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I. Call to Order: Faculty Senate President Jerry Dunn called the April meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at __2:33 PM_____ in HEC 217.


III. Certification of Substitutes: Bo Pagliasotti substituting for Wayne Anderson (Kines.); Eric Pritchard for Paul Hummel (PRM)

IV. Presentation of Visitors: None

V. Approval of Minutes: Approved by voice vote

VI. Announcements
   A. President Jerry Dunn
      1. Candidates for Associate Provost:
         Monday, April 30                  Friday, May 4
         11:00 AM, East Ballroom          1:00 PM, Stafford 110
         Ms. Reonna Slagell Gossen        Dr. Joel Kendall
      2. Executive Council Meeting of 3/5/2018
         a) Proposed flat budget for Higher Education
         b) Legislative update -- bills were offered this week for permitless firearms carry, as well as concurrent enrollment changes
      3. Administrative Council of 3/5/2018
         a) Public Safety – reminder to lock vehicles; reported thefts are up
         b) Power will be shut off to CPP on May 7th for construction – This has been changed to Tuesday, May 8th
         c) President’s Pancake Breakfast is April 29th
         d) CETL – reminder to submit rubrics and significant change forms; Panopto is not being renewed, see Nathan to save any videos
         e) Sayre – retirement reception for Dayna Coker and Scott Froneberger on May 2nd
         f) Enrollment – Our enrollment for summer and fall is down compared to this time last year. Please remind students to pre-enroll before heading home after finals.
4. Meeting with Provost on 3/28/2018
   a) Commencement information is on the SWOSU homepage:
      http://www.swosu.edu/commencement/
   b) Volunteers for Marshalls for commencement. – Contact Jerry Dunn or Provost South if interested

B. Secretary/Treasurer Krista Brooks
   1. Roll Sheet—please sign
   2. Treasurer’s Report
      a) BancFirst
         (1) March Balance: $1,775.28
         (2) Withdrawal: $0
         (3) Deposit: $0
         (4) Current Balance: $1,775.28
      b) University Account
         (1) March Balance: $105.01
         (2) Current Balance: $105.01

C. President-Elect Amanda Smith: Nothing to report
D. Past President Tom McNamara: Nothing to report
E. Faculty Athletic Representative: Bo Pagliasotti - NCAA has requested that we hold off on sending the survey until further notice
F. Student Government Representative: Marshall Wallace – Nothing to report

VII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:
    A. Nominating Committee: from Scott Long, Chair (see attached ballots)
       1. Motion to accept slate ballot – Motion approved unanimously; Senators are asked to send the slate ballot to departments to let faculty know which committee they will be serving

VIII. Unfinished Business: None
IX. New Business:
    Motion 2018-04-01: Under normal circumstances, changes to a student’s program of study—including change of major or minor—are made by the student or his/her advisor only. The Faculty Senate recommends that if under extraordinary circumstances, the registrar must make changes in a student’s program of study, the registrar should be required to inform the student’s advisor of the changes immediately.

    Rationale: Currently, students can make changes in their programs of study in consultation with their advisors. In addition, though, a faculty member who is not the advisor of a given student can also make changes in that student’s program of study through Campus Connect.

Registrar Shamus Moore states that he regularly makes changes in students’ programs of study—including change of major or minor—in response to requests from faculty members
who are not the advisors of the students in question. When Mr. Moore does this, he does not contact the student and/or the student’s advisor.

This situation presents a variety of problems. First, students who are already unfamiliar with the university system can be further confused when presented with changes that they do not request and do not want. Second, this practice can produce unreliable data regarding the number of students in each major or minor. Third, and perhaps most important, this practice undermines the vital confidence that advisors need to establish with their advisees.

Discussion – Alternative wording was suggested that clarified the role of the student and the faculty advisor.

Motion 2018-04-01 – Unanimous voice vote to not accept – Motion denied

Motion 2018-04-02 – Motion to send this over to the Policy Committee – Motion approved by unanimous vote

X. Adjournment: 3:10 PM
XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Dunn, Faculty Senate President
Krista Brooks, Faculty Senate Secretary