senate Committee on Committees	Approved, 6-10-2014

*Full text of recommendation can be found in Faculty Senate Journal for date indicated at left

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
Norman Campus

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#1)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Faculty appointments to committees

At its October 14, 2013 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate approved the attached nominations to fill faculty vacancies on university and campus councils, committees, and boards.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Vice President for Research Kelvin Droegemeier
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

FACULTY SENATE NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON
UNIVERSITY COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS
OCTOBER 2013

Budget Council – 2013-16 term of Karl Sievers: Katerina Tsetsura (Journalism)

Continuing Education Council – 2013-15 term of Irene Karpiak: Juanita Vargas (Educational Leadership & Policy Studies)

Environmental Concerns Committee – 2011-14 term of H. Michael Crowson: Sara Coodin (Classics & Letters)

Faculty Appeals Board – 2010-14 term of Jie Huang: Lyn Cramer (Musical Theatre)

Information Technology Council – 2011-2014 term of Jiening Ruan, **as of Jan. 2014:** Dean Hougen (Computer Science)

Research Council – 2013-2016 term of Jennifer Saltzstein [“Fine Arts” category], **as of Jan. 2014:** Rozmeri Basic (Art & Art History)

Shared Leave Committee – 2012-14 term of Edie Marsh-Matthews, **as of Jan. 2014:** Eric Anderson (Art)

Student Conduct Hearing Panel Pool – 2012-14 term of Irene Karpiak: Keith Strevett (Civil Engineering & Environmental Science)

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON
FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES
OCTOBER 2013

Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Compensation -- 2012-2014 term of Alberto Striolo: Vassilios Sikavitsas (Chemical, Biological, & Materials Engineering)


Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare -- 2012-2015 term of Misha Klein, **as of Jan. 2014:** Greg Burge (Economics)

Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare -- 2011-2014 term of Jerry Weber, **as of Jan. 2014:** Karen Rupp-Serrano (University Libraries)

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#2)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Information Technology Council (ITC) Resolution for Student Response Systems

At its October 14, 2013 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate approved the resolution presented by the Information Technology Council (ITC) regarding Student Response Systems (see attached).

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Loretta Early, Chief Information Officer
Al Schwarzkopf, ITC Chair
Bruce Mason
Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

Student Response Systems Resolution

submitted by the Information Technology Council (ITC)

Resolution to Request the University of Oklahoma Administration to form a task force to determine a recommended and supported Student Response System (aka "Clicker") for campus instructional use.

Student Response Systems (SRS) are coming into common use, particularly in large classes, as instructors attempt to get more interactivity into the classroom experience. Students pay the overall cost of acquiring these devices in the same way that they acquire other course resources. Since several different devices are in use on the campus, this sometimes means that a student must acquire several different devices. It also means that Information Technology classroom support is divided among the different devices.


A better solution would be to settle on a preferred device and an easy way for students to acquire that device so that the student and university can focus their resources. As with all technology, the SRS technology is evolving rapidly. It is not suggested that this selection indicate a permanent commitment. The primary use of the devices is for large introductory courses, which are usually taken in the first two years of a student's career. Periodic review of the recommendation would be appropriate.

The task force should be empowered to make a university wide recommendation about technology and acquisition process. It should include representatives from Information Technology, University administration, the Disability Resource Center, and classroom instructors.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#3)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: November 14, 2013

SUBJECT: Changes to the Faculty Handbook recommended by the Athletics Council regarding exam accommodations for student athletes

At its November 11, 2013 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate approved the recommendation of the Athletics Council concerning changes to the Faculty Handbook, sections 4.7 and 4.9. A copy of those recommended changes is attached which deals with accommodations for athletes for exams, makeup exams, and final exams.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Prof. Charles Kimball, 2012-13 Chair of the Athletics Council
Prof. Larry Regens, 2013-14 Chair of the Athletics Council
Mr. Jason Leonard, Executive Director of Athletics Compliance
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

Changes to the Faculty Handbook Proposed by the Athletics Council

(Approved by the Faculty Senate on November 11, 2013)

These modifications would require a change in *Faculty Handbook*, section 4.9, 4.7, and 4.19 (deletions crossed through; additions underlined):

4.7 FINAL EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

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If a final examination is given, no faculty member is authorized to depart from the published examination schedule for either a class or an individual without approval, as follows: An examination for the entire class may be rescheduled only with the approval of the Academic Regulations Committee. A request for such rescheduling should be addressed to the Chair of that committee and should carry the endorsement of the department and the dean concerned. Final examinations for a class outside the period set aside under University regulations for final examinations are prohibited. An examination may be rescheduled for an individual student only when required by law, as in the case of jury duty, or in emergencies such as illness of the student, a serious illness or death in the immediate family, or an unavoidable academic conflict of compelling importance, including a conflict due to Regents' approved exceptions for Conference and NCAA post-season intercollegiate athletics competition (as per section 6.3.7.1 of Regents' policy). For such a conflict to be considered as grounds for rescheduling a final examination, the activity must be directly related to the student's academic work in the University or a Provost-approved University-sponsored event. Such rescheduling must have the approval of the instructor or instructors concerned, the department chair or chairs concerned, and the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled and should be timed in such a way to avoid compromising the integrity of the examination (Note 1). Final Examination has been defined as follows: an examination that is comprehensive in nature or that accounts for a greater proportion of the final grade than an exam given during the semester.

