

OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes
February 1, 2006, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Student Union Harlan Room

Present: Matt Davis and James Condreay, ACR; Jerry Baker and Forrest Cave, ADDA; Dennis Crouch and Callie Stilley, A&H; Danny Claborn and Christy Banta, AITP; Ryan Eakins, BCM; Felix Cuellar and Mark Moudy, C³; James McCullough and Sara Van Eaton, FAD; Jeffry Howard and Teresa Weber, FCA; Art Visconti and Tadd Schowengerdt, ISA; Sergio Lyon and Nick Farrow, NGE; Amanda Howard, PTK; Greg Grogan and James Thye, RHA; Devin DeBock, Residential Life; Todd Anderson and Charles Young, SkillsUSA VICA; Stacy East and Kate Weston, Student Ambassadors; Leah Torbett, SNA; Bruce Force, Kevin Montequé, Steven Rubert and Doreen White, Student Life; guests Ken Morris and Pat Braithwaite.

Meeting called to order at 11:38 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed first time attendees to the Presidents' Roundtable, and asked them to introduce themselves: Mark Moudy, C³ and Tadd Schowengerdt, ISA.

Force made the following announcements:

- Trip insurance must be in the Student Life office at least 24 hours in advance of the departure day/time of trips outside the Okmulgee city limits.
- Student Life now has downloadable forms on the web site. Thanks to Doreen White and Chris Yandle for their hard work.
- The Student Activity Request is now called Campus Activity Request and can be found online.
- Better World Books is hoping to get OSU-Okmulgee clubs involved in collecting books to send to third world countries to improve the literacy rate.
- Applications for the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature must be submitted to Bruce Force by February 10. OIL is slated for April 5 – 9.
- Three more students are needed to attend Higher Education Day at the Capitol, Feb. 15th. Departure is 6:30 a.m. with return around 3 p.m. Contact Bruce Force or Stacy East.

Felix Cuellar asked the objective of sending students to the Higher Education Day at the Capitol. Was it lobbying? Force answered in the affirmative and explained the event helps students put a face to name as far as legislators are concerned, as well as provides legislators an opportunity to ask students about their feelings and concerns. Cuellar asked if there were flyers out on the two Capitol events. Force said just the OIL event is being advertised with a flyer.

Force then introduced Pat Braithwaite, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Devin DeBock then took the floor to discuss Proposed Room and Board Rates for Residential Life. He began by saying that instituting new rates requires approval from the Board of Regents that requires student support for an increase. Three forums are planned for informing students: One in Res. Life last night; this discussion today; and an open forum in the Student Union, February 6, 3 p.m. DeBock said OSU-Okmulgee's Residential Life repair and maintenance costs have risen 16 percent in the last year on the five-year-old facility. The main cause of this is vandalism, such as signs being stolen off of rooms. The cost of vandalism adds up and must be passed along to the consumer. Utility costs have risen 26 percent in the past year. An example is the utility cost for the month of November 2005, which was \$26,000 more than November 2004. One remedy is a student-driven energy conservation campaign to encourage folks to pay attention to air and heat loss by running the system with windows open and turning lights off when leaving the room. DeBock called this "common sense management". Those costs come back around to the student. Room rates increased only by 3 percent last year, when 5-7 percent was really needed. This year, the rates actually should increase about 10 percent to really cover costs with no worries, but only a 6 percent increase is being proposed. Food costs have risen 5 percent in the past year, but the proposal for board increase is only 2 percent. Other universities are in the same boat as far

as having to increase rates to cover costs, but when viewed together, OSU-Okmulgee is significantly lower. Room rate examples include Connors, \$1,769; East Central, \$1,726; NSU, \$1,664, but with the increase, OSU-Okmulgee's room rates are only \$1,498. With the board increase, OSU-Okmulgee's meal plan will be \$864 compared to Stillwater's base rate of \$1,100-1,200 on up to \$1,500-1,600 for the "good stuff". DeBock mentioned the increase does not affect the "declining balance" option. James Thye asked if the rates will affect Out-of-State tuition. DeBock said tuition is totally separate from room and board. Art Visconti asked Res. Life had considered installing locking controls for heating and air. DeBock mentioned that students at last night's forum had similar ideas, and they were good ideas, but the initial cost of installation is very high and would be on-going to affect several graduating classes. Also, the increased technology would equal increased maintenance. Another hindrance is that roommates often disagree on a comfortable temperature in a given room. He again mentioned the upcoming student-driven energy conservation awareness program. Sara Van Eaton commented that the awareness program is a big issue and we should all get behind it. DeBock said that ultimately, the increase means a \$90 per semester increase on average – that's \$5.60 per week. Amanda Howard asked if we could install more energy efficient units. DeBock relayed that the most energy efficient systems were installed when the facilities were built. It is the high cost of fuel that is causing the problem.

