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Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
June 28, 2011
***APPROVED* Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order:** The June 28, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:01 p.m. in Education 210 with FS President Kevin Collins presiding.
- II. Establish Quorum:** The following members were present: Warren Akers, Amy Barnett, Stephanie Boss, Erin Callen, Dayna Coker, Kevin Collins, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Terry Goforth, Marci Grant, E.K. Jeong, Dick Kurtz, Sophia Lee, Scott Long, Ralph May, Bo Pagliasotti, Edna Patatanian, Eric Paul, Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Muatasem Ubeidat, Tamra Weimer, Dennis Widen, and SGA Representatives John Saluke and Ariana Eakle.
- III. Certification of Substitutes:** Eithel Simpson for Warren Moseley
- IV. Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting were approved by voice vote.
- VI. Announcements:**

A. President:

1. From the Provost:

- a. Jan Noble, chair of the Faculty Development Committee, and Ben Meredith, Director of Distance Learning, are both interested in adding Meredith to the Faculty Development Committee. The Provost wants to change the Faculty Handbook to add the DL Director to that committee. He seeks feedback from the Senate on this question.
- b. Administration is writing an iPad usage policy. Faculty is already represented by Randy Barnett and Mary Aspedon. Senate can send a representative.
- c. Provost asks the Senate to reconsider the matter of Tenure/Promotion Policy that came up in the spring.

2. From May 16 Executive Council Meeting:

- a. State higher ed. budget settled: 5.8% cut (1.3-1.4 million cut for us)
Separate funding still possible from overages and oil revenues
(would lower cut to approximately 4.9%; one-time-only)
- b. A tuition raise is likely
- c. Summer enrollment numbers are up, but collection rates are down a little
- d. 2011-12 individual Pell Grant amounts will drop
- e. Higher education seems exempt for now from state directive turning control of OneNet system over to state's Chief Information Officer

f. Redistricting finalized; our district loses Canadian County, picks up part of Elk City; Weatherford: still Rep. Wright; Sayre: Rep. Russ

g. University leaning toward hiring a contractor to assist with Strategic Planning
President actively seeking feedback on this idea from Senate, faculty;
Contractor would cost between 25 and 30K.

3. From June 13 Executive Council Special Meeting

a. Report just released by OCPA, a conservative think tank: "Oklahoma Higher Education: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom."

1.) Criticizes spending on higher education.

2.) Though flawed, report is worth our concern because OCPA has influenced legislature in the past.

b. Executive Council voted to proceed with the Events Center

1.) President Beutler tentatively scheduled to address Senate in July.

4. From June 20 Executive Council Meeting

a. RUSO has approved Events Center plan

b. Fall enrollment up slightly; budget still based on slight decrease

c. Center for Economic and Business Development taking over SWODA;

Channels small loans from federal government to small businesses

d. 500K to endowment as part of class-action suit

B. Secretary/Treasurer Fred Gates:

1. Roll Sheet – please sign.

2. Treasurer's Report:

a. BancFirst Checking Account

June Meeting Balance: \$1945.45

CURRENT BALANCE: \$1945.45

b. University account:

June Meeting balance: \$106.00

CURRENT BALANCE: \$106.00

C. FS President-elect David Esjornson: Nothing to report.

D. FS Past President Muatasem Ubeidat:

1. 2010-2011 President's Report was sent via e-mail to Senators. Will be posted online.

E. Student Government Representative: John Saluke had nothing to report.

VII. Reports from standing or ad hoc committees:

A. Audit Committee reported that all was in order.

VIII. Unfinished business. None

IX. New business:

A. Recognition of new senators

President Collins introduced Stephanie Boss, new Senator from Kinesiology.

B. Faculty Senate Motion 2011-6-02

The Provost should appoint the Director of Distance Learning as an ex-officio member of the Faculty Development Committee if necessary.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Faculty Senate Motion 2011-6-03

The Senate refers the question of applying student mentoring as scholarship for consideration in the matter of tenure and promotion to the Personnel Policies Committee.

Motion passed by voice vote

The Faculty Senate recommended Marci Grant be added to the I-Pad usage policy committee.

C. The Faculty Senate took up Faculty Senate Motion 2011-6-01

It is proposed that the University administration explore the feasibility of placing automatic external defibrillators in all occupied campus buildings.

Rationale: A student's father recently died of a heart attack at his off-campus workplace. Had there been a defibrillator at the workplace, he may have survived. Avoidable deaths like this occur regularly throughout the world and should not take place at SWOSU.

Motion passed by voice vote

D. Senate Meeting Times for 2011-12 (all in EDU 201)

Tuesday, July 26, 3:00 p.m.	Friday, January 27, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, August 26, 2:00 p.m.	Friday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, September 30, 2:00 p.m.	Friday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, October 28, 2:00 p.m.	Friday, April 27, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.	Friday, May 4, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.	

E. Discussions of Items from VI. A above

1. 1.a

2. 1.b

3.1. c

4. 2.g—the President will ask for clarification on this matter.

F. 2011-12 Senate Standing Committee Assignments:

Audit Committee

Marci Grant, Chair

Tamra Weimer

Jim Long

Personnel Policies Committee

Fred Gates, Chair

Les Ramos

Jim Long

EK Jeong

David Esjornson

Budget and Program Committee

Muatasem Ubeidat, Chair

Warren Moseley

Kathy Brooks

Stephanie Boss

Ralph May

University Policies Committee

Les Ramos, Chair

David Esjornson

Fred Gates

Dennis Widen

Dick Kurtz

Curriculum Committee

Dennis Widen, Chair

Warren Akers

Enid Callen

Evette Meliza

Ann Russell

Student Affairs Committee

Scott Long, Chair

Lisa Schroeder

Jonathan Woltz

Bo Pagliasotti

John Saluke, SGA Rep.

Judiciary Committee

Terry Goforth (CAS), Chair

Dayna Coker (CAAS)

Amy Barnett (CPGS)

Edna Patatanian (COP)

Nominating Committee

Sophia Lee, Chair

John Bradshaw

Erin Callen

Eric Paul

X. Adjournment: 4:01 p.m.

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:
Tuesday, July 26 at 3:00 p.m. in EDU 201**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Collins, FS President

Fred Gates, FS Secretary