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Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00PM October 27, 2006, Education 201
Approved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The October 27, 2006 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:01 PM in Education 201 with FS President-Elect Robin Jones presiding. The following members were present: Arden Aspedon, Mehdi Raoufi for Madeline Baugher, David Bessinger, Nancy Buddy Penner, Stephen Burgess, Dayna Coker, Viki Craig, Barry Gales, Terry Goforth, John Hayden, David Hertz, Robin Jones, Kelley Logan, Scott Long, Tami Loy, Steven O'Neal for Joseph Maness, Jason Johnson for Robbie McCarty, Les Ramos, June Roys, Randall Sharp, Jeffrey Short, James South, Bill Sticka, Karen Travis, Rob Winslow, Jon Woltz, and Patsy Wootton.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Mehdi Raoufi for Madeline Baugher, Steven O'Neal for Joseph Maness, and Jason Johnson for Robbie McCarty

III. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 29, 2006 meeting

A question was asked about this Announcement from the September 29th meeting:

2. Reminder – complete and return the faculty opinion survey to the Faculty Advisory Committee by Nov. 4. You should have received the survey by email – President Maness will forward the survey. -- **This survey was sent to Faculty Senate Presidents only.**

The minutes were corrected and approved.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. From FS President Maness:

1. Next Executive Council/Administrative Council Meeting is Monday Oct. 30
2. Let's Talk About SWOSU: 11:30 – 1:00 Monday Oct 30 President's Conference Room. This is a good time to ask questions and share your thoughts on a variety of issues with SWOSU Administrators. Faculty and Staff. You don't have to stay the whole time and you are welcome any time during that time period. Bring your lunch with you.
3. RUSO was on campus Thursday and Friday of this week.
4. Results of vote on inclusion of Associate Deans in Tenure/Promotion and Continuance Process. 56 Ballots were distributed to faculty in Behavioral Sciences and Education and Business and Technology. 39 ballots were returned. 21 – Associate Dean should be involved; 14 -- Associate Dean should not be involved; 4 – No opinion. Dr. Sonobe interpreted vote as 21 in favor and 18 opposed or no opinion. He will recommend that the Dean and Associate Dean will write one recommendation with two signatures. This policy only affects Behavioral Sciences and Education and Business and Technology. **Faculty Senate wonders if this will cause a procedural issue. Send questions and comments to President Maness**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration of Motion on Teacher-Student Consensual Relations from University Policies

FS Motion 2006-10-01:

It was moved and seconded to take **FS Motion 2006-09-01**, *Teacher-Student Consensual Relations* policy, from the table.

The motion failed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proposals Regarding the Continuance Process

FS Motion 2006-10-02:

It was moved and seconded to amend Article II, Section B, Statement 3 of the Faculty Handbook as follows (added text is in italics and larger type):

The Departmental Continuance Committee* shall meet and consider the strengths and weaknesses of the faculty candidate for continuance. *Such consideration shall include, but not be limited to, the progress of the candidate, the expected needs of the department, and how the students may best be served. Since each case is unique, the committee shall decide the relative weight to be given to the various areas. In all cases the candidate must be treated fairly and respectfully in the opinion of the committee.* The Department Chair/Associate Dean conducts the meeting and is a non-recommending member. This open discussion is followed by submission of a Faculty Recommendation Form for Continuance from each member of the committee to the Chair by October 15. Once the Chair has prepared the summary report it must be reviewed and signed by members of the departmental committee.

The motion failed.

FS Motion 2006-10-03:

It was moved and seconded the SWOSU Faculty Senate recommend that the Faculty Recommendation Form for Continuance include a third option to members of the departmental continuance committee members. This option will be "Recommend Continuance with Serious Concerns," and allows committee members to vote to continue while noting that serious issues need to be addressed within the next year.

FS Motion 2006-10-04:

It was moved and seconded **FS Motion 2006-10-03** be sent to the Personnel Policies Committee.

The motion passed by voice vote.

FS Motion 2006-10-05:

It was moved and seconded to change the wording of Article II, Section B, Statement 1.c. to read (added text is in italics and larger type):

- c. One peer review (peer chosen by the candidate) *dated from the previous spring or current fall semester.*

The motion passed by voice vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Faculty Senate meeting: 2:00, 17 November, Location—Education 201.

Joseph Maness, President

Nancy Penner, Secretary