Steven Rubert then spoke about upcoming Student Life Activities and Events. He plugged the Black History Month Seminar with special speaker Hannibal Johnson scheduled Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 a.m., Student Union. Lunch is provided, and reservations are limited to 50. RSVP to Steven Rubert, x5496. He then mentioned the giveaway of NBA Hornets tickets to commence at 8 a.m., Friday, February 3, Covelle Hall. Rubert invited everyone to celebrate Valentine's Day with someone they love by taking compatibility tests, "love" cookies, and free photos in giant Valentine chair. Visconti asked if the "love" cookies would be chocolate. Rubert said he would see what he could do. Also on the calendar:

- Feb. 1 Wallyball Begins, 5 p.m., Covelle Hall
- Feb. 2 Free Movie Night, 7 p.m., Orpheum Theatre
- Feb. 3 Free Body Mass Index/Blood Pressure tests, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Covelle Hall
- Feb. 7 Black History Month Seminar with Hannibal Johnson, 11:30 a.m., Student Union
- Feb. 7 – 9 Video Game Tournament, 5 – 8 p.m., Covelle Hall Auditorium
- Feb. 8 Free Massage, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Covelle Hall
- Feb. 8 Free Bowling Night, 5 – 7 p.m., Beeline Bowl
- Feb. 10 Racquetball Coaches Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Covelle Hall Auditorium
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Compatibility Tests, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Student Union Mall
- Feb. 14 Racquetball Begins, 5 p.m., Covelle Hall
- Feb. 16 Free Movie Night, 7 p.m., Orpheum Theatre
- Feb. 21 Leaders 4 Life Series 2, 4 p.m., Student Union
- Feb. 22 Free Bowling Night, 5 – 7 p.m., Beeline Bowl

Van Eaton asked where the massages were located. Rubert said upstairs in a room in the South Wellness area, but other accommodations can be made if need be. She asked about the procedure for getting a massage. Students and employees will sign in at the front desk, and then they will continue upstairs where they will sign the massage sign-in sheet and wait their turn for a massage. First come, first served. James Thye asked if Free Movie and Free Bowling Nights can occur on different days of the week. Some students cannot participate due to night classes on Thursdays. Jerry Baker asked if these events could be alternated between various week days. Van Eaton mentioned that Free Movie used to be alternated between Tuesday and Thursday nights. Rubert said he did not want to alternate the days of the weeks that these events occurred, because he wanted to be consistent about the week days. Sergio Lyon asked if he could take a student poll to find out what nights students would rather participate. Rubert answered in the affirmative and will have a report at the next Roundtable Meeting. Force interjected that Beeline Bowl has certain nights they have league play and cannot accommodate OSU-Okmulgee students.

Kevin Montequé then spoke about upcoming Wellness/Intramural Sports activities. The 3-on-3 basketball tournament was a success not only for players but for spectators as well. There will be no Wallyball at this time, but a Volley Ball tournament is in the works and will be advertised next week. Racquetball is on schedule with a coaches meeting on February 10 and play beginning on February 14. Five-on-five basketball intramurals will commence in March. Yoga Class is Wednesdays at 4:35 p.m. and Spin Class, Monday through Thursday, 11:35 a.m. Both are located in Covelle Hall, South Wellness. Body Mass Index and Blood Pressure tests will occur this Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., South Wellness.

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Christy Banta, AITP: Members will attend a conference in Dallas March 30 – April 1. The cost is higher than expected (\$235.00 plus hotel), so they will send only four members, who they will select at a meeting tomorrow.

Danny Claborn, AITP: The conference also is a national competition.

Felix Cuellar, C³: Next weekend, members will compete regionally in construction management against universities such as OU, Stillwater and Texas A&M; next Tuesday will be a Mardi Gras night that will benefit the club; and at the end of the month they will host a career day.

Teresa Weber, FCA: Members are helping Catholic Charities, the opera and the ballet in Tulsa; planning a dine-out at the Elephant Run on the 23rd; and a trip to Tulsa, Dallas or Kansas City to make internship contacts.

Leah Torbett, SNA: Membership is down, so they are recruiting heavily; hospitals are contacting them trying to recruit nurses; and members have submitted items to be purchased with technology fees.

James Thye, RHA: Many new activities and direction for various problems were suggested at last night's open forum; members are planning a Super Bowl Party on Super Bowl Sunday, and a Valentine's Day Party with togas, kissing booths and mock dates/marriages on Valentine's Day; a Mardi Gras Drag Show; and he and Greg Grogan went to Tulsa yesterday to pick out a pool table and foosball table with orange felt and O-State printed on it, which should be delivered February 9. Force asked Thye to speak about his experience at last year's OIL. Thye said the event was fun and worth attending at Student Life's expense. Students sit at real senator's desks and pass amendments.

Ryan Eakins, BCM: Regular activities include Monday Night Bible Study – Men, 7 p.m. & Ladies, 8 p.m.; Tuesday Noon Day, free grandma's home cooking at 11:45 a.m.; and Wednesday LateNight Worship, 9 p.m.; and Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jerry Baker, ADDA: Officer elections are coming up; members are thinking about switching affiliation to the American Society of Civil Engineering; a trip is upcoming for survey students to the Department of Transportation; and a trip to Cessna Aircraft is in the works.

Tadd Schowengerdt, ISA: Members went on a tour of Siemens last week and passed out resumes for internships and employment; the Corp of Engineers also is interested in hiring OSU-Okmulgee students and has contacted the program to see which facilities students prefer to tour in mid-February.

Charles Young, SkillsUSA VICA: Nothing to report this month.

Kate Weston, Student Ambassadors: Three ambassadors and Stacy East will attend a Character Building Leadership Conference at UCO and some attended the Annual Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce Banquet last Friday.

Sara Van Eaton, FAD: Members will meet Feb. 8; Brass Rings are Feb. 10; and a trip to Dallas is planned for March 3.

Amanda Howard, PTK: Induction is Feb. 13; members will read to children next week; and the regional conference is at the end of the month.

Callie Stilley, A&H: Members are reorganizing and will soon elect new officers.

Nick Farrow, NGE: LAN Party scheduled February 17.

James Condreay, ACR: Members held the first meeting of the semester last Tuesday; will elect new officers on February 9; and will attend a carbon monoxide seminar on February 23.

Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.