

**Women's Faculty Council General Membership Meeting—Minutes
August 31, 2020 @ 2:00, via Zoom**

Attending:

Officers

Tracy Quan, Chair

Erin Dyke, Vice Chair

Madison Chartier, Secretary

Jennifer Glenn, Treasurer

Liz McCullagh, Faculty Council Liaison

Kim Loeffert, Immediate Past Chair

Members

Sarah Donovan

Judyth Gulden

Melissa Reed

Shelbie Witte

Karen Neurohr

Sarah Milligan

Sheri Vasinda

Rosemary Avance

Steph Link

Kay Bjornen

Helen Clement

Kallie Kosc

Jose Uscanga

Divya Jaroni

Liz Roth

Megan Macken

Laura Talbott-Clark

Smita Mohanty

Natasa Kaurin-Karaca

Marianna Patrauchan

Isabel Alvarez-Sancho

Shirley Evans

Caitlin Laughlin

Jason Kirksey

J. Block

Erica Townsend-Bell

Kathy Essmiller

Tanya Finchum
Farshid
Lisa Wright
Rachel Hartnett

37 participants total

Agenda:

1. **Approval of minutes**
2. **Introduction of new officers**
3. **Announcements**
4. **Reports of committees**
5. **New business**
6. **Guest panel: Fostering Inclusive, Accessible, and Engaging Virtual Education Spaces**
7. **Adjournment**

Tracy convened the meeting at 2:03.

Approval of minutes

The WFC is now posting minutes online at the WFC website:
<https://womensfacultycouncil.okstate.edu/>

A formal vote was not held.

Introduction of new officers

Chair: Tracy Quan, Boone Pickens School of Geology

Vice Chair: Erin Dyke, School of Teaching, Learning, and Educational Sciences

Immediate Past Chair: Kim Loeffert, Greenwood School of Music

Secretary: Madison Chartier, Edmon Low Library Digital Resources and Discovery Services

Treasurer: Jennifer Glenn, School of Industrial Engineering and Management

Faculty Council Liaison: Liz McCullagh, Department of Integrative Biology

Announcements

1. **Best practices for supporting caregivers during COVID-19 – Kim Loeffert**

Developed in light of public schools spending time in virtual learning. We wanted to support people who might be dealing with this issue, but also anyone who is giving care to someone else, and the challenges that may come from care centers being closed and still needing to work. Worked in collaboration with two other organizations on campus before going to the Provost and the Dean's Council. This has since been distributed to supervisors with the idea of giving flexibility and general understanding.

2. Statement on diversity, inclusion, and accessibility – Tracy Quan

This seeks to address events in the news (systemic racism and inequality) and concerning higher education opportunities. These are the topics the WFC wishes to explore and address. Focus this year for programming is diversity, inclusion, and accessibility as related to higher education. Investigate intersections of gender, race, and class and advocate for policies on diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Reports of committees

1. WFC Faculty Awards committee – Kay Bjornen

We will continue holding these awards for this year and we will be accepting applications. Instructions are online on the WFC website. We are sticking with the same criteria. The only 2 changes are a shorter timelines (Oct. 1st is the deadline) and submission being a single PDF vs. multiple files. We invited the 3 recipients from last year to help evaluate the submissions.

We take nominations and self-nominations.

2. Student Research Awards

We also hope to offer Research Awards to students in recognition of their research and academic prowess. We usually raise 10-17 thousand dollars; we are looking for people to participate in the process of reviewing student applications, organize and lead this program.

New business

1. Treasurer's report – Jennifer Glenn

WFC Events account: \$1614

WFC Research Award Funds: \$5719.50; should receive another \$1,000 from Institutional Diversity

2. Faculty Council Report - Liz McCullagh

The Faculty Council Meeting focused mostly on the campus re-opening, reassuring things were in a better state going into this semester. Budget looked decent for the university. Low positivity rate for move-in.

3. Volunteers for virtual social events/book club/etc. – Tracy Quan

We are still looking for volunteers. We are still looking for ways to organize people/events/volunteers. We're currently exploring Canvas. We're finding a strong desire for virtual social events during this pandemic.

4. Upcoming meetings/events

October meeting:

Dr. Lex Smith Washington, Spears School of Business
Monday Oct. 5th
2:00-3:00 pm over Zoom

November meeting:

Dr. Hendratta Ali, Fort Hays State University
Monday Nov. 2nd
2:00-3:00 pm over Zoom

Guest panel: Fostering Inclusive, Accessible, and Engaging Virtual Education Spaces

Dr. Sarah J. Donovan, Assistant Professor of Secondary English Education, College of Education and Human Sciences

Dr. Sheri Vasinda, Associate Professor of Literacy Education, College of Education and Human Sciences

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:18.