

Rogers State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 7, 1998

*****DRAFT, SUPPORT AND REQUEST FOR INPUT*****

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Members, Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges
c/o Dr. Bette Leone, Executive Director
Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges
4900 Richmond Square, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

SUBJECTS: Faculty Senate Expression of Appreciation for Dr. Dillsaver
Faculty Senate Expression of Support for Dr. Dillsaver as Interim President
Faculty Senate Request for Full Participation in Decision-Making Process

Dear Board Member:

The Rogers State University Faculty Senate would like to express appreciation of Dr. Joe Dillsaver, express support for Dr. Joe Dillsaver for interim president and ask to be included in any further deliberations on selection of interim and continuing presidents.

The Rogers State University Faculty Senate appreciates Dr. Dillsaver's exemplary performance as Provost of the Rogers University, Claremore, Pryor, and Bartlesville campuses, for the past two years. He has done an excellent job under trying and difficult circumstances, staying consistently positive. He has supported staff, faculty, and students; he has positioned the campus to take its place as an independent entity. He has encouraged holding to and increasing academic standards, traditionally high at Claremore, while keeping the student service orientation of the campus, also traditional at this campus.

The Rogers State University Faculty Senate recommends Dr. Joe Dillsaver for interim president. Dr. Dillsaver has elicited and appreciated faculty input on questions of policies, procedures, and direction that arise and on such questions that he has initiated. He has listened courteously and carefully to all statements. His decisions are carefully reasoned, taking all positions into consideration. When he makes a decision, he is willing to discuss the basis on which the decision is made. He has made his administration credible and has gained the support of the faculty even when individual faculty may not be in agreement with various decisions. Such support is not easily won.

The Faculty Senate holds the highest regard for Dr. Dillsaver and would like to express support not only for his continuing presence at Rogers State University but for his presence here as interim president. We would also like to express our hope that holding the interim presidency would not prevent him from candidacy for continuing president.

We further request that the Faculty Senate be full participants in the selection process for interim and continuing president(s) for Rogers State University and in all major decisions affecting the future of the University. The Faculty is excited about the coming changes at Rogers. We are dedicated to the success of the University. We are dedicated to making the coming changes at Rogers as smooth as possible for the current and future students of Rogers State University. We are not only interested in the future of the University; we are a vital part of that future. As faculty we are most directly concerned with the students at the University and most directly affected by administration at the University. Therefore, we would like to be a part of the process for the making major decisions. A faculty involved with the decision-making process will have higher morale and be more inclined to be positive about changes and innovations.

We are pleased to become one of the University member associated with the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and are looking forward to a long and satisfying relationship.

Sincerely,

Faculty Senate
Steve St. John, Chair

October 8, 1998

Regent

Address

Dear Regent (),

The members of the Staff Association of Rogers University are aware that you are working very diligently to select a President for our campus who will lead us into the next century and help us to achieve the difficult goals set for us. We understand how critical that selection is to our success.

The Staff Senate, and the Staff Association as a whole, has met on this date and has voted to send to each of the Regents on the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Colleges, the following statement regarding selection of a President for Rogers State University:

We firmly believe that in order to meet the academic goals needed for accreditation, the required growth in enrollment, and the aggressive leadership to insure long term success of Rogers State University, it is imperative that we have an Interim President who is a proven leader, highly credentialed, has a strong academic background, and has the total confidence of the staff, faculty and community. We believe that Dr. Joe Dillsaver meets those standards and ask that he be appointed as the Interim President for Rogers State University and that the appointment be made as soon as possible. Dr. Dillsaver's ability to interact personally with staff at all levels has greatly improved communications and morale on our campus. He constantly seeks input from staff, faculty and students to involve them in decision making at this institution. He is very student-oriented and having been a classroom instructor knows what must be done by staff and faculty to insure that our students succeed. He has established excellent rapport with the education and business leaders in this community and has greatly improved the image of this institution. He has provided solid leadership and has a personal commitment to the success of this campus. He is our choice for the top position at this institution.

We further request that an immediate, formal search be undertaken for a permanent appointment of President of Rogers State University. We ask that the Staff Association, the Faculty Association and the Student Government be represented on the search committee for a President for Rogers State University. We ask that Dr. Dillsaver not be precluded from consideration for the permanent position as President of Rogers State University.

*****DRAFT, LETTER ON SUPPORT OF DILLSAVER*****

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Executive Director
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Dear Board Member:

Having just been apprised of the withdrawal of Gary Smith from consideration for interim president for Rogers State University, the Rogers State University Faculty Senate would like to express support for Dr. Joe Dillsaver as interim president.

Dr. Dillsaver has functioned as the Provost of the Rogers University, Claremore campus for the past two years. He has done an exemplary job under trying and difficult circumstances, staying consistently positive. He has encouraged staff, faculty, and students and positioned the campus to take its place as an independent entity. He has encouraged holding to and increasing academic standards, traditionally high at Claremore, while keeping the student service orientation of the campus, also traditional at this campus.

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Faculty Senate

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While the exigency of events has prevented the Faculty Senate from fully participating in the selection process for the interim president, we have expressed our support for Dr. Dillsaver. We further applaud your decision, as related in recent news stories, to include Faculty input in the search and selection process for the future president of Rogers State University. A faculty involved with the selection process will have higher morale and be more inclined to be positive about changes and innovations.

We are pleased to become a University member of the Oklahoma Board of Regional Colleges. We are looking forward to a long and satisfying relationship.

Sincerely,

Faculty Senate
Steve St. John, Chair

Rogers State University

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 12, 1998

Messages from the Faculty senate

RECENT ACTIONS:

As approved by the Faculty Association at the last general meeting, the Faculty Senate has recently sent a letter to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges. The letter had three purposes: to express our appreciation for what Dr. Dillsaver has done over the last two years, to express our support of Dr. Dillsaver as interim president for Rogers State University, and to request faculty input in decisions made by the Board. We are not reproducing that letter in an effort to save printing costs. However, If you would like to read or have a copy of the letter, contact Steve St. John.

REQUESTS:

Gary Moeller is collecting money for a memorial gift to the Roger State University Civil War Re-enactors unit in honor of Phil Sample's father-in-law. Please send him your donations.

Steve St. John is collecting money for a memorial gift to the Thunderbird Library in honor of Dr. Hess' father. Please send him your donations.

INFORMATION:

Contact your Senator or Steve St. John if you would like to see the results of the Faculty Association survey (Aug. 1998). If enough members request it, we could put the results in the next newsletter.

If you have any items you think the Faculty Senate should address, please contact Linda Rachels, Secretary; Steve St. John, Chair; or your division senator.