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Southwestern Oklahoma State University
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
August 24, 2012
Faculty Senate Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER: Faculty Senate President David Esjornson called the August meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 3.02 p.m. in Education 201.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: The following members were present: Amy Barnett, John Bradshaw, Kathy Brooks, Krista Brooks (for Erin Callen), Dayna Coker, Kevin Collins, Jerry Dunn, Jason Dupree, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Marci Grant, Sue Ball (for Andrea Holgado), E.K. Jeong, Ed Klein, Dick Kurtz, Sophia Lee, Jim Long, Scott Long, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Kristin Montarella, Warren Moseley, Eric Paul, Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Amber Sturgeon, Tamra Weimer, Dennis Widen, Curt Woolever, Jessica Young, and Alejandra DeSantiago (SGA)

III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Krista Brooks for Erin Callen, Sue Ball for Andrea Holgado

IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: Jonna Myers from Career Services. Myers talked about services offered by Career services on Campus. Career services offer services like reviewing cover letters and CV, mock interviews and professionalism. Careers services can supplement and augment your course material. Office: STF 209 or Ext. 3233.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved as amended after name corrections.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. President David Esjornson

1. No Administrative Council meetings
2. From the Provost:
 - a. Enrollment numbers as of Thursday August 23, 2012. 3.08% decline in Head Count, and a 2.72% decline in FTE. So there are a few budget adjustments being made.
 - b. The Provost will instruct the Registrar to e-mail faculty whenever a student withdraws from a course during the WF/WP (signature required) drop period. This procedure should help protect the integrity of the grading system, by allowing immediate confirmation of the validity of the drop.
3. Faculty Senate Representation. With the transfer of three Faculty members from Allied Health to Biology, representation on the Faculty Senate will change. Recommended by Biology and Allied Health that we transfer Eric Paul to be the

second Biology representative and add Jessica Young as the representative for Allied Health.

4. Examine the Eligibility List for the Promotion and Tenure Committee (Appendix A). Send any corrections to the Faculty Senate President. Please review the document and members will be chosen to serve on the P&T committee at the end of the next meeting. New this year: Librarians are eligible. Last year we modified the directions of what was required in the P&T document. We may have to revisit the committee composition as library does not have representation on the P&T committee. Also several faculty members from the Art department are going up for promotion and tenure but there is no one from this department eligible to serve on the committee. Encourage people with art background to be on the committee.

5. The FS President made an “emergency” appointment of Kevin Collins to replace Anil Pereira on the Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council. This committee meets the day before each semester to hear final appeals for re-admittance to the University. The term expires this May.

6. Question from floor about Stafford 104 being used as venue for Faculty Senate meetings. Stafford 104 is not video capable, and there are currently no plans to upgrade.

7. A second remote link will be established to allow OKC Pharmacy Practice faculty to attend FS meetings via video.

8. Event Center Virtual Tour available on-line at <http://www.swosu.edu/alum-foun/foundation/event-center.asp>

9. New Faculty Reception, sponsored by the Faculty Senate will be Thursday, September 6 at 2:30-4:00 pm in the Bulldog Beanery.

10. Faculty Student Social, Sponsored by New Student Orientation (NSO) will be Tuesday, August 28 at 2:30-4:00 pm in the Bulldog Beanery.

11. RUSO Survey in an email from Lauren Eichinger. Please respond. RUSO uses a mass email generator, so their emails often resemble SPAM. Legitimate even though you reply to a .com rather than a .org address. Even the subject line is vague.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Eric Paul

1. Roll Sheet – please sign.

2. Treasurer’s Report:

a. BancFirst Checking Account:	July Meeting Balance: \$1939.15
	Dues: \$810.00
	CURRENT BALANCE: \$2749.15

b. University Account:	July Meeting balance: \$105.01
	CURRENT BALANCE: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Fred Gates. Open try-outs for the SWOSU Mind Games team will be held Tuesday August 28, 2012 from 6-9 p.m. in Old Science 100. Encourage students to participate. We will have a wider trail for the Spring Semester.

D. Past President Kevin Collins: A welcome back reception is being planned for international students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Friday, August 24, on the Weatherford campus. It is a come-and-go reception from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The FS President report is nearly finished and will be up soon.

E. Student Government Representative Alejandra De Santiago, VP of SGA: We have had games and activities for student the past weeks. Also there is the organizational fair next Thursday.

F. Special Report from last year's parliamentarian John Hayden

In answer to the question about "calling the question" in the senate last spring, here is what Robert's Rules calls for and here is what the SWOSU FS has been doing:

In Robert's Rules, to end debate, one "Moves to close debate." The person making this motion must be recognized by the President or Chair and gain the floor. This motion requires a Second. It is not debatable. It cannot be amended. It requires a 2/3 vote. Then, if 2/3 vote to close debate, you then take a vote on the motion.

However, as you know the SWOSU FS has variations from Robert's Rules. After all, one of Robert's Rules is that a body need not follow all/some of Robert's Rules.

Since I first substituted in the FS back in 1992, the practice has been that a motion that has received a second is debated, and at some point, if a senator has heard enough or senses that many senators have heard enough, the practice has been for a senator to raise his or her hand, and simply say, "Let's vote." No second or debate required. However, if another senator still wishes to discuss the motion, that senator simply indicates that he or she would like the motion discussed some more. Then, out of courtesy to that senator, discussion continues.

In my experience, the only time the SWOSU FS has used Robert's Rules to end debate is when senators have become exasperated and can see no end in sight. Most of the time, however, the practice has been simply a call of "Let's vote."

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Nominations Committee Report

Pursuant to SWOSU University Committee openings and the subsequent request for faculty willingness to serve in these positions, the Nominations Committee of the Faculty Senate received notification of interest. Based upon faculty feedback the Nominations Committee presents to the Faculty Senate the following:

Campus Environmental Committee – Phillip Fitzsimmons, to serve in the position

vacated by Kelly Moor.

Academic Appeals Committee – Frederic Murray to serve in the position vacated by David Henderson.

Respectfully submitted, Scott F. Long, Chair, Nominations. 24 August 2012.

No nominations or discussion from the floor. The above nominations were accepted by the floor.

Also motion for appointment of Kevin Collins to replace Anil Pereira on the Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council for the rest of the term was approved by a voice vote.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: none

X. ADJOURNMENT: 2.33 pm

Next meeting 2:00 pm
Friday, September 28, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

David Esjornson, FS President

Eric Paul, FS Secretary