

JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The University of Oklahoma (Norman Campus)

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Note: The remarks of the Senators and others are summarized and not verbatim

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by Chair Jervis. Senators were asked to read the [Land Acknowledgement](#).

PRESENT: Almasri, Beulieu, Beutel, Brice, Cain, Cuccia, Deacon, Demir, Fillmore, Fithian, Grinnell-Davis, Hennessey, Hill, Jablonski, Jones, Kang, Lamothe, Lamothe Liu, Lungmus, Malestein, Nollert, Rai, Schmeltzer, Tracy, Warnken, Weaver

FS Chair: Lori Jervis

FS Chair-elect: Sarah Robbins

FS Secretary: Stephanie Burge

FS Administrative Manager: Ann Seely

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DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

Quorum was achieved.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The Faculty Senate Journal for the regular meeting of March 10, 2025, was approved without revisions. The motion was initiated by Senator Tracy and Senator Grinnell Davis seconded. The vote passed and the journal was approved.

The Faculty Senate Journal for the regular meeting of April 14, 2025, was approved without revisions. The motion was initiated by Senator Demir and Senator Tracy seconded. The vote passed and the journal was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Faculty Senate extends best wishes to retiring colleagues (attached).
- b. The Faculty have voted on the Faculty Senate Charter amendments and those changes passed.
- c. Call for volunteers for the By-Laws committee (charge starts in August)

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT, by Chair Jervis

The report was distributed via email. Chair Jervis opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

VOTE: FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

Arts and Humanities

Julia Abramson and Victoria Sturtevant were nominated for the arts and humanities at-large committee. Julia Abramson was elected.

Social Science

Jenel Cavazos and David McLeod were nominated for the social science at-large committee. David McLeod was elected.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE APPOINTEES SLATE BY ACCLAMATION

Chair Jervis asked if there was any objection to approving the entire slate by acclamation. Hearing no objections, the entire slate of candidates was approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Jervis asked the Faculty Senate to move to executive session to discuss a potential resolution on political neutrality on campus. First Demir moved to go to executive session and another Senator seconded to go into executive session. The motion passed. Faculty Senate entered executive session at 3:43.

Senator Demir moved to return to open session and Senator Tracy seconded. The motion passed. We returned to open session at 4:04pm.

VOTE – FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL NEUTRALITY ON CAMPUS

Senator Jablonski moved to adopt faculty senate resolution on political neutrality on campus and Senator Tracy seconded. The resolution passed.

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING SENATORS

Chair Jervis thanked outgoing Senators for their service to Faculty Senate.

TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

Chair Jervis transferred authority to Chair-Elect Robbins.

RESOLUTION THANKING FACULTY SENATE CHAIR LORI JERVIS

As her first action, Chair Robbins introduced a resolution thanking Immediate past chair Jervis for her dedication and service. Senator Fithian motioned that we vote on this resolution, and Senator Tracy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Robbins asked if there was any new business and no new business was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate will be held on September 15, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

Stephanie Burge, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2024-25