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Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
November 19, 2010
***APPROVED* Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order:** The November 19, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:05 p.m. in Education 201 with FS President Muatasem Ubeidat presiding.
- II. Establish Quorum:** The following members were present: Warren Akers, Stephen Burgess for Amy Barnett, John Bradshaw, Kathy Brooks (Sayre), Erin Callen, Kevin Collins, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Tony Stein for Terry Goforth, Rita Hays, Todd Helton, Randy Hacker for Jim Long, Scott Long, Ralph May, Evette Meliza, Edna Patatanian, Eric Paul, Chad Ramirez, Tiffany Kessler for Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Muatasem Ubeidat, Tamra Weimer, Dennis Widen, and Jonathan Woltz.
- III. Certification of Substitutes:** Stephen Burgess for Amy Barnett, Tony Stein for Terry Goforth, Randy Hacker for Jim Long, Tiffany Kessler for Les Ramos.
- IV. Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of October 29, 2010 meeting were approved by voice vote.
- VI. Announcements:**
 - A. FS President Muatasem Ubeidat:**
 1. Inauguration Ceremony: Investiture Rehearsal has been scheduled at 2:30 pm on Friday, December 3 in the Fine Arts Center.
 2. Inaugural events will be held December 7-8 on both the Weatherford and Sayre campus locations. The Weatherford dinner on December 8 at 6:30 p.m. will benefit a SWOSU Museum and Archive Center in downtown Weatherford, while the Sayre dinner on December 7 at 6 p.m. will honor four past deans and presidents for their long-term service to Sayre Junior College and the SWOSU Sayre campus. Tickets for both dinners are available by calling the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office at (580) 774-3063 or stopping by the office in Room 205 of the Administration Building. Tickets for the Weatherford dinner are \$45 and Sayre dinner \$15. Tickets for the Sayre dinner are also available in the SWOSU-Sayre Dean's Office. The investiture ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, at the Fine Arts Center on the Weatherford campus. A reception will follow. Funding for activities is coming from private donations.
 3. Emergency Lockdown Practice This Tuesday November 23, 2010 at approx. 3 pm. The University will be using the emergency text system to alert the campus for this practice. This practice is mandated by the federal government and must now be conducted annually. Please call if you have any questions call SWOSU Police at 580-774-3111.
 - B. FS Executive Committee Meeting with the Provost:**
 1. Budget update: Even after the election is over and the defeat of SQ744, the budget of State Agencies and higher education still not in the black. We have to continue to operate cautiously and frugally.
 2. Clarification regarding FS Motion 2010-10-01 (allowing tenure candidate to know the

vote outcome of the Academic Unit): The removal of “grant” or “deny” boxes from the Tenure Cover Sheet is in agreement with the RUSO Policy. The Executive Committee communicated the confusion regarding the interpretation of the RUSO Policy and suggested contacting RUSO for clarification. The provost said that the RUSO Attorney was consulted in 2005. The Provost will consult again with the Attorney regarding this point.

3. The Provost will present the suggestion of the FS to delete the sentence that read “*The applicant may respond to the written summary by completing the appropriate form and adding it to the promotion / tenure documents for review by the next level*” from the Faculty Handbook to the Deans Council at their next meeting. For more information please see the FS minutes from October Meeting.

C. FS Secretary/Treasurer David Esjornson:

1. **Roll Sheet** – please sign.

2. **Treasurer’s Report: No activity in either account.**

a. BancFirst Checking Account

October Meeting Balance: \$2126.55

CURRENT BALANCE: \$2126.55

b. University account:

October Meeting balance: \$106.00

CURRENT BALANCE: \$106.00

D. FS President-elect Kevin Collins: Nothing to report.

E. FS Past President Scott Long: All are invited to hear the Community Chorus perform Haydn’s *Missa Sancti Nicolai* (Mass of St. Nicholas) and Mozart’s *Ave Verum Corpus* at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 22, 2010 at First United Methodist Church (817 N. Seventh St., just west of campus).

F. Student Government Representative: Nolan Lawless for Josh Buxton.

1. The SGA has passed a resolution urging the Administration to allow the Weatherford Police Department to donate radar speed detection devices to campus security for traffic control.

2. The SGA is continuing to gather information on the campus alcohol policy. The SGA expects to consider resolutions in the spring term.

VII. No Reports from standing or ad hoc committees.

VIII. No unfinished business.

IX. New business:

Because of a conflict with the 2:30 pm rehearsal for the SWOSU President’s inauguration, it was decided to start the December 3rd Faculty Senate meeting at 1:00 pm (one hour earlier than originally scheduled).

X. Adjournment: 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Muatasem Ubeidat, FS President

David Esjornson, FS Secretary

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:
December 3rd, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in EDU 201**