

OSU-Okmulgee President's Roundtable Minutes
February 6th, 2008
Student Union

Present: Curtis Greb and Randy Ritchey, AITP; Adam Burgess and Felix Cuellar, C³; James McCullough and Dara Burge, FAD; Phillip Hill, ISA; Sandy Northcross and Keith Crownover, O&P; Steven Rubert and Karla LaMunyon, PTK; Paul Corder and Devin DeBock, RHA; Todd Anderson and Kent Morrow, Skills USA; Kevin Hulett and Rebecca Whitaker, SA; Mary Graves and Mary Bell, SGA; Joseph Bardin and Tish Bryan, SNA; and Bruce Force, Kevin Montequ and Magen Davis, Student Life.

Meeting called to order at 11:41 A.M.

Bruce Force thanked everyone for attending round table, and welcomed first time attendees to the President's Roundtable asking them to introduce themselves: Adam Burgess, Joseph Bardin, Tish Bryan, Magen Davis and Paul Corder.

Bruce relayed some announcements and reminders:

Bruce announced roundtable featured guest/speaker, Wren Hawthorne, came to update on exciting developments coming spring/fall '08.

All clubs/organizations need to remember to turn in a campus activity requests to Student Life department when planning events.

Pre-finals and Finals weeks need to remain "activity-free". Club/organization meetings can occur, but any other activities student life would take to Dr. Avant's office for her approval.

Moonlight Breakfast is Monday, April 21st at 9:00 pm. This is the last scheduled event before graduation.

Reminder of the fact that names of merchants who give discounts with an OSU-Okmulgee student I.D. can be found in the Student Life calendar.

Bruce Force then formally introduced Wren Hawthorne to Presidents Roundtable attendees and turned the floor over to Wren:

Introduction from Wren Hawthorne:

Wren Hawthorne introduced himself and gave a little background on his journey from being an OSU- Stillwater graduate, moving away to East Coast, and his return to Oklahoma by being hired at the OSU-Okmulgee campus. Wren is the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing. Hawthorne also works closely with Mary Graves and Steven Rubert with the "Friends of Pete". He emphasized his biggest priorities are recruiting and retaining students.

Thank you from Wren Hawthorne:

Hawthorne took the opportunity to commend student organizations and their efforts to help growth and learning among their campus.

Grady Clack Center is well received

Hawthorne commented on how excited the administration is of the opening of the Grady Clack center. They feel like it has really created a “one stop shop” for students, whereas in the past, there might have been a sense of confusion.

Improving Communication between departments in Grady Clack Center

Hawthorne wanted to mention that they are taking efforts to improving and implementing a cross-training system, so that departments will be familiar with other department’s responsibilities. They feel like that will decrease the feeling of “being shuffled” when visiting the Grady Clack Center.

Landscaping to Brighten Campus

Hawthorne enthusiastically reported the landscaping improvements that are being generated to improve the overall look of the OSU-Okmulgee campus. These efforts are to brighten and bring to life the communal areas where people seem to congregate and use frequently. These improvements will be between the Student Union and the Grady Clack Center. Also a brick walkway will be created in the pavilion areas between the Library and the Grady Clack Center. He invites anyone who might be interested in seeing the drawing to come by and visit them in Enrollment Management. Also this pavilion area will be wireless.

An Afternoon with Pete

Hawthorne reminded Presidents Roundtable of Sunday, February 10th from 1-4 pm. Learn more about financial aid and admissions, Get help with filing [FAFSA](#) electronically, win an OSU-Okmulgee scholarship, meet/take pictures with Pistol Pete and enjoy refreshments

Friends of Pete

Hawthorne commented on main points of Friends of Pete. This program was created to use current students as a recruiting tool. By using these unique internal sources, interested students can get a sense of what life is really like as a student of OSU-Okmulgee. Steven Rubert is the contact for work study positions and will be responsible for campus tours and calling students. Mary Bell commented that she feels like this has been a very successful and invited anyone to come see the office in the Grady Clack Center.

Emphasis on Retention...Retention...Retention.

