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**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**July 20, 2010, 3:00 pm, EDU 201**  
***APPROVED* Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The July 20, 2010, meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:00 PM in Education 201 with FS President Muatasem Ubeidat presiding.
- II. ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The following members were present: Warren Akers, Amy Barnett, Kathy Brooks (Sayre), Dana Coker (Sayre), Kevin Collins, David Esjornson, Jerry Dunn for Fred Gates, Terry Goforth, Rita Hays, Carol Kish for Tamra Weimer, Dick Kurtz, Sophia Lee, Jim Long, Scott Long, Ralph May, Warren Moseley, Tiffany Kessler for Edna Patatanian, Eric Paul, Chad Ramirez, Faruk Khan for Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Muatasem Ubeidat, Dennis Widen, and Jonathon Woltz. Also present was Josh Buxton, Student Government Representative.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Jerry Dunn for Fred Gates, Carol Kish for Tamra Weimer, Tiffany Kessler for Edna Patatanian, and Faruk Khan for Les Ramos,
- IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS:** None.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the June 15, 2010, meeting were approved by voice vote.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - A. From FS President Muatasem Ubeidat:**
    - 1. From the administrative Council:**
      - a. Budget Update:** Information was reported to the Administrative Council members about the FY11 budget. The FY10 budget will come in quite a bit below the estimate which means a good carryover for the FY11 budget. President Beutler stated that we are in good shape for the tough situations that we are currently facing and that we continue to proceed with caution this year but at the same time still move forward so that we are able to transition well from FY11 to FY12 when we will lose the federal funds.
      - b. Public Safety:** Information was reported to the Administrative Council members about the practical test for responding to an active shooter on campus that the Office of Public Safety will be doing before the end of the year. Information will be sent to the University personnel about this test that will be conducted on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010.
    - 2. General:**
      - a. From The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education:** Southwestern Oklahoma State University raises tuition and fees by 5.47% for the 2010-11 school year on the Weatherford campus. All regional universities across Oklahoma were approved for similar increases. SWOSU's tuition/fee rate per credit hour will go up from \$137 an hour for undergraduate, in-state tuition to \$144.50 per hour on the Weatherford campus. At the Sayre campus of SWOSU, tuition and fees will be \$139.50. Because of State Regents had earlier approved a \$6 mandatory fee per credit hour for music and student activities as well as the new event center that will be built on the Weatherford campus. Therefore, the actual tuition rate at SWOSU will only increase \$1.50 per credit hour. The two figures combined equal the increase of \$7.50 per credit hour on the Weatherford campus. Students on the Sayre campus will not pay the \$5 fee for the event center.

**b. HLC Visit:** Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit October 4-6 by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

**c. Continuance Procedure:** Council of Deans is scheduled to consider modifications to the Continuance Procedure as approved in FS Motion 2010-5-01.

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

**1. Roll Sheet** – please sign.

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

**a. BancFirst Checking account:**

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| • June Meeting balance:        | \$2020.56  |
| Yukon Trophy – Payment plaques | (\$116.49) |
| • Current Balance:             | \$1904.07  |

**b. University account:**

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|-------------------------|----------|
| • June Meeting balance: | \$106.00 |
| • Current Balance:      | \$106.00 |

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

**D. FS Past President Scott Long:** Nothing to report. Invites all present to attend the Combined Community Choir and Band Concert this evening at 7:30 in the Fine Arts Lobby.

**E. FS Student Government Representative Josh Buxton:** The Organizational Fair will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010. Students can file for Student Senate Races from August 14-26, 2010. On-line voting will take place September 2, 2010. The first meeting of the Student Senate is scheduled for 5:30 pm, September 7, 2010.

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

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Request for Modification of the Faculty Senate Constitution on eligibility of Parliamentarian:**

The following motion was moved and seconded:

**FS Motion 2010-7-01:**

The Faculty Senate proposes to submit the following amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution for consideration by the full Faculty at the August 16, 2010 meeting.

We hereby recommend that Article III, Section 2, Bullet item 5 be amended to read as follows: “appoint a Parliamentarian (need not be a Senate member) to be approved by the Senate.”

*Current wording of Article III, Section 2 opening and the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet item:*

The **President** shall • appoint a Senate member as Parliamentarian to be approved by the Senate

The motion passed by voice vote with opposition.

*Rationale: At present, the Parliamentarian is required to be a member of the Senate. Opening the position of Parliamentarian to non-Senate members would allow the President to draw from a wider pool of expertise to fill the position. There is precedence for this in that the Archivist, appointed by the President with Senate approval (in bullet item 6) is not required to be a Senate member.*

**B. Request for Modification of the Faculty Senate Constitution on authorization of substitutes at Faculty Senate Meetings:**

The following motion was moved and seconded:

**FS Motion 2010-7-02:**

The Faculty Senate proposes to submit the following amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution for consideration by the full Faculty at the August 16, 2010 meeting.

We hereby recommend that Article II, Section 5 of the Faculty Senate Constitution be amended to read as follows: “A Senator must authorize in writing a voting substitute at any meeting. The authorization must specifically name the voting substitute and be delivered to the President either in hard copy with the signature of the absent Senator or by email from the absent Senator’s account. The substitute must come from within the academic unit that elects the Senator.

*Current wording of Article II, Section 5:*

A Senator must authorize in writing a voting substitute at any meeting. The authorization must be delivered by the substitute to the President and requires the signature of the absent Senator. The substitute must come from within the academic unit that elects the Senator.

The motion passed by voice vote.

*Rational: This proposed modification allows the use of email for authorization of a voting substitute as an alternative to the hard-copy method currently allowed.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Muatasem Ubeidat, FS Incoming President

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David Esjornson, FS Incoming Secretary

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:  
Friday, August 27, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in EDU 201**