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April 19, 2002

Unapproved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The April 19, 2002 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:00 PM in Stafford 104 with FS President Les Crall presiding. The following members were present:

Ric Baugher, Nancy Buddy-Penner, Les Crall, Tommye Davis, Bob Dorlac, Cynthia Foust, Elizabeth Ferrell, Mark Gales, Jeff Gentry, John Hayden, Faye Henson, Robin Jones, Debbie Keasler, Don McGurk, Steven O'Neal, Gus Ortega, Nelson Perkins, Stan Robertson.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:

The following substitutes were certified: Jon Woltz for George Alsbaugh, Patsy Wooten for Kathy Brooks, Dan Brown for David Hertzler, Linda Hertzler-Crum for Kelly Logan, and Mollie Priest for Andrea Ward.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mollie Priest is the new SGA President and Tracie Thiessen is the new SGA Vice-President.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 29, 2002 minutes were approved with this amendment, Nina Morris is on the committee for Retiring Faculty Reception instead of Vicky Gilliland.

The following motion was made and seconded:

FS Motion 2002-04-01. FS will suspend the rules and complete nominations.

The motion passed.

Nomination Committee: Chairman Bob Dorlac: Bob distributed the ballot. The following motion was made and seconded:

FS Motion 2002-04-02. FS to elect the following committee members by acclamation:

Appellate Committee on Dismissal of Tenured Faculty Members-Vicki Craig, Jill Jones, Mike

Wheeler, Blake Sonobe, Vicki Hatton, Dianne Busch, Ann Russell, and Harry Nowka; **Benefits**

Committee—Arts & Sciences-David Hertzler, Education- James Tate, and Sayre-Bill Swartwood;

Intellectual Property Committee—Andrew Marvick and Jane Flett;

Financial Assistance Advisory and Appeals Committee- Vicki Falconer; and

Secretary-Treasurer-David Hertzler.

The Motion passed.

The remaining ballot was marked by senators and collected and counted by members of the nominating committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. FS President: Les Crall

- Tuesday, April 30, is the Retiring Faculty Reception from 2:30-4pm.
- Faculty Senators whose term ends 2002 serve through the May meeting through Old Business. Please bring the newly elected senator with you to the May meeting. Those senators whose term ends 2002 are: Kathy Brooks, Nancy Buddy-Penner, Bob Dorlac, Sylvia Esjornson, Jeff Gentry, Faye Henson, Debbie Keasler, Gus Ortega, Nelson Perkins, Stan Robertson, Ben Welch, and Andrea Ward. Deans, department heads, and senators were informed.
- SGA recognized faculty through Faculty Appreciation Day and provided all faculty with an apple. Faculty Senators on behalf of faculty thank SGA for this recognition.
- Brian Adler released those faculty receiving tenure and promotion. Congratulations! Thirteen Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members at Weatherford and Sayre were awarded promotions, and seven faculty members received tenure at the April meeting of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

Four were promoted to professor from associate professor, including Dr. Lowell Gadberry and Dr. Ronna Vanderslice, both in the School of Education; Dr. Peter Grant, Department of Biological Sciences; and Dr. Stan Robertson, Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Seven faculty members were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor. They are: Dr. Vicki Hatton, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Dr. David Hertz, Department of Social Sciences; Dr. Scott Long, School of Pharmacy; Dr. Andrew Marvick, Department of Art; Dr. Larry McKee, School of Business; Dr. James South, Department of Music; and Dr. James Tate, School of Education.

Joel Kendall in the Department of Language Arts and Charles Michael McKinney of the Sayre campus were promoted to assistant professor.

Receiving tenure were: Long; Marvick; McKee; Tate; Jane Flett, Department of Social Sciences; Jeff Gentry, Department of Language Arts; and Dr. Karen Travis, School of Education.

