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SWOSU Faculty Senate

November 16th, 2018 Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Amanda Smith-Chesley called the November meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at 2:33 PM in HEC 201.
- II. Establishment of a Quorum:** Wayne Anderson, Landry Brewer (via ITV), Stephen Burgess, Rachel Davis (via Zoom), Jerry Dunn, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Swarup Ghosh, Robin Griffeth, Meri Hix, LeaAnne Hume, Sunu Kodumthara (via Zoom), Sharon Lawrence, Jack Li, Scott Long, David Martyn, Evette Meliza, Kathy O’Neal, Eric Paul, Cynthia Pena, Hank Ramsey, Ann Russell, Hardeep Saluja, Lisa Boyles, Amanda Smith, Tony Stein, Muatasem Ubeidat, Cheri Walker (via Zoom), Bo Pagliasotti.
- III. Certification of Substitutes:** Krista Brooks substituting for Holly McKee (Sec/Tres); Brian Rickel substituting for Karen Sweeney (Computer Science)
- IV. Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. Approval of Minutes:** None
- VI. Announcements**
 - A. President Amanda Smith-Chesley
 1. Executive Council Meeting of 11/12/2018
 - a) Election results: State House 76 Rep/25 Dem; Senate 39 Rep/9 Dem; 78 Reps and 28 Senators with 2 yrs experience or less
 - b) Governor-Elect Stitt’s stance on higher education is unclear
 - c) OSRHE proposed budget—requesting increased funds, primarily for pay raises – Approved by regents, and sent to legislators
 2. Administrative Council of 11/12/2018
 - a) Instructional Excellence Academy: deadline to enroll in Class 1 is 11/19 (Canvas)
 - b) Benefit Enrollment: online portal available now through 11/27
 - c) Single sign-on for students should occur this week; faculty in near future (exact dates unclear due to coordination with 2 third party vendors)
 - d) Catapult Health offering free screenings Nov. 27, 28, and 29
 3. Meeting with Provost on 11/14/2018
 - a) Pay raise goes into effect Dec. 1, 2018; reflected in Dec. paycheck
 - b) Ellucian (Colleague) for fall 2019 enrollment (separate from summer); Karen Klein is arranging training for faculty
 - Questions arose during the faculty senate meeting including a description of the features, will faculty have the same ability to document notes during enrollment, will the process for Holds

be the same as it was with CampusConnect, and when is it anticipated that Ellucian will roll out.

- c) Retention: Dr. South is researching the GE pass rates and improvements to enhance campus community

B. Secretary/Treasurer Krista Brooks (for Holly McKee)

- 1. Roll Sheet—please sign
- 2. Treasurer's Report
 - a) BancFirst
 - (1) October Balance: \$1908.08
 - (2) Withdrawal: \$0
 - (3) Deposit: \$0
 - (4) Current Balance: \$1908.08
 - b) University Account
 - (1) October Balance: \$105.01
 - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Stephen Burgess: Nothing to Report

D. Past President Jerry Dunn:

Comments from Annual Faculty Assembly at OSRHE (11/3/18)

- Presentation from Chancellor Johnson (will be made available on the OSRHE website)
- OSRHE is requesting a Faculty Senate resolution concerning guns on campus from all Oklahoma universities; would be helpful in convincing legislators
- More faculty attending Higher Ed Day at the State Capital would be extremely helpful support; Legislators question faculty support/involvement because of lack of presence at the Capital on Higher Ed Day
- With the current state of revenues and mostly new legislative body, there's an opportunity to regain some of the lost budget

E. Student Government Representative: Not present

VII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

University Policies Committee Update: from Muatasem Ubeidat, Chair

Please forward feedback from faculty on the Statement of Professional Conduct draft to Dr. Ubeidat.

- Presentation over changes will be postponed until the December Meeting to allow for additional feedback.
- The current Grievance Policy does not provide information about the appeals for non-tenured faculty. It only addresses information for tenured faculty.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

A. Update Ad Hoc Attendance Committee volunteers

- At this time there are volunteers, however, if you are interested in being on this Ad Hoc committee, please contact Amanda Smith, Faculty Senate President.

IX. New Business:

A. Judiciary Committee: Given the integration of Sayre faculty into Weatherford departments, the Judiciary Committee will consider relevant revisions to the Faculty Senate Constitution (Article II: Election and Tenure of Senators)

B. Final exam policy regarding online courses

-Concerns from some faculty about policy not addressing the timing of finals for online courses

-At this time the existing policy allows instructors in all classes to schedule their finals in a manner that works for their class during the finals week.

-After discussion, Motion to not send this to the Policy Committee – Unanimous vote by voice to not send to Policy Committee

C. Academic Unit Review Committee (AURC) requirements for post-tenure review

-At this time all tenured faculty members who are at or above rank of the person who is being considered for Post-Tenure Review can serve on the AURC.

-Discussion to consider all tenured faculty to serve on AURC – Pros and cons

-A change will require Personnel Policy committee involvement – FS member on the committee suggested to send it over to committee

-A Motion to send this issue to the Personnel Policy committee – Motion passed via hand vote majority.

X. Adjournment:

XI. Next Meeting Friday, December 7th at 2:30 pm