

Oklahoma Academy of Science
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
1 NOVEMBER 2018

1. Call to Order Ryburn 7:32pm CT.
2. Introductions: Adam Ryburn (President), Michael Husak (A. Biol Sci, Chair), Michael Dunn (A. Biol. Sci, VC), Zack Jones (G. Applied Ecol. & Cons, Chair), Adam Randell (D. Soc Sci., VC), Robert Mather (Pres. Elect), Nesreen Alsbou (I. Engr., VC), David Bass (Exec. Director OAS), Peter Grant (SWOSU OAS Meeting Coordinator), Jerry Bowen (G. Applied Ecol. & Cons, VC), Weldon Wilson, (C. Phys Sci, Chair), Karen Williams (C. Phys Sci, VC, Secretary), Gang Xu (I. Engr., Chair).
3. Special thanks to:
Dr. Peter Grant, Host Coordinator. Note: He requested funds (\$2700) from hotel motel tax to cover everything.
Dr. Randy Beutler, President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Regents meeting unable to attend.
Thanks to Southwestern Oklahoma State University & City of Weatherford for hosting OAS.
4. Meeting updates/announcements from host coordinator.
Grant: Parking to West and South of MSC or West on College Ave no permit needed.
5. Resolution to thank the host institution
David Bass prepared resolution was read. Motion to approve Ryburn, Jones 2nd, passed unanimously.
6. Minutes of the November 2, 2017 Executive Council meeting (Mather sent)
Bass motion, and Bowen 2nd, minutes approved.
7. Financial Report (Bass)
Copies distributed. Bass noted OAS checking down, Savings and Endowment flat, OJAS (inactive but savings acct falling, used to pay for AAAS for students chosen at OSSEF. Bass can transfer savings acct to OJAS. Interest is added to it but interest not high, so the amount not great.
Front side- OAS checking acct. comments: Very few student members, only those at Technical Mtg. We raised registration fee but it doesn't make them become members. Professional #'s dropped off also. People come to meeting for higher fee but don't feel need to join even for a discount. Fall Field Mtg shows loss but waiting for OSU \$3200 check. We are in Black on Field mtg.
POAS Journal breaking even. Author page charges pay for Journal.
Audit/Professional Services and Bass Stipend was paid.
Audit finished Oct. or so and put in form to Mostafa to publish. Dunn asked about membership, Bass replied: 25 institutions, 25 Life members living, less than 12 students. At one time there were 150-180 members, maybe 100 now.
Williams asked if members (students) get email the next year to renew, no they don't get email at end of membership year.
Bass: Lifetime membership is \$600.
Wilson: Capstone course had to join a professional society.
Williams: Should members get something for membership (a card, pin, etc.)?
Motion made (Dunn/Ryburn) and passed to work on membership/registration fee change. Financial report motion made approved (Dunn/Husak).
8. Future Meetings of the OAS
Ryburn: Last year at Rogers State talked about behind scenes tour at Noble – not comfy w bringing in staff on weekend. Discussion to not have Spring field meeting (conflicts & poor attendance) to put efforts to Fall field meeting. Suggested to have spring event for field and other scientists.
Bowen commented Tulsa aeronautics maybe possible.
Ryburn: Maybe have am and pm and eat at Gathering place. Tulsa botanic garden possibly. Williams: Maybe at Aquarium? Asked Bowen to connect to aquarium and see if they would have us. Husak commented Medicine Park possibly?
Williams commented maybe do in conjunction w OK Research Day at location near it.
Ryburn: Arcadia wildlife conservation day trip? Or perhaps do summer. The Weather Center. Williams ask to connect to TWC about possibility of tour.
 - a. 2019 Spring event suggestion (see 8 above)

