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Southwestern Oklahoma State University
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 16, 2012
***APPROVED* Faculty Senate Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Faculty Senate President David Esjornson called the November meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 2.02 p.m. in Education 201.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: The following members were present: Stephen Burgess (for Amy Barnett), John Bradshaw, Erin Callen, Dayna Coker, Kevin Collins, Jerry Dunn, Jason Dupree, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Marci Grant, Lisa Boggs (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:
Stephen Burgess for Amy Barnett and Lisa Boggs for Andrea Holgado.

IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. President David Esjornson

1. Chancellors Faculty Meeting of November 3, 2012:

a. Survey results: see appendix B page 10

b. Gov. Fallin has set a goal of 20,400 more degrees and certificates awarded per year in Oklahoma by 2023. Baseline is 30,500 from last year. Requires an increase of 1700 per year. Governor Fallin will chair the National Governors association next year.

i. From the National Governors Association

<http://www.subnet.nga.org/ci/1011/index.htm>, on measuring success in Higher Education:

“...**efficiency metrics**, such the number of students who complete credentials relative to the number of students enrolled, or **effectiveness metrics**, such production of certificates and degrees in relation to states’ economic needs.”

ii. From Complete College America:

http://www.completecollege.org/path_forward/essentialsteps/

Funding should shift from simply rewarding enrollment to valuing outcomes, such as credentials awarded or classes successfully completed.

iii. From the Chancellor for Higher Education:

<http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/powerpoints/powerpoints.shtml>

“Our recently adopted higher education funding formula moves Oklahoma from a funding model based on “like-sized and like-type” peer institutions to a 100% performance funding model with financial incentives going to the colleges and universities who improve their retention and graduation rates.”

iv. The goal is based on the number of degrees. Students who earn intermediate certificates or degrees would count towards the goal.

c. The Chancellor has requested a 9.5% funding increase tied to Complete College America. The amount requested is \$1,045 million (the higher ed appropriation was \$1,050 million in 2008)

2. Executive Council meeting of November 12, 2012:

a. The Compensation plan was approved by the RUSO Board at the November meeting. Expect an announcement soon.

b. The SWOSU legislative informational meeting for regional state legislators has been moved to December 7.

c. There will be a State Regents presentation at SWOSU on January 7, 2013. The Chancellor will speak.

d. President Beutler is organizing a yearly Legal Issues seminar (in the spring semester) before the break. This meeting will likely be mandatory for Chair level or above.

e. The new phone system is now scheduled to be installed in January. There will be short (~30 minute) training sessions on January 23rd and 24th. The system will be online on January 25th.

f. A push to increase Parent’s Day activities. Many of the ideas involve an increased faculty presence. Expect your academic departments to be asked for input and support.

g. The Football conference is moving towards having the first game of the season on Thursdays. Every other year, ~100 students would miss classes to travel to the away game.

3. Administrative Council meeting of November 12, 2012:

a. Denisa Englemen: Retention rate 62%, Last year 57%, 13 year average 64%. Subcategories: HS GPA 3.75-4.0, 81 % retention (30% of class); ACT 25 and up, 80% retention (21% of class); International students, 80%; Female students, 67%; Male students, 60%.

b. New IT employee! Kenny Watson

c. University surplus auction scheduled for December 8.

d. There will be a university-wide “Lock down” drill on Tuesday, November 20th at 3:00 pm.

e. Some students are posting other student’s grades on Facebook. Remind students that grades are private information.

4. Provost meeting of November 13, 2012

a. Additions to the Advisement Handbook. Jan Noble has responsibility for the Advisement Handbook. The Faculty Senate may propose changes and additions to the handbook. For example, only the course instructor or departmental chair should be able

to override the prerequisites for a course. If rules like this are explicitly stated in the advisement handbook, it may help reduce the number of unauthorized over-rides by faculty and administrative assistants. The Provost is willing to consider any wording and placement that the Faculty Senate proposes.

b. Capstone courses for interdisciplinary majors: The Provost indicated that requiring a capstone course for interdisciplinary majors would be acceptable, and that those types of changes would be worked on with all the appropriate departments.

5. Update on Funeral Leave: Administration is agreeable to the idea of faculty having 5 days for personal/funeral leave, 3 of which can be used as personal leave. Currently, the faculty have 3 personal days from which a faculty member can take funeral leave. The Staff and Administration personal leave is a sub-category of sick leave. Faculty personal leave is a category of its own (and therefore categorically different from staff personal leave). Staff funeral leave is a separate category of leave and is not tied to any other leave. Adding two additional funeral days to personal leave for the faculty will bring us in line with the rest of the University's leave structure. The benefits committee will review the policy about funeral leave.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Eric Paul

1. Roll Sheet – please sign.

2. Treasurer's Report:

a. BancFirst Checking Account:

October Meeting Balance: \$2058.65

CURRENT BALANCE: \$2058.65

b. University Account:

October Meeting balance: \$105.01

CURRENT BALANCE: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Fred Gates: Nothing to report.

D. Past President Kevin Collins: Nothing to report.

E. Student Government Representative Alejandra De Santiago, VP of SGA: The SGA is looking for people. There are empty seats for every college, and the SGA is looking to fill up as many seats as possible. The SGA meets every Thursday at 6pm in Stafford 104. Meetings are open to anybody including faculty and staff.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES: none

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Possible Motions:

A. FS Motion 2012-11-01:

The Faculty Senate recommends that for Interdisciplinary majors, a capstone course will be required in at least one area of study if one or more of the disciplines in the student's degree program require a capstone course.

Rational:

Many majors require a capstone course. With the relatively large numbers of transfer students and students changing majors, these capstone courses are important for protecting the integrity of the degree programs at SWOSU. The degree requirements for students with multidisciplinary studies should be comparable to the degree requirements for students with the more specific component majors. Therefore, if any of the student's areas of study require a capstone course, the student should be required to take one of the capstone courses.

The faculty senate discussed the issue and a motion was passed to refer the above matter to the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT: 2.28 pm

Next meeting 2:00 pm
Friday, December 7, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

David Esjornson, FS President

Eric Paul, FS Secretary