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SWOSU Faculty Senate

June 20, 2017 Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Jerry Dunn called the June meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at ____**3:31 PM**__ in HEC 201.
- II. Establishment of a Quorum:** Bo Pagliasotti substituting for Wayne Anderson, Krista Brooks, Dayna Coker via ITV, Rachel Davis, Jerry Dunn, Jared Edwards, Tommye Davis for Michele Ervin via ITV, Robin Griffeth, Brian Rickel substituting for Rita Hays, Paul Hummel, Sunu Kodumthara, Cindi Albrightson substituting for Jack Li, Scott Long, David Martyn, Holly McKee, Tom McNamara, Linda Pye, Hank Ramsey, Ann Russell, Robin Jones substituting for Lisa Schroeder, Tony Stein, Muatasem Ubeidat, Cheri Walker via ITV, Jessica Young
- III. Certification of Substitutes:** Cindi Albrightson will serve as a substitute for Jack Li (Engineering Technology), Brian Rickel substituting for Rita Hays (Business & Computer Science), Bo Pagliasotti for Wayne Anderson (Kinesiology)
- IV. Presentation of Visitors: None**
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote
- VI. Procedural Matters**
 - A. Robert's Rules** – Senators called for a voice vote to use modified Robert's Rules to allow for flexibility during the meetings. Modified Robert's Rules approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. Archivist** – Linda Pye will continue to serve as Faculty Senate Archivist
 - C. Parliamentarian** – Scott Long will serve as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian
- VII. Announcements**
 - A. President Jerry Dunn
 1. Executive Council Meeting of 6/5/2017
 - a) SWOSU ranked #18 by MSN.com for The Best U.S. Schools in 2017. They ranked more than 1,600 schools across the country based on affordability, flexibility and other quantitative factors.
 - b) **OK Promise.** Legislators raised the \$50K salary cap. This money cannot be used to pay for zero credit hour courses.
 - c) Approx. \$1 billion shortfall in Oklahoma budget; replaced with \$600 million in new revenue and \$400 million one-time money; \$60 million used from rainy day funds.
 - d) Revenue measures may face court challenges (cigarette); if not resolved, could lead to across the board cuts to balance the budget.
 - e) Common Ed was held harmless; but used the post revenue failure cut as the base line.

- f) SWOSU received a 6.1% cut -- 4.5% less funding plus an increase of 2.6% in bond payments; amounts to roughly \$1.1 million of SWOSU budget.
 - g) Budget proposal to RUSO in late June will include tuition increase; requesting approx. 5%.
 - h) Some increases to housing (approx. 4.5%); remodeling of dorms are funded completely through housing fees, no appropriations or tuition goes to these projects.
 - i) No fire arm bills (Arkansas had one pass); Business groups also oppose guns on campus.
2. Administrative Council of 6/5/2017
- a) Retention rate is up 2% compared to this time last year; goal of 70% retention rate for fall 2017.
 - b) SWOSU received \$17K from grants to help purchase 2 generators for the power outage issues.
 - c) Library auditorium and Old Science basement are public storm shelters; a storm shelter policy is being developed to address the issues of animals in the shelters, priority of students and employees during work hours, and people using buildings not designated as shelters.
 - d) Campus police spends an extensive amount of time locking ensuring campus buildings are locked; anyone who unlocks doors after hours is also responsible for locking them back; discussion of volunteer designated lockers for certain buildings.
 - e) NSO sessions – July 17th and August 16th
3. Meeting with Provost on 6/14/2017
- a) Commencement meeting was held June 9th with the Deans and marshals; adjustments are being discussed to avoid overcrowding; the possibility of a third ceremony is being considered.
- B. Secretary/Treasurer Krista Brooks
- 1. Roll Sheet—please sign
 - 2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a) Banc First
 - (1) May Balance: \$1,557.68
 - (2) Current Balance: \$1,557.68
 - b) University Account
 - (1) May Balance: \$105.01
 - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01
- C. President-Elect Amanda Smith:
- D. Past President Tom McNamara: Nothing to report

- E. Student Government Representative:
- VIII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: None**
- IX. Unfinished Business: None**
- X. New Business:**
 - A. Please complete the preference sheet for Faculty Senate Committee Assignments (Appendix A).
 - B. Future discussion point – Faculty senators to collect feedback from departments regarding future graduation plans. This information will be forwarded to the Provost via the Executive Committee.
- IX. Adjournment: 3:48 PM**
- X. Next Meeting Tuesday, July 18th at 3:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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

Appendix A

Committee Preferences

Name: _____

Please select three of the following committees. Each senator will likely be serving on two.

1. **Audit Committee:** Audits the financial activities of the Faculty Senate
2. **Budget and Program Committee:** Evaluates the distribution of university funds
3. **Curriculum Committee:** Advises and makes recommendations regarding all curricular issues
4. **Judiciary Committee:** Answers questions regarding the intent and meaning of the Faculty Senate Constitution
5. **Nominating Committee:** Organizes elections for selected university standing committees
6. **Personnel Policies Committee:** Makes recommendations regarding policies related to faculty tenure, promotion, class loads, salary and benefits, and dismissal
7. **Student Affairs Committee:** Advises and makes recommendations regarding all matters relating to the student body and student policies
8. **University Policies Committee:** Advises and makes recommendations concerning university policies relating to the academic calendar, schedules, faculty handbook, and university matters not assigned to other Faculty Senate committees