

Minutes

Professional Staff Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 2:30 p.m.
FA 229/Woodward Conference Room

Members Present: Milissa Strugill, Matt Barnes, Shane Hansen, Chris Lauderdale, Alica Hall

Members Absent: Candace Reim

1. Hansen began the meeting by welcoming Dr. Pecha and Tim Lauderdale to discuss the possibility of changing health insurance coverage to a lower plan with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma in order to offset the price increases due to high cost claimants. There would be a deductible increase, but many aspects of coverage would remain the same. This is a cost saving measure due to the current state budget situation.
2. Dr. Pecha also discussed the current budget situation, with data on expected additional budget cuts and measures that have been taken to maintain service. There are 14 fewer positions on campus since the beginning of the fiscal year. There will likely be a tuition increase in order to offset some of these budget cuts.
3. Hansen asked about the possibility of adding members to the Council, and it was agreed to obtain a list of eligible members, send a list of these members out to those on the list for nominations, and then after contacting the nominees, choose members for the council, with a desire to maintain a diversity of departments and buildings for campus.
4. Hall brought up the previously discussed topic of a campus potluck similar to the Holiday potluck. It was discussed to have a potluck near the 4th of July Holiday, with possible dates of June 30th and July 5th.
5. Barnes asked about having a monthly/regular newsletter with updates for the period covered.
6. With no additional items brought forward, the PSC committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 2:30 p.m.