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Faculty Senate Meeting  
2:00PM, September 26, 2003, Stafford 104  
**Approved** Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

The September 26, 2003 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at **2:05** PM in Stafford 104 with FS President Cynthia Foust presiding. The following members were present: Fred Alsberg, Melody Ashenfelter, Ric Baugher, David Bessinger, Nancy Buddy Penner, Stephen Burgess, Gerry East, Terry Goforth, John Hayden, Todd Helton, David Hertz, Jason Johnson, Robin Jones, Kelley Logan, Andrew Marvick, Nina Morris, Steven O'Neal, Gus Ortega, Carroll Ramos, James South, Bill Swartwood, Charles Teasley, Mark Tippen, Karen Travis, Don Wilson, and Jon Woltz.

**II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Arden Aspedon for Marion Prichard and Bill Turner for Brandon Bensch-SGA

**III. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS:** None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (FS Hand-out 2003-09-26): Minutes of **September 26, 2003** were approved as corrected.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. FS President Foust:

1. Welcome to Madeline Baugher representing Computer Science
2. Campus Compact at SWOSU has a planning meeting scheduled in October.
3. Tenure & Promotion Workshop scheduled for September 29, at 3:00 p.m. in STF 108

B. From Provost Becker: Requested that Faculty Senators promote faculty attendance at the series of training sessions to be scheduled soon for course management on Blackboard.

C. From Administrative Council: Meeting-September 29<sup>th</sup>

D. FS Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Buddy Penner

1. Roll Sheet – please sign.
2. Treasurer's Report:     BancFirst checking account balance: \$1,698.09

University account balance: \$386.90

- E. FS President-elect Dr. South: No report
- F. FS Past President Dr. Hayden: No report
- G. FS Student Government Representative Bill Turner, Jr.: Reported on Homecoming events

**VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- A. Judiciary Committee: Ballot count on recent faculty vote to amend the Faculty Senate Constitution – Passed 109 for and 10 against

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Motion – Discussion of Dr. Hays and Dr. Becker’s reply to August motions. See handout dated

9-16-03.

It was suggested a request be made for a new organizational chart.

There was no intention to keep emails from faculty.

There will be a University faculty meeting in October to discuss budget and request input on restructuring

Send any suggestions, comments, questions to Dr. Hays, Dr. Becker, or Dr. Foust. Cindy will forward the suggestions, etc. to Dr. Hays and Dr. Becker.

- B. Need faculty representatives 5 names from each school – these are the names Dr. Foust has sent forward – Les Ramos, Scott Long, Roger Bromert

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Custer County Heart Walk – Do we want to enter a challenge to other groups on campus on fundraising or walkers? No
- B. Confidentiality – Faculty Senators

Discussion and history on release of specific information to anyone: Faculty Senate is a closed meeting. Only elected senator or designated alternate may attend meeting. May invite someone to visit, after presentation the visitor is invited to leave. Faculty Senate is not subject to open meeting laws. A recent visitor who remained during the meeting was not the source of any lack of confidentiality.

If Administration continues to approach senators, Dr. Foust needs to know.

**FS Motion 2003-09-01**

**It was moved and seconded that Dr. Foust speak with Administration to affirm the practice of confidentiality in relation to Faculty Senate proceedings.**

The Motion passed by voice vote.

**FS Motion 2003-09-02**

**It was moved and seconded the Provost be asked to distribute a revised organization chart to all faculty if changes have been made since August.**

The Motion passed by voice vote

C. A report from the Benefits committee meeting was given.

Option period signup will be the end of October.

The 4% currently being contributed by the University to TIAA-CREF will be placed in paychecks and the faculty will decide on how the money is spent or contributed to a tax-deferred retirement account.

A new health insurance rate chart is available.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**Next Faculty Senate meeting: October 31, 2003, STF 104, 2PM**

Several Schools caucused after the meeting to determine the names to submit for the promotion and tenure committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Cynthia Foust, President**

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**Nancy Buddy Penner, Secretary**