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4.9 MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS (OTHER THAN FINAL) DUE TO UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES OR LEGALLY REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

The following guidelines have been approved by the Faculty Senate and the UOSA to aid the faculty in determining a policy for make-up exams (other than final examinations) in cases of absences due to participation in University-sponsored or legally required activities. (For the policy on final examinations, see Section 4.7.)

Only Provost-approved university-sponsored activities such as scholarly competitions, fine arts performances, intercollegiate athletics competitions, and academic field trips, and legally required activities, such as emergency military service and jury duty, are covered by these guidelines.

Faculty, if given notice two class periods or one week (whichever is less) before an exam (including final exams with two weeks notice) or quiz (excluding pop quizzes), should make every effort to find a reasonable accommodation by (a) giving a makeup exam, an early exam, or

quiz; (b) changing the exam schedule; ~~or~~ (c) dropping the exam or quiz and increasing the weight of another exam or quiz or other agreed upon approaches acceptable to the instructor and the student; or (d) by identifying a certified testing center. Students missing an exam on account of jury duty must be allowed an accommodation.

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Corresponding Changes to the Athletics Class Attendance Policy Proposed by the Athletics Council

Section **4.19 CLASS ATTENDANCE** of the *Faculty Handbook* states:

STUDENTS

Students are responsible for the content of courses in which they are enrolled. Specific policy concerning attendance requirements and announced and unannounced examinations is the responsibility of the individual instructor. Students have a responsibility to inform faculty prior to absences whenever possible. Faculty should make every effort to find a reasonable accommodation for students who miss class as a result of participation in Provost-approved University-sponsored activities or legally required activities such as emergency military service. Students missing class on account of jury duty must receive such an accommodation.

Revised Athletics Class Attendance Policy (2012)


The Athletics Class Attendance Policy approaches the issue differently, focusing primarily on the repercussions for the student-athlete who is not meeting their scholastic responsibilities. Thus, few changes are necessary to reconcile the Athletics Class Attendance Policy with the others discussed. Only if the other policies are amended, would the Athletics Policy be required to change, as it references both the Regents Policy and the Norman Faculty Handbook. Among the most significant differences are:

- a) The two day notice requirement for student-athletes regarding missed class and missed exams should be changed to two class periods or one week (whichever is less) with the exception of a final examination which requires a minimum of two weeks notice (no exceptions).
- b) Copying the Provost on all missed class notification as a result of Provost-approved University-sponsored activity.
- c) Athletics policy should require a minimum of two weeks notice for any missed final examination which occurs as a result of NCAA post-season or conference competition.
- d) Policy should include a statement that informs student-athletes that if notification regarding exams or missed class does not meet this policy, that faculty members and instructors are not obligated to provide an excuse as stipulated in the Faculty Handbook.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#4)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: December 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Faculty appointments to the Research Council and the Faculty Awards & Honors Council

At its December 9, 2013, it was announced that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved on behalf of the Norman Campus Faculty Senate the following nominations to fill faculty vacancies on the Research Council and the Faculty Awards & Honors Council.

Karen Antell (University Libraries) to complete the 2013-14 term of Guoqiang Shen (Regional & City Planning) on the Research Council in the "Other" category.

Pamela Genova (Modern Languages, Literatures & Linguistics) to complete the 2012-15 term of Joanna Rapf (English) on the Faculty Awards & Honors Council.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Kelvin Droegemeier, Vice President for Research
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____


DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#5)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: December 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Reapportionment of the Research Council recommended by the Research Council and the Vice President for Research (VPR)

At its December 9, 2013 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate approved the recommendation of the Research Council and the VPR concerning reapportionment of the Research Council to better reflect the disciplines of the proposals that are received and revised by the Council.

A copy of those recommended changes is attached providing the reasoning for the changes and the wording that was approved by the Senate. Initially, the Council recommended reviewing the balance every five years, but that recommendation was modified to a review every three years during the Senate meeting and was approved.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Prof. Paul Spicer, 2012-13 Chair of the Research Council
Prof. Sheena Murphy, 2013-14 Chair of the Research Council
Vice President for Research Kelvin Droegemeier
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#6)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: February 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Faculty appointments to the Research Council and the Faculty Awards & Honors Council

At its February 10, 2014, it was announced that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved on behalf of the Norman Campus Faculty Senate the following nomination to fill a faculty vacancy on the Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship Selection Committee.