- b. 2019 Fall Field Meeting suggestions
Ryburn/Bass: Black Mesa/Beavers Bend. Bio Chair/Ecology Chair work it out went well.
Bass: Mesa on nature conservancy property. Group camp area nice. All eat together as there is no place to go. See dinosaur footprints. Many reasons to go. Wait for early spring announcement. Ask in our sessions if is a problem.
 - c. 2019 Technical Meeting, November 8, 2019 at UCO (Edmond).
Excited to host it (Bass) in UC for academic meetings. Provost office deflect charges. Be held across from new stem building. Have museum open near there. Chad King help w other UCO folks and incoming President Mather. Last time hosted 2012.
 - d. 2020 host suggestions
ECU -about 10 years since hosted? 5 yrs since Cameron. TCC expressed interest.
9. Academy Reports, Proposals, Questions, and Discussion
- a. Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science (Elshahed)
Bass-Reported Mostafa's report. 20 papers submitted, 3 accepted (reviewed, corrections made and accepted), 1 rejected, 16 reviewed left to author to make corrections. Probably 14 will be published. Proof sheets Mid Dec-Early Jan to authors and to printer in early Jan and mailed early Feb.
Ryburn- encourage your colleagues to send papers. Ask new colleagues if interested in reviewing papers.
 - b. OAS Collegiate Academy Director (Bowen)
24 student posters (18 under/6 grad), 34 student talks- 28undergrad and 6 graduate.
Section leaders expected to judge. Get forms at registration table/clipboards for posters.
Ryburn: Chair physics/chemistry/biology from SWOSU may help judge?
 - c. OJAS (Bass)
AAAS in DC this year. Tour labs w national science agencies and breakfast w scientists and heads of research centers. Present poster during opening ceremony and attend plenaries. 2 students going last year OSSEF both from Tulsa. This year OSSEF is at OSU March 28-29-30th.
 - d. Section Reports (Chair or Vice-Chair)
 - A. Biological Science
Mike Husak-Presentations down.
 - B. Geology
Kevin Blackwood not here/in applied ecology since only paper.
 - C. Physical Sciences
2 oral and 2 posters, down some. Maybe combine with Engr but after UCO meeting. Perhaps some symposium at UCO meeting?
 - D. Social Sciences
Adam Randell, 2 posters. Down from before.
 - E. Science Communication and Education
not here-2 talks.
 - F. Geography
Not big w OAS historically. Marco brought his student so perhaps K Blackwood do same.
 - G. Applied Biology and Conservation
Jones noted: worked well at registration to say preferences and go to section chair. 4 talks.
 - H. Microbiology
Not present.

Off topic: Discussion about spam emails to exec. Comm. Change email link?

 - I. Engineering Sciences
Xu 7 oral, steady # of papers over the years.
Wilson: courses require presentation. Ryburn: capstone requires attendance. Wilson: OK Research Day for their capstone.
 - J. Biochemistry/Biophysics
Not present.
 - K. Microscopy
Not present. Ugly bug contest. 9am-12. Maybe vote online in future/Instagram?
 - L. Mathematics/Computer Science/Stats
Not present.

- M. Environmental Science & Planning
 - Not present
 - N. Biomedical Sciences
 - Luttrell bringing many students from OCU
 - e. Other reports, business, or discussion
 - None.
10. Old Business
- a. List of OAS liaisons for each Oklahoma campus needed to facilitate communication and promote participation in OAS meetings, especially student presentations at the Annual Technical Meeting and general attendance at the field meetings.
 - Ryburn: Terry Conley push having liaison. Charge: ID people from universities not here to become liaison to get more people/universities to OAS. Tell why OAS is important to state. Grant: get institutions not here to come by giving free registration/membership (?) for few students. Reach out to colleagues not here at our institutions. Our captive audience is at OK Research Day possibly hand out something there?
 - Xu: emphasize podium presentation to recruit students.
11. New Business
- a. Elect new sectional vice-chairs and report their names and contact information to David Bass
 - No forms back-same chair/vice chair.
 - b. Section chair and vice-chair responsibilities
 - Put duties on website soon.
 - c. Suggestions for more involvement across the state
 - d. Announcements
 - Bass: Anyone know of active OAS that passed away? UCO Dave Martin/ECU Bobby Sloan.
12. Adjournment 9:16 pm CT.