



# University of Central Oklahoma Student Association

Fall Town Hall  
November 15th, 2021 4:30-6:00 PM

## Panelists:

Adrienne Nobles (VP of Communication), Scott Monetti (Director of Housing and Dining), Donna Cobb (Associate President of Academic Affairs), Charlotte Simmons (Provost of Academic Affairs), Christopher Lynch (VP of Enrollment)

Alexis Howry explained that other schools have senior showcase performances in the theatre department. Essentially, where casting agents come to watch. She asked if we could have similar opportunities at UCO.

Donna Cobb explained teacher education programs. She encourages us to reach out to faculty to provide more opportunities.

Christopher Lynch added to also reach out to the Career Development center.

Lauren Harman had a concern with the difficulty of accessing transcripts and the holds put on students' accounts.

Christopher Lynch said to email him and he will make sure every student has an accessible transcript.

Maya Williams asks about professors offering zoom courses and if that is going to continue.

Donna Cobb said they have been working with department chairs. They have a faculty and student task force working on continuing to use the technologies put in place. There was a recent survey sent out.

Trinity Davis discusses tuition waivers and scholarship opportunities and wondered if there can be more opportunities within that realm.

Christopher Lynch said that the amount of tuition waivers are set by the state: UCO uses all tuition waivers.

DeLauren Diaz asked if there are numbers in regards to UCO letting go of staff members.

Donna Cobb explained we don't have specific numbers yet.

Adrienne Nobles said that it is based on our allocation from the state. She reminds us that we have a voice in advocating to our state representatives and senators. We are hoping to get more money from the state.

Ari Morgan explained that during the move-in in the Suites there was food and trash everywhere. The rooms seemed to not have been cleaned out. Then more recently there was an ant infestation and roaches.

Zakia Booth said that in the commons there was hair in the shower drain. She mentioned that they only come to spray bugs once a month. There are stains on the community couches.

Scott Monetti said that we do pest control in every room once a month. He explains that you can reach out to housing and pest control can come back additional times to spray rooms.

Alexxa Lewis asked for updates on the vaccination requirement for student workers and staff. She explained that for NBO the vaccine is required.

Adrienne Nobles said that there are updates coming in tomorrow. She said that there are a lot of legal issues surrounding the mandate. It might affect federal funding.

Teagan Stubblefield addressed accessibility concerns. The cheaper housing options are the ones with no accessibility.

Scott Monetti explained that accessibility is important to him. There was a recent survey sent out and they have a list of goals to tackle for accessibility on campus. Housing will price match residential halls for students who are handicap.

Trinity Davis explained that the lobby is the only accessible spot in murdaugh. The suite's elevator breaks down often. Handicap buttons require a key.

Scott Monetti said that they are trying to get tap key cards.

Trinity Davis said that an elevator in west or murdaugh hall would be great.

Also, the north side courtyard is not handicap accessible. On the east side the button doesn't always work. There is also not a sidewalk. Trinity mentioned the odor in west hall.

A student added that the secondary entrance for the quad is broken.

There is no button to go in west or the international food pantry. Trinity mentioned that the buttons are turned off on windy and cold days.

Trinity Davis asked if the money put towards the football field could have been put somewhere else.

Adrienne Nobles said that Chad Richardson had a passion for athletics. They are maintaining a relationship with him as he continues to give to the university. As well as having Art Cotton VP for Advancement coming to a future UCOSA or town hall meeting.

Christopher Lynch explained how we are trying to have donors give money directly into tuition waivers.

Beyonce Hammond explained how when enrollment came, she wasn't able to enroll in her major classes. She only was able to enroll in 6 hours and her scholarships require 12. She also brought up how most political science classes are online.

Charlotte Simmons asked if her classes have waitlists.

Beyonce said that most classes do not have the waitlist option and if they do, the seats are full.

Charlotte Simmons said she will reach out and see if we can offer more wait lists for classes.

A student asked if meals for dining can roll over each semester.

Scott Monetti explained we can't do that.

She also said that when she moved into west she didn't have a roommate. Housing didn't communicate that she was going to have a roommate moving in.

Scott Monetti explained that there should be automated emails sent out when changes like that happen.

Beyonce Hammond said that last week Ayers was supposed to open at 7:30AM but didn't until 7:45. There are not many breakfast places early in the morning or many dining options on Sundays.

Scott Monetti said Sidelines should be open on Sundays and they were closed last Sunday because of IT problems.

Jessica Addai asked about the integrated wellness center and how we would provide counselors over there despite not having enough on campus.

Christopher Lynch said we are not hiring additional counselors, we are just relocating. He explained that Oklahoma and the US are lacking counselors.

Jessica Addai asked if we petition or write legislation for a health clinic would it be possible.

Christopher Lynch responded by saying it is not possible right now.

Zakia Booth asked how often professors are re-evaluated. She asked if there was a rating system.

Donna Cobb explained how every semester there are evaluations on each professor. Each faculty member is reviewed every year by colleagues. She encourages students to contact the department chair if they have problems with professors.

Zakia asked if evaluations could be better communicated each semester.

Donna Cobb said that it is emailed to every student each semester.

Zakia asked about having recycling bins on campus.

Christopher Lynch said UCO used to do recycling. They stopped because people would put non-recyclable material in the bins.

Zakia said that the housing roommate matching system is inaccurate.

Christopher Lynch said that there is new software just put in place to prevent that.

Joshua Chao explained the lack of face to face classes for political science. He heard that online classes are more convenient and cheaper. But he doesn't believe that is the solution.

Charlotte Simmons explained that she is meeting with people about this problem.

Joshua Chao also added that certain scholarships only allow a certain amount of online class hours.

Tyler Owens reads the political science classes that are offered and how there is a lack of in person classes. They talk about how the ones that are offered are 8 week Block 1 level 4000 classes. There is an issue with the time and days being inconvenient for students.

Jakob Carlson mentions student worker jobs-- how they are minimum wage. He wondered if there could be a raise.

Christopher Lynch explained how individual departments choose the wages, not UCO.

A student asked what actions are actually taken when there is a concern with a professor.

Charlotte Simmons explained that when she was a dean she took feedback seriously and took proper actions.

Donna Cobb added it is helpful to make concerns very specific.

A student explained that he was getting tickets for backing into parking spots. He asked if there will be a change next semester as far as virtual ticketing. He backs in because his car was hit.

Christopher Lynch explained that the virtual ticketing will remain for next semester.