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**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**June 15, 2010, 3:00 pm, EDU 201**  
***APPROVED* Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The June 15, 2010, meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:02 PM in Education 201 with FS President Muatasem Ubeidat presiding.
- II. ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The following members were present: Warren Akers, Kathy Brooks (Sayre), Stephen Burgess for Amy Barnett, Erin Callen, Kevin Collins, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Terry Goforth, Sophia Lee, Jim Long, Scott Long, Ralph May, Edna Patatanian, Les Ramos, Muatasem Ubeidat, Dennis Widen, and Jonathon Woltz. Also present was Josh Buxton, Student Government Representative.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Stephen Burgess for Amy Barnett.
- IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS:** None
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 4, 2010, meeting were approved by voice vote.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A. From FS President Muatasem Ubeidat:**

- 1. Welcome:** Tamra Weimer, new representative from the School of Nursing
- 2.** Anita Blankenship Retirement reception will take place on June 23rd from 2-4pm in the Student Union Ballroom.
- 3.** Presidential Inaugural for SWOSU President Randy Beutler will take place on December 7th and 8th, 2010 with an event in Sayre on December 7 and events in Weatherford on December 8th.
- 4.** State Budget Update from SWOSU President Randy Beutler: The Governor, House and Senate leaders at the state capitol have come to an agreement on a budget for Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) and, as many of you know, it appears Higher Education will take about a 3-4% cut from last fiscal year. This is on top of the 4.3% cut we took during FY-10.

The agreement brings about a \$6.7 billion overall state budget. State leaders were faced with making up a \$1.2 billion budget hole from FY-10. To help make up this deficit, a combination of \$225 million in cash, \$180 million in revenue enhancements and \$150 million in tax credit moratoriums closed the gap somewhat. The upcoming FY-11 budget will have about \$1 billion in one-time monies in it. State revenues need to continue to grow in order to avoid another budget cut next year (FY-12).

It appears that due to frugal management of university dollars and faculty/staff who have taken care to conserve and minimize expenses, we will be able to operate in FY-11 without any major changes. It is important to note that we need to keep a wary eye towards FY-12 and make sure we can ride this economic storm out in good shape. As we finalize the budget for the institution in the next few weeks, I will update you on the specifics regarding it.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Governor and those Senate and House members who supported both a lower cut for Higher Education and revenue enhancements to mitigate the budget deficit. If you happen to see Sen. Mike Schulz or Rep. Harold Wright, please thank them for their support of SWOSU. I want to say how proud I am of all of you for your management of our resources and people at SWOSU.

5. **SWOSU Summer enrollment from the Office of the President:** SWOSU full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment number, which is a factor in determining state funding, is up 13.4% this summer, according to official numbers released from the office of President Randy Beutler.

**B. FS Secretary/Treasurer David Esjornson:**

1. **Roll Sheet** – please sign.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. BancFirst Checking account:

- May Meeting balance: \$2020.56
- Current Balance: \$2020.56

- b. University account:

- May Meeting balance: \$106.00
- Current Balance: \$106.00

**C. FS President-elect Kevin Collins:** Nothing to report.

**D. FS Past President Scott Long:**

1. Submitted End of Term Report to the Archivist.
2. Reported that the faculty had a 38% response to the Deans' evaluations, 34% response to the Associate Deans' evaluations, and a 34% response to the Chairs' evaluations. This year was the third time evaluations were done on-line. The response rate remains ~5% lower than the previous paper system.

**E. FS Student Government Representative Joshua Buxton:** The Student Government Association is operating under a new constitution this year. There are no longer representatives from each student organization. The number of senators has been reduced to 40, proportionally based on College enrollment.

**VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES: NONE**

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Muatasem Ubeidat presented the Faculty Senate Committee appointments:**

#### **Audit Committee**

Rita Hays, Chair  
Warren Moseley  
Dick Kurtz  
Lisa Schroeder

#### **Budget and Program Committee**

Kevin Collins, Chair  
John Bradshaw  
Edna Patatanian  
Erin Callen

#### **Curriculum Committee**

Dennis Widen, Chair  
Warren Akers  
Erin Callen  
Fred Gates

#### **Judiciary Committee**

Terry Goforth (CAS), Chair  
Edna Patatanian (COP)  
Dana Coker (CAAS)  
Amy Barnett (CPGS)

#### **Nominating Committee**

Scott Long, Chair  
Terry Goforth  
Michael Catterson

#### **Personnel Policies Committee**

Jim Long, Chair  
Fred Gates  
Warren Akers  
Les Ramos

#### **University Policies Committee**

Les Ramos, Chair  
David Esjornson  
Dennis Widen  
Ralph May  
Kevin Collins

#### **Student Affairs Committee**

Ralph May, Chair  
Michael Catterson  
Todd Helton  
Tamra Weimer  
Joshua Buxton, *Student Senate Rep.*

**B. The Faculty Senate meeting dates have been finalized:**

**Summer Term 2010** (Meetings will be held at 3:00 pm in EDU 201 unless notified)

- June 15
- July 20

**Fall Semester 2010** (Meetings will be held at 2:00 pm in EDU 201 unless notified)

- August 27
- September 24
- October 29
- November 19
- December 3

**Spring Semester 2011** (Meetings will be held at 2:00 pm in EDU 201 unless notified)

- January 28
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22
- May 3

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Muatasem Ubeidat, FS President

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David Esjornson, FS I Secretary

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:  
Tuesday, July20, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in EDU 201**