

Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Report to Faculty Senate
3 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019, R100

Membership: Randy Clark, Chair; Kay Daigle, Chair-Elect; Dan Althoff, Past-Chair; William Fridley, Archivist; Kate Shannon, Treasurer; Rhonda Richards, Recorder; Chris Moretti, Parliamentarian

Information Items:

- The Executive Committee met with President Sean Burrage on Tuesday, October 8.
 - The FS budget shortfall is being investigated by President Burrage. He will check with the proper personnel on the budget.
 - The progressive plaques for the Distinguish Faculty Award and Faculty of the Year Award will be housed on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building on the wall as you come up the front stair case.
 - A Presidential Search Firm (Higher Education Leadership Search) has been hired. The process of the search will begin immediately at the conclusion of the RUSO meeting on Friday, October 11.
 - President Burrage feels our institution is primed to sustain its current success. He feels that there is a good team in place and strongly believes that the search firm will work diligently to find the person who is the right fit as his replacement.
- Past Chairs Chris Moretti, Steven Emge, Dan Althof and current Chair, Randy Clark presented President Burrage a plaque honoring his commitment and leadership at his Farewell Celebration, Wednesday, October 9. See the October 2 minutes for an inscription of the plaque.
 - Note: One word was changed from the inscription voted on October 2, based on a suggestion from Mary, owner of A&M Engraving. That suggestion was taken as a friendly amendment and the word “his” was changed to “your.” So the inscription read:

The Faculty Senate of
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Presents this plaque to

PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE

In deep appreciation of your many invaluable contributions to the betterment of this University
and to higher education in the State of Oklahoma

on this day, Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

- The plaque that was purchased for President Burrage totaled \$81. Senators are encouraged to donate money to cover the cost of the plaque. A donation of \$20 was received on Wednesday, October 9.
- The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met on SE’s campus, Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11. Carolyn Fridley, President of AAUP and regular guest at Faculty Senate presented on “the Importance and Success of Shared Governance” during the Systems Advancement Committee Report, chaired by Regent Amy Ford. Higher Education Leadership Search also presented and provided a timeline for the search. The deadline for hiring the new president is May 1, 2020. Regular updates will come from the President’s office via email.

- Question: Does the Senate feel the need to further discuss or make any recommendations regarding the upcoming Quality Improvement Proposal for HLC?
 - Ideas for potential areas to address including: advising, assessment, and the quality of online courses.

Action Items:

- It is moved that Faculty Senate recommend to Administration that future Shared Governance Forums be zoomed out.

Respectfully submitted,

Fendrich R. Clark, Ph.D., Chair