- From Executive Council—budget—1.6% to 2.4% (approximately \$500 thousand dollars needed for an increase in insurance premiums, ADA issues at the Rodeo arena and security. MLKing, Jr. holiday discussed with administration, who report that Financial Aide office is affected by an earlier start date in getting checks to the students. An internet ready room may be available next fall. An audit related to utility / energy use will be conducted. The square footage for the Wellness Center has increase from 30,000 sq.ft. to 69,000 sq.ft. to build. This includes an open air walking track. Dr. Bergman has interviewed faculty candidates for the four position available in that department with no takers with possible reason of low salary offering. Division of Nursing has plans to take RN-BSN weekend program to OCCC this summer. Fall registration is up 4%. FTE and head count are the same. Summer registration is up 1% with FTE up 8%. Sayre commencement exercises are Friday night, May 10, 2002. Awards announced. Refer to Administrative Council minutes. Two faculty resignations announced, David Lawrence—Math Dept. & John Coren—Biology Dept.
- Provost Becker gave FS president three charges: 1) Revise the Tenure & Promotion schedule to include specific timetable/calendar dates; 2) ML King, Jr. holiday, and 3) the Grievance Policy needs revision.

B. FS Past President Faye Henson – no report

C. Secretary/Treasurer: Cynthia Foust

1. Roll Sheet was circulated.

2. Treasurer's Report – Banc First balance--\$1517.04, and university account \$545.32.

D. President Elect: John Hayden – credited Bob Dorlac and Nancy Buddy-Penner for their work on the Nominations Committee.

E. Student Government Representative: Mollie Priest is the new SGA President and Tracie Thiessen is the new SGA Vice-President. Mollie announced SWOSUpalozza was April 18. SGA recognized Faculty Appreciation last week with an apple for all faculty. Laser tag is April 25. SGA is purchasing balloons and flowers for organization sponsors.

VI. Old Business

- A. ML King Holiday—Les read some email he received on issues regarding this holiday at SWOSU. The faculty discussed the ML King, Jr. holiday with the following concerns: 1) faculty should not be required to report to duty until classes start if classes are to begin on a Monday; 2) dead days not be changes; and 3) finals schedule not be changed. The following motion was made and seconded:
FS Motion: 2002-04-03. Return resolution to SGA for further information.
The motion passed.

- B. Spring Finals Schedule 2002, see handout.
The following motion was made and seconded:
FS Motion: 2002-04-04. Approve the Finals Schedule-2003.
The motion passed.

VII. New Business

- A. Motion to select Department Chairs every 3 years—
The following motion was made and seconded:
FS Motion: 2002-04-05. Every three years academic departments will vote whether to retain the current chair or elect a new one. The incumbent chair may run for reappointment, or if any other qualified members of the department want to be considered for the position, their names will be added to the ballot.
The motion was tabled to the May agenda. Faculty senators will send this to their constituents for review.
- B. Tenure / Promotion Timeline, make it calendar date specific—Les reported since there is confusion related to this document, he will discuss further with Dr. Becker before action is taken.
- C. Nomination Committee: Chairman Dorlac announced the results of the election:
Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council-2002—Joseph Maness, Helen Maxson, and Ronna Vanderslice;
Campus Environmental Committee-Sylvia Esjornson;
Student Center Policy Forming Board—Jane Long, Stan Robertson, Andrew Marvick;
Academic Appeals Committee—Don McGurk, Virgil Vandusen, Jason Johnson, Bill Swartwood, Diana Knox, Ron Walker, Chad Kinder, Eithel Simpson, Melody Ashenfelter, and Tommye Davis;
President-elect-Cindy Foust
Chairman Dorlac announced he will submit ballot of Appellate Committee on Dismissal of Tenured Faculty Members to tenured faculty at-large for their vote on final four (4) members.
- D. Other
1) Grievance Policy—Sent to University Policies Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Last Faculty Senate meeting: May 3, 2002 in **STF 112**, at 2:00 p.m. (Note room change.)

Respectfully submitted,

Les Crall, President

Cynthia Foust, Secretary-Treasurer

It has been our pleasure to work with each of you. Thank you for your assistance and input this past year.