Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by president Johnnie Davis.

Members present: Russell Guthrie, Jack Strain, Johnnie Davis, Sterrette Coffman, Jim Oblander, Dr. Doris Looper, Troy Morris, Tito Aznar, Doug Lakely, Eric Begley, Liz Gardner-McBee, and Bryant Riffe. Advisors present: Joe Lane, Emma Schultz, Jay Lark, and Ivan Simmons. Guests present: R. D. Schultz and Dr. Wayne Manning.

Motion by Sterrette Coffman to approve the minutes of October 1, 2005 meeting, seconded by Jack Strain. Motion passed.

Dr. Manning presented a report for Dr. Bryant who was unable to attend.

Architects have been chosen for the new science/agriculture building and negotiations are in process. Timeline: Begin construction by Jan. 2007, to be finished by January 2008. Proposed to be 40,000 square feet. Will be northwest of Firestone Meats Lab.

OPSU has been awarded a total of $1.1 million in grants.

Interterm enrollment is up, 106%. Goal for spring 2006 enrollment is 1000. Football is recruiting heavily as well as rodeo. Alumna Jessica Lofland was hired as Director of Student Activities and Enrollment Management. Have completed an enrollment management plan. The Career Crew was re-established. Once each week OPSU has a full page in the Guymon Daily Herald.

In response to question , Dr. Manning reported OPSU has expanded on-line offerings in addition to nursing: English, American government, general humanities, and philosophy. Three houses behind Hughes-Strong are to be sold and moved out.

Dr. Looper reported the Foundation is accepting scholarship applications through March 1, 2006. Only one disbursement check was not picked up in the fall. The Sandra Blankenship Cook scholarship in business has been endowed. Business and Professional Women’s Club of Guymon is giving a scholarship for a non-traditional student, and for first time the Rodeo Alumni Scholarship will be in effect.

Officers reports

President, vice-president, and past president had nothing to report.

Executive secretary Russell Guthrie reported:

• Because of a glitch in printing and folding, the association was not billed for the summer/fall edition of the Panhandle State News.
• The donations of two beeves covered entire cost for the Homecoming BBQ. One beef fed, and the other beef paid for the remainder of the meal cost.
• Annual mailing went out yesterday (Jan. 6). It was the first time to use full automation for the mailing. It included a deadline enclosure for the Centennial History books.
• Goodwell’s Booster Club and PTSO, which have a number of our alumni as members, have requested use of our badge maker, with the understanding they would supply all materials. It would only be used in our office.
• We’re having trouble obtaining obituaries, and they usually only local. For $300 we could
subscribe to an obituary service that would provide obituaries from across the country.

• Financial statements were presented for review by the board.

Committee reports

Beef: [Johnnie reported on Kristi’s behalf] might need to be renamed in future
Hall of Fame: Jim Oblander reported three nominees. Committee has no recommendation as to whether to go with one or two nominees this year.
Honored Family: Doug Lakely had nothing to report.
Scholarship & Silent Auction: Sterrette Coffman made request for talented alumni who might donate items for auction. Eric suggested it might be put in the spring issue of the newspaper.
Student Activity: Nothing to report.

Continuing Business

Centennial history book: Troy said Dr. Hodges had told him she had been approached by a publisher to edit another book, and was wondering whether to accept as she doesn’t want to be overloaded. Guthrie said that was part of the reason for the deadline enclosure in the mailing. Troy also mentioned we might want to try for a grant to help in funding, but typically it would not be allowed as a money-raiser.

Dr. Manning announced Franklin Hall has been on the Oklahoma Endangered Buildings list. This will qualify it for grants to restore the building.

New Business

Annual meeting and banquet is April 22nd. Guthrie mentioned Noble Center is again possible, with another sound system. Cost of meal will probably be higher in there. Executive Committee will make final choice on location. Sterrette Coffman commented the foundation dinner was quite good.

1956 reunion: Emma Schultz volunteered to handle correspondence but wants someone else to handle arrangements. Jim Draper was suggested. Johnnie Davis agreed to approach Jim Draper.

2006 Commemorative Cup: there are still cups remaining of each year. Suggestions for this year’s cup include sheep barn, president’s home, football field, Sewell-Loofburrow, highway sign, old gym, clocktower, museum, metal shop.
Jack Strain moved to do a cup again this year. Seconded by Sterrette Coffman. Jack amended to have image be Sewell-Loofburrow. Seconded by Sterrette Coffman. Motion to produce cup with S-L on it passed.

Banquet decorations: Liz Gardner agreed to handle decorations again. Jack Strain suggested large
photo(s) of some kind might be nice. Dr Manning suggested a PowerPoint might be good.

Next meeting is April 1, 2006.

Troy Morris suggested putting Homecoming BBQ fund and History Book info on web site.

Johnnie Davis directed the room be closed for the purpose of discussing and choosing Hall of Fame nominees.

After discussion of candidates, Jean Mee and Ernest Walcher were selected for induction into the Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame in 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Approved:

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Russell A. Guthrie                                Date
Executive Secretary