Su Fang Ng (English) to complete the 2013-14 term of Nancy LaGreca (Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics) on the Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship Selection Committee.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Kelvin Droegemeier, Vice President for Research
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____


DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#7)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: April 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Endorsement of OU Retirees Association resolution in support of state funding for The University of Oklahoma

At its April 14, 2014 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate endorsed the attached OU Retirees Association resolution in support of state funding for The University of Oklahoma.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Prof. Emeritus David R. Morgan, President of the OU Retirees Association
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

**RESOLUTION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, a well-educated workforce is vital for the nation's economic progress, and

WHEREAS, the financial health of the country's institutions of higher education is critical to furthering the development of a well-educated work force, and

WHEREAS, the growing cost for these colleges and universities to educate more and more students has become an increasing financial burden, and

WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma faces an especially difficult financial future with the threat of decreasing state support, and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, the University of Oklahoma has lost about \$100 million in state support and now receives only about 17 percent of its operating budget from state appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed state budget for FY 2015 calls for a 5 percent reduction in state funding for higher education, and

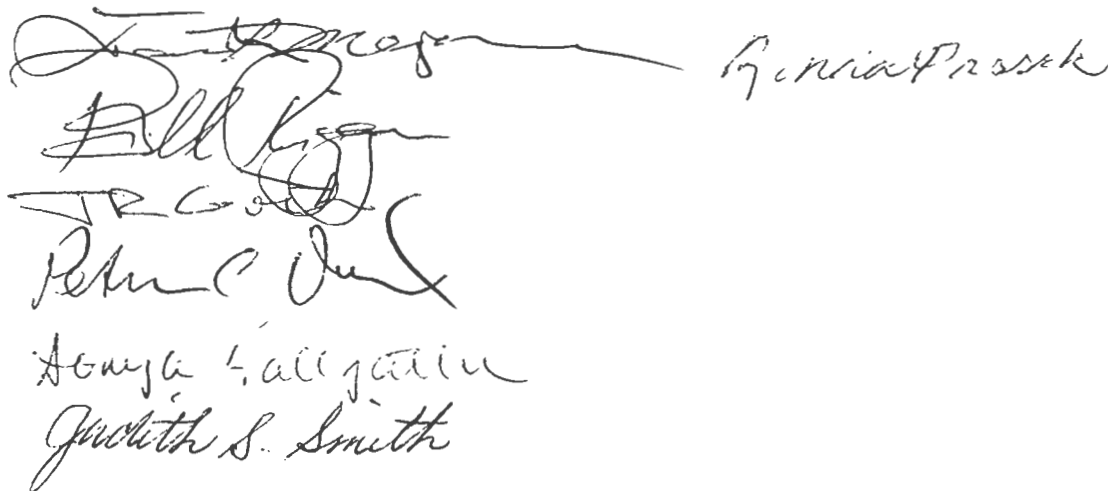
WHEREAS, such a decline in state support would require the University to either raise student tuition or reduce spending for vital programs, or both, and

WHEREAS, such actions would be detrimental to the enormous progress toward excellence achieved in the past several decades and detract from the University's growing reputation as a top-tier national institution of higher education, now

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the University of Oklahoma Retirees Association that it strongly endorses President David L. Boren's efforts to thwart this proposed cutback of state support for the University of Oklahoma.

Approved unanimously by the general membership of the OURA at a public meeting on March 13, 2014

Signed by members of the OURA Executive Committee:


The block contains seven handwritten signatures in black ink. From top to bottom, they are: a long, sweeping signature; a signature that appears to be 'Bill'; a signature that appears to be 'JRG'; a signature that appears to be 'Rick'; a signature that appears to be 'Angela'; a signature that appears to be 'Judith'; and a signature that appears to be 'Prasak'.

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#8)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Edgar O'Rear, Chair 
Norman Campus Faculty Senate

DATE: April 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Firearms on Campus

At its April 14, 2014 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS bills allowing guns to be brought on public college and university campuses have been introduced into the legislature of the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate of The University of Oklahoma - Norman campus represents all faculty members, and

WHEREAS we, as faculty members, are sensitive to and aware of the physical, mental, and emotional trauma of school violence, and

WHEREAS the welfare of members and guests of the University community is a primary concern, and

WHEREAS the presence of guns on campus both endangers the safety of students, faculty, and staff, and undermines the teaching and learning environment, and

WHEREAS a recent event at OU demonstrated the rapid response of law enforcement professionals to a report of "shots fired", and

WHEREAS the presence of non-uniformed individuals with guns makes the job of law enforcement professionals more difficult when responding to a shooting incident,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Oklahoma – Norman campus hereby urges the legislature to refrain from passing any laws allowing the possession of firearms on public college and university campuses other than those of duly authorized law enforcement personnel, so as to maintain a positive educational and working environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Dr. Debra Stuart, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Ms. Madeline Grunewald, SGA President
Mr. John Bishop, Staff Senate Chair
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2013-14 (#9)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Randall Hewes, Chair
Norman Campus Faculty Senate



DATE: May 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Faculty appointments to committees

At its May 5, 2014 meeting, the Faculty Senate approved the attached nominations for end-of-the-year faculty vacancies on university and campus councils, committees, and boards. Also attached is a list of the remaining volunteers for you to consider for the administrative vacancies on committees.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Ms. Mechelle Gibson, Provost Office

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

DATE: _____

ACTION TAKEN: