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Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00PM Feb. 24, 2006, Stafford 110
Approved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The Feb. 24, 2006 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:00 PM in Stafford 110 with FS President Kelley Logan presiding. The following members were present: Melody Ashenfelter, Madeline Baugher, Nancy Buddy Penner, Stephen Burgess, Dayna Coker, Viki Craig, Tom Davis, Michael Dougherty, Barry Gales, Terry Goforth, John Hayden, Devid Hertz, Robin Jones, Kelley Logan, Scott Long, Joseph Maness, Les Ramos, Kathy Wolff, Jon Woltz, and Patsy Wootton.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Jason Johnson for Robbie McCarty, Max White for Mark Tippin, Brett Hauser for Tami Loy, Ryan Haggard for Chad Kinder, Dick Kurtz for Jeffrey Short.

III. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of Jan. 27, 2006 were approved.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. From FS President Logan:

1. There is a new alcohol service policy designating the Memorial Student Union and the University Conference center as alcohol service areas for catered events on campus.
2. Board of Regents' Building Committee approved additional ADA compliance work on campus.
3. Pursuant to a request from Mr. Nelson Perkins, spouses of students may become members of the Wellness Center by paying the same rate as employees of the University.
4. Provost Sonobe has requested that the "Policy and Procedures for Responding to Misconduct in Research and Scholarly Activities" drafted by the Faculty Research/Scholarly Activity committee be reviewed by the appropriate FS committee.

B. FS Secretary/Treasurer Ashenfelter:

1. Roll Sheet—please sign and update.
2. Treasurer's Report: BancFirst Checking account balance: \$1,549.71
 University account balance: \$131.96

C. FS President Elect Maness: The College of Professional & Graduate Studies Academic Council proposed changes to the faculty handbook and requested a review of the Grievance Policy.

D. FS Past President South: No report

E. FS Student Government Representative Sheena Pritchett: No representative.

VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

A. Personnel Policy Committee: (Issue sent to committee: Qualifications for the rank of assistant professor) – Handout provided to Senators

B. Student Affairs Committee: (Issue sent to committee: Academic Dishonesty policy for students)
The committee is working on a policy and expect to have something for the senate to review in March.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A.

FS Motion 2006-02-01

Resolution on Oklahoma legislation: Move to oppose passage of legislation introduced and being considered in the 2006 Oklahoma legislature (HB 2107 (“Academic Freedom Act”), HB 2526, SB 1959, and HCR 1043).

The motion failed by voice vote.

B.

FS Motion 2006-02-02

Moved to table Motion 2006-02-01 and initiate an e-mail vote one week the senate meeting to allow senators to poll the faculty they represent. All e-mail votes will be returned to President Logan by Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C.

FS Motion 2006-02-03

Move to send the Faculty Research/Scholarly Activity Committee’s draft of “Policy and Procedures for Responding to Misconduct in Research and Scholarly Activities (Announcement #4) to the University Policies Committee.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D.

FS Motion 2006-02-04

Moved that the Qualifications for the Rank of Assistant Professor read as follows:
The minimum qualifications for faculty hired at the rank of Assistant Professor will be an earned terminal degree recognized as such by the accrediting agency and/or professional body governing the discipline in which the degree is earned. Faculty hired while completing an earned terminal degree will be granted the rank of Assistant Professor beginning with the fall semester immediately following the date the degree is granted.

The motion carried by voice vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Various committees met following the senate meeting.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: March 31, 2006, 2:00 p.m., STF 110.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Logan, President
2005-2006

Melody Ashenfelter, Secretary