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# SWOSU Faculty Senate

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Approved Minutes

- 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.
- II. Establishment of a Quorum:** Krista Brooks, Stephen Burgess, Dayna Coker (via ITV from Sayre), Rachel Davis, Tommye Davis (via ITV from Sayre), Stacey DiPaolo, Jerry Dunn, Robin Griffeth, Rita Hays, LeaAnne Hume, Sunu Kodumthara, Sharon Lawrence, Jack Li, Scott Long, David Martyn, Holly McKee, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Kathy O’Neal, Eric Paul, Cynthia Pena, Linda Pye, Hank Ramsey, Ann Russell, Hardeep Saluja, Amanda Smith, Tony Stein, Muatasem Ubeidat, Cheri Walker (via Zoom)
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> for construction – This has been changed to Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
      - c) President’s Pancake Breakfast is April 29<sup>th</sup>
      - 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 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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