UNapproved Minutes / Faculty Senate Meeting / 2:00PM, January 31, 2003, Stafford 108

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: The January 31, 2003 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:01 PM in Stafford 108 with FS President John Hayden presiding. The following members were present: Eithel Simpson for Elizabeth Ferrell, Traci Thiessen for Mollie Priest, George Alsbach, Ric Baugher, David Bessinger, Nancy Buddy-Penner, Stephen Burgess, Les Crall, Tommylee Davis, Michael Dougherty, Cynthia Foust, Mark Gales, Terry Goforth, John Hayden, Todd Helton, David Hertzel, Jason Johnson, Robin Jones, Kelley Logan, Don McGurk, Nina Morris, Steven O'Neal, Gustavo Ortega, Marion Prichard, Shelly Prince, James South, Bill Swartwood, Traci Tiessen, Karen Travis, Ronna Vanderslice.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Eithel Simpson for Elizabeth Ferrell and Traci Thiessen for Mollie Priest.

III. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (FS Hand-out 2003-01-01) The December, 2002 minutes were approved without correction.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
GE Recommendations will be held pending additional information on economic issues. The Provost: BOROC Policy Changes require some SWOSU Faculty Handbook revisions. A committee of 3 faculty chosen by the senate and 3 deans will review.
Need 1 faculty each from Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, and Sayre to serve on Bernhardt Selection Committee. (Last year's recipient, Dr. Pray, will serve for Health Sciences.)
B. FS Secretary/Treasurer Hertzel:
C. FS President Elect Foust: None. D. FS Past President Crall: None.
E. Student Government Representative Thiessen: SWOSUPALOOZA is being planned. The Big Event is being planned.

Oklahoma Student Government Association will meet at SWOSU.

VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:
A. Comments from the Jan. 17 meeting with President Hays and Provost Becker regarding SWOSU's financial outlook. (FS Hand-out 2003-01-02) Assuming a 7% tuition increase, an 11% state appropriations cut, and steady enrollment, SWOSU faces a $1.2m shortfall for FY04. The protection of permanent SWOSU faculty is the priority. Salary and benefit cuts are not being considered. One year temporary positions and positions opened through retirement are being examined. Travel and supplies will be squeezed further. One bill in the state house seeks to raise the maximum tuition hike beyond 7% while another seeks to eliminate the cap on tuition hikes altogether. BOROC may ask for hikes beyond the current cap of 7%. Each point of a tuition hike beyond 7% is an additional $90,000 to SWOSU.
B. Nominating Committee.
1. University Committees. (FS Hand-out 2003-01-03) A ballot was circulated to solicit faculty as nominees for university-wide committees. Faculty Senate will vote on these in April.
2. 3 faculty to serve with 3 deans to revise SWOSU Faculty Handbook to comply with new BOROC Policies. John Hayden, Beth Mesazaros, and Bill Swartwood were selected.
3. 1 Arts & Science, 1 Business, 1 Education, 1 Sayre faculty for Bernhardt Committee. John Hayden, Denise Hamburger, Don Wilson, and Patsy Wootton were selected. They will join Steven Pray.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Proposal to create a SWOSU Honor Board to deal with student academic dishonesty. (FS Hand-out 2003-01-04) This was circulated.
B. Proposal to Change Continuance Procedure. (FS Hand-out 2003-01-05)

The following motion was made and seconded:

FS Motion 2003-01-01 to change the Continuance Procedure (p. 74) from
A. The Chair requests a current vita from the faculty candidate for continuance and schedules a Departmental Continuance Committee Meeting.
A. The Candidate for continuance supplies the Department Chair by September 1 the following: 1) a current copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae; 2) a yearly summary of the candidate's student evaluations (to a maximum of seven years); 3) one peer review; and 4) any other documentation (to a maximum of ten pages) that the candidate wishes the committee to consider. Upon receiving the above items, the Chair schedules a Departmental Continuance Committee Meeting.

The following motion was made and seconded:

FS Motion 2003-01-02 that FS Motion 2003-01-01 be forwarded to the FS Personnel Policies Committee for a recommendation.

FS Motion 2003-01-02 carried.

C. Other. None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before it, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 2:46 PM.
Next Faculty Senate Meeting: Friday, February 28, 2003, STF 104 at 2PM.