

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

Attending:

Officers

Tracy Quan, Chair

Erin Dyke, Vice Chair

Madison Chartier, Secretary

Liz McCullagh, Faculty Council Liaison

Kim Loeffert, Immediate Past Chair

Members

Kay Bjornen

Hendratta Ali

Sarah Milligan

Helen Clements

Corinne Schwarz

Rachel Hartnett

Lauren Cline

Megan Macken

Lex Smith Washington

Erica Townsend-Bell

Aditi Grover

16 participants total

Agenda:

1. **Approval of minutes**
2. **Introduction of new officers**
3. **Announcements**
4. **Reports of committees**
5. **New business**
6. **Guest speaker, Dr. Hendratta Ali: *The not so soft skills: Creating diverse academic networks through professional communities***
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.

Announcements

No announcements.

Reports of committees

1. WFC Faculty Awards committee – Kay Bjornen

We received 26 submissions! There was a shortened time this year for submissions, so we had a few less than last year--but they were uniformly excellent in quality.

One small change: We invited last year's awardees to review the submissions. This worked really well, so we recommend continuing this practice in the future.

We are waiting for word on how and when we'll be able to announce the 2020 award winners and get them their awards.

[Tracy gave big thanks to Kay and the rest of the committee for their quick turn-around of submission evaluations and for keeping these awards going through COVID. We normally announce these awards at the fall convocation, but the university is still figuring out how to do that.]

2. Student Research Awards - Tracy Quan

We have sent out letters to the colleges to solicit funds to support these awards. We have received several prompt responses and are in process of getting all the money transferred. A little over \$8,000 has been committed. We are still waiting to hear from a couple colleges/institutional groups that are still figuring out their budgets.

Applications will open in the spring. Please encourage students to reply.

New business

1. Treasurer's report – Jennifer Glenn (delivered by Kim Loeffert)
 - a. Programming fund: \$2,614
 - b. Student research award fund: Believed to be between \$8,000-9,000 with a recent \$2,000 contribution
2. Faculty Council report – Liz McCullagh
 - a. A new student survey for instruction is going out this semester.

- b. There is a question as to how teaching evaluations will count toward A&Ds. The current plan is that these will help instructors in an informative vs. an evaluative way to teach during COVID.
 - c. The Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Task Force is developing a program for events (e.g., potential march, service days).
 - d. President Hargis indicated that 6-week grades are higher than last fall, but there is no support available for a pass/fail option.
 - e. Commencement will be virtual, but we are encouraging departments to have smaller in-person events to celebrate graduating students.
 - f. Spring break is not happening in 2021. Instead, we are delaying the start of the semester by one week.
 - g. There may still be study abroad, depending on whether the CDC permits international travel.
 - h. Wellness days may not be a real option to pursue, as Regents require a certain number of days the university has to have classes.
 - i. More notaries are on campus to help students vote.
3. Upcoming meetings/events
- a. We are still making plans for Spring 2021, so if there's a topic/subject for which you'd like WFC to bring in a speaker, etc., contact an officer or email wfc@okstate.edu

Guest speaker: *The not so soft skills: Creating diverse academic networks through professional communities*

Dr. Hendratta Ali, Associate Professor of Geoscience, Fort Hays State University, and OSU BPSoG Alum (PhD 2010)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:58.