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**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**April 22, 2011**  
***APPROVED* Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

- I. **Call to Order:** The April 22, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:04 p.m. in Education 201 with FS President Muatasem Ubeidat presiding.
- II. **Establish Quorum:** The following members were present: Warren Akers, Amy Barnett, John Bradshaw, Kathy Brooks (Sayre), Erin Callen, Dayna Coker (Sayre), Kevin Collins, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Terry Goforth, Todd Helton, E.K. Jeong, Tami Moser for Jim Long, Scott Long, Ralph May, Evette Meliza, Warren Moseley, Edna Patatianian, Eric Paul, Hardeep Saluja for Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Muatasem Ubeidat, Dennis Widen, and Jonathan Woltz.
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** Tami Moser for Jim Long, and Hardeep Saluja for Les Ramos.
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the March 25, 2011 meeting were approved by voice vote.
- VI. **Announcements:**
  - A. **FS President Muatasem Ubeidat:**
    1. March Administrative Council Meeting
      - a. President Beutler gave an updated report on current legislative issues. He said that Governor Fallin outlined in her budget approximately a three percent cut for higher education. However, a couple of her revenue issues were not passed and there are indications that the size of the cut could increase.
      - b. The Administrative Council members were informed that some changes have been made by teachers' retirement in regards to the timeline in which to notify them of effective retirement dates, etc. These changes will be posted to the University website, and University employees will also be notified of these changes.
      - c. The Registrar's Office is in the process of creating a readmission form for students returning to school at SWOSU. By developing this form, it will enable the University to maintain more accurate records for the period of time when a student is not enrolled at SWOSU.
      - d. The Pre-enrollment for the Summer 2011 term and the Fall 2011 semester began on February 14. Current enrollment figures for the summer term indicate that headcount is 19.74 percent higher and FTE is 26.27 percent higher in comparison to the same time last year. For the fall semester, headcount is 23.4 percent ahead and FTE is 24.7 percent ahead in comparison to the same time last year.
    2. General
      - a. The Faculty Retirement Reception will be held Tuesday, April 26, at the Bulldog Beanery from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
      - b. Faculty Senators whose terms expire this year should consult with their departments to determine whether their service will be extended. If not, they are requested to notify FS President Muatasem Ubeidat as to whom the new Senator

will be. It is also requested outgoing Senators accompany incoming Senators to the May meeting, and the latter will assume their role during “New Business.” Senator terms were published in the March minutes.

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

1. **Roll Sheet** – please sign.
2. **Retirement Cards** are available Please add your best wishes for our retiring faculty.
3. **Treasurer’s Report: No activity in either account.**

c. BancFirst Checking Account

March Meeting Balance:	\$2126.55
CURRENT BALANCE:	\$2126.55

d. University account:

March 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

**E. Student Government Representative:** John Saluke, recently elected SGA vice-president, introduced himself to the Faculty Senate.

**VII. Reports from standing or ad hoc committees:**

**A. Report from the Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Parking Committee:**

The Faculty Senate Faculty Parking Committee (Ralph May, Evette Meliza, and Eric Paul) reviewed the parking situation on campus and made the following observations:

Enrollment 2011 spring semester:	4000
Total parking spaces:	2769
Faculty:	183
Faculty and staff (approx.):	500
Total Students on Dorms:	1240
Handicap spaces:	80
Reserved spaces:	20
Faculty in Campbell, Old Science, Stafford, CPP, and Engineering:	122
Percent of the total:	67%

Finding a single parking lot large enough to accommodate most of the faculty fairly close to their offices is virtually impossible. Here are some of the plausible alternate solutions proposed by this committee:

i) Campus drive has a total of about 85 (excluding visitor and handicap) spaces on the East and North sides i.e. the side closer to the CPP, SCI, ADM, ART and EDU buildings. These spaces could be allotted as faculty parking. It would not cover all the faculty, but could provide faculty parking to about half the faculty population.

ii) A limited number (45) of spaces on campus drive mentioned above can be designated as faculty parking. These limited spaces will be allotted to faculty on a first come first serve basis at the beginning of the semester. A nominal fee of about \$40/yr may be charged for parking permits for the use of these spaces.

iii) Have faculty spaces on campus drive as mentioned in item ii), but reserved from 7:30am to 12:00 noon. It becomes general parking in the afternoon.

iv) A different student rate for commuter (\$30) and dorm (\$15) parking. The dorm parkers will be required to park in designated lots away from the areas of congestion. The committee also discussed other alternative solutions to the faculty parking issue.

Respectfully submitted, Faculty Senate University Ad-Hoc Parking Committee

The discussion of the Committee Report centered on whether any of the options were an improvement on the current system of Faculty and Student parking being on a first come-first served basis.

## **B. Report from the Nominations Committee:**

Committee assignments:

A comprehensive list of volunteers for the available committee assignments was presented. A list of those volunteers who were not currently serving in any other faculty senate assigned appointments was also presented. The nominations committee noted that it was possible to fill the current openings with volunteers who are not serving in other FS assigned committee appointments.

Faculty Senate Offices:

David Esjornson was nominated for the office of President-Elect and Fred Gates was nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, Faculty Senate Nominations Committee

The discussion of the committee report centered on those faculty already assigned to committees. The nominations committee provided the names and committee assignments of these faculty members.

## **VIII. No unfinished business. None**

## **IX. New business:**

The following motion was moved and seconded:

### **FS Motion 2011-04-01:**

It is proposed that the slate of candidates for University committees consisting of those volunteers not currently assigned to committees and the candidates for Faculty Senate Officers be accepted.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

The following is the results of 2011 Faculty Senate Committee and Officer elections.

Office/Committee	Name	College represented (if required)
FS President-Elect	David Esjornson	
FS Secretary-Treasurer	Fred Gates	
Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council	Jim Long Jacqueline Gregory Leland Turner	
Academic Appeals	Sylvia Esjornson Roberto Rivera David Henderson Marcy Tanner Jared Edwards	
Appellate on Dismissal of Tenured Faculty (Must be Tenured)	Barry Gales Arden Aspedon Joel Kendall Viki Craig	
Benefits	Guy Biyogmam	Arts & Science
Bernhardt	Charles Rodgers Mary Aspedon Dayna Coker Jaehwa Choi	Arts & Science Professional & Graduate Associate & Applied Pharmacy
Campus Environment	Kathy Wolff	
Faculty Development	Peter Grant Amy Barnett Randall Sharp	Arts & Science Professional & Graduate Pharmacy
Faculty Recruitment	Cliff McMahon Stephen Burgess Dayna Coker Hardeep Singh Saluja Jason Dupree	Arts & Science Professional & Graduate Associate & Applied Pharmacy Library
Financial Assistance Advisory & Appeals	Curt Woolever	
Intellectual Property	Faruk Khan Tisha Wald	
Student Center Policy Forming Board	Stephen Haynes Todd Parker Cathy DeV Vaughan	
University Computer/ Telecommunication	Denise Landrum-Geyer Tami Moser Deborah Carpenter	Arts & Science Professional & Graduate Associate & Applied

**X. Adjournment: 2:43 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Muatasem Ubeidat, FS President

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David Esjornson, FS Secretary

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:  
May 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in EDU 201**