Hawthorne mentioned his door is always open for anyone with ideas for retaining students. Devin Debock commented on an issue affecting retention. He voiced his concerns with the overwhelming trend that alcohol is playing on student retention. He would like to have help with ideas with an alcohol program outside the standard “AA”. He would like to see more peer-driven program that could touch on the issue that it is

understood that alcohol is part of the college experience, but the binge drinking is alarmingly continuing to be a huge negative presence on campuses and the college experience. He is concerned if the national trends continue like they have been going, that this issue will really affect retention. Mary Graves commented on the new billboards on Hwy 75 coming into Okmulgee. Wren thanked her for bring that up. He mentioned the featured photographer they are using, John Amatucci who is used for his “high action” photography.

Public Transportation/Parking Issues

President’s Roundtable members brought up several issues on OSU-Okmulgee Campus concerning commuters and the need for a possible bus system between campuses. Also the issue that parking was getting tight was discussed. Some ideas were generated about using parking permits to control and specify certain parking areas. Devin Debock reemphasized how this goes back to how his efforts are to encourage more students to live on campus in the resident halls. Wren thanked the members for bringing up these issues and enjoyed being present for his first President’s Roundtable Lunch.

Magen Davis relayed upcoming Student Life activities:

Upcoming Student Life activities include:

Black History Month Speaker-Alan Johnson, Feb. 13th 11 am - 1 pm. Student Union

“Big Chair Photos”, Feb. 14th, 11 am – 1 pm, Student Union

Free Massages, Feb. 14th, 11 am – 5 pm – Covelle Hall *note* must have student I.D.

Free Movie Night, Feb. 14th, 7 pm, Orpheum Theatre

Kevin Montequ then spoke about Student Life upcoming wellness and intramural sports.

Kickboxing: Monday and Wednesday starting at 6 – 7 pm

Step Aerobics: Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6 – 7 pm

Pilates: Monday-Thursday, 6:15 am

Spin: Monday-Friday, 11:35 am- 12:15 pm

Tuesday and Thursday, 4:35 pm – 5:15 pm

Dodge Ball meeting, Thursday, Feb. 7th, 4 pm

Dodge Ball plays begins Feb. 12th, 5:30 pm

5 on 5 Basketball Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 28th

5 on 5 Basketball begins Tuesday, March 4th, 5:30 pm

Bruce announced that Covelle Hall will have a new Cybex Arc Trainer and invited everyone to come try it out.

Good of the order:

Kent Morrow, Skills USA: Annual district competition is coming up soon. There will be attendants from all over the state.

Curtis Greb, AITP: The club is developing a procedures manual. He announced that the Cherokee Nation came to AITP with interests in recruiting student for potential jobs.
Mary Bell, SGA: Thanked everyone for the successful Christmas party. Mary also spoke about an initiative called book-on where SGA and any other clubs who wants to participate can donate funds to Senate to purchase current OSU-Okmulgee text books that will be in the library for students to check out.

Adam Burgess, C³: Announced they have sent students to ASC Regional conference. They will be hosting Skills USA in the construction building.

Sandra Northcross, O&P: Most of their students are on internship this semester and they are also getting settled this semester. They are designating and implementing a section of their building for a lounge. This lounge will be used to study, watch DVD's etc.

James McCullough, FAD: Summer trip deadline, February 12th.

Kevin Hulett, Ambassadors: They are waiting on club t-shirts.

Paul Corder, RHA: Announced RHA is having a Valentine's Day dance in Covelle Hall.

Karla Lamunyon, PTK: Induction ceremony is Thursday, February 7th at 6 pm. PTK we be going to the Regional Conference in Ardmore on February 22-23rd. They will also be attending the International Conference in Philadelphia in April.

Tish Bryan, Agape Pregnancy Center baby shower was a huge success. The baby training was also very beneficial for the women/families of the Agape House. SNA is also the recruiting contact for the Muskogee Regional Conference.

The next Presidents' Roundtable is Wednesday, March 5th, 11:30 am in the Student Union Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.