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Approved Minutes
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
April 19, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER: Faculty Senate President Elect David Esjornson called the April meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 2.04p.m. in Education 201.

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

III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Sue Ball for Andrea Holgado.

IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: President Randy Beutler and Tom Fagan.
President Beutler updated the Faculty Senate about changes to the budget. Rumor has it that the State is close to finalizing a budget deal. Legislative outlook (budget) is unclear. Best case we have flat budget. We might see a 4.85% budget cut starting 2015.
The University system of Oklahoma might have to repay part of the Principle (\$23.9M) on a \$475 million capital bond improvement package for higher education that was issued a few years ago (2005). If the State does not help, SWOSU will have to pay back \$605,207 and that works out to be a \$4.75/credit hour increase to tuition. The President also talked about Transparency and Accountability in the all the State agencies.
Vice President (Administration and Finance) Tom Fagan also talked about the SWOSU budget and incidental cost due to bad weather and increase in utility costs.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved as amended (SWOSU Mind Games next Sunday, 14th April NOT Monday, 14th April)

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. President David Esjornson

1. Executive Council meeting of April 15, 2013:
 - a. The online course management decision process is ongoing. The services will be put through a bidding process to get a more concrete budget number. Possible outcomes: Continue with the current system, use an improved version of the current system, or use an improved version of a new system.
 - b. Faculty and their supervisors are required to participate in the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement system. SWOSU and other universities now have permission to create a Plan B retirement system. Currently, OU and OSU have a Plan B Retirement for non-faculty. OU puts 10% of an employee's salary in a portable TIAA account. OSU put 11.5% in a

TIAA account.

c. Management of the Section 125 plan (pre-tax spending accounts) was put out for bid. If we change from American Fidelity, the management costs will be ~\$3.50 per employee per month. Currently, American Fidelity does not charge for their services, but is given an opportunity to meet with every employee every year.

d. David Misak pointed out that for some of the pretax insurance policies the benefits are subject to tax.

e. Strategic Plan initiatives will be prioritized in the next month, speak with your Dean if you would like input on these priorities.

f. Power outage time line. The power failed at about 7:30 am. President Beutler was headed to Oklahoma City for a meeting. Decided on a 10:00 start. Message went out at 8:15. President returns to campus. 9:00 am: Discussion with PSO, earliest power might be restored was 1:00 pm. Decision to close campus for the day at 9:30.

g. SWOSU expects to receive a State grant to provide backup generators for the website and phone system.

2. Administrative Council meeting of April 15, 2013:

a. The Southwestern Staff Council (SSC) is in the final stages of formation. Staff personnel will have a morning meeting soon to vote on the final by-laws. Please encourage any staff personnel that you are in contact with to attend. Date: TBA

b. Enrollment update: 6.4% down for summer, 3.7 % down for fall.

c. Dean Dougherty invites all interested parties to the Dawg Days Planning Meeting, 7:00 am, April 25th, in the Bulldog Beanery.

d. Major Web site redesign will be implemented between the summer and fall semesters. IT has collected usage analytics on the web site and is basing the redesign on those results.

e. Information for a grant application: For 529 students with associate degrees that came to SWOSU over a five year period, 48% completed a Bachelor degree.

3. Interim Provost meeting of April 15, 2013

a. There are over 100 online courses offered this summer. The number continues to grow each year.

b. Graduation will be similar to last year. The Interim Provost will release the rain plan closer to the graduation day.

c. The University Bookstore now requires all course book requests to be made online. Even though this is the 21st Century, the administration decided not to send out an email notification of this change, preferring a more personal level of dissemination. Not all faculty, (and the Interim Provost) were aware of the change.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Eric Paul

1. Roll Sheet – please sign.

2. Treasurer's Report:

a. BancFirst Checking Account:

March Meeting Balance: \$2058.65

CURRENT BALANCE: \$2058.65

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

C. President-Elect Fred Gates: The Provost Search Committee has forwarded the names of acceptable candidates to the President’s office.

SWOSU Mind Games team will be appearing in the Semifinals to be aired on May 12, 2013. The show has been renewed for next year.

D. Past President Kevin Collins: Nothing to report.

E. Student Government Representative Alejandra De Santiago, VP of SGA: Election for new officers on Monday, April 22 from 8AM-5PM on D2L.

David Nail will be featured in SWOSUpalooza 14 on April 25, 2013.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Annual Report from the Audit Committee

The 2012-2013 Audit Committee (Marci Grant, Tamra Weimer, Amy Barnett, and Kristin Montarella) reviewed the bank statements between the dates of March 15, 2012 and March 15, 2013.

The Audit committee found no discrepancies in either the bank or the University Accounts.

Observation and recommendation: There were discrepancies in the receipts for the \$5.00 dues and the deposits. We would recommend that the amount not be put on the receipts or if faculty submits a different amount other than the \$5.00, a new receipt needs to be completed using the new amount and not writing over the \$5.00 and changing to another amount.

Note: the Treasurer’s Report in the Faculty Senate Minutes, dated July 17, 2012, referred to a July Meeting Balance and it needs to read June Meeting Balance.

Please refer to the following excerpt from the July 17th, 2012, Faculty Senate Minutes.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University		
FACULTY SENATE MEETING		
July 17, 2012		
APPROVED Faculty Senate Minutes		
B. Secretary/Treasurer Eric Paul		
1. Roll Sheet—Please sign.		
2. Treasurer’s Report		
a. BancFirst Checking Account:	July June Meeting Balance:	\$1939.15
	CURRENT BALANCE:	\$1939.15
b. University Account:	June Meeting balance:	\$105.01
	CURRENT BALANCE:	\$105.01

Note: the Treasurer’s Report in the Faculty Senate Minutes, dated October 26, 2012, referred to an August Meeting Balance and it needs to read September Meeting Balance.

Please refer to the following excerpt from the October 26, 2012, Faculty Senate Minutes.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University			
FACULTY SENATE MEETING			
October 26, 2012			
APPROVED Faculty Senate Minutes			
B. Secretary/Treasurer Eric Paul			
1. Roll Sheet—Please sign.			
2. Treasurer’s Report			
a. BancFirst Checking Account:	August September Meeting Balance:		\$2158.7
	Expense for New Faculty Reception:		(\$100.05)
	CURRENT BALANCE:		\$2048.65
b. University Account:	August September Meeting balance:		\$105.01
	CURRENT BALANCE:		\$105.01

Report from the Faculty Senate Nominations Committee

SPRING 2013 FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE SLATE BALLOT			
Office/Committee	College	Nominee	BALLOT BOX X" to vote for
FS President-Elect		Pending	
FS Secretary-Treasurer		Pending	
Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council		VOTE FOR THREE	
		Ron Koehn	
		Kristin Griffeath	
		Lori Gwyn	
Academic Appeals		VOTE FOR TEN	
		Jared Edwards	
		Barry Gales	
		Ron Koehn	
		Lisa Castle	
		Jeff Walker	
		Marcy Tanner	
		Stacey DiPaolo	
		Laci Strickler	
		Guy Biyogmam	
		Denise Landrum-Geyer	

Appellate on Dismissal of Tenured Faculty (Must be Tenured)		VOTE FOR EIGHT	
		Barry Gales	
		Robin Jones	
		Faruk Khan	
		Stephen Burgess	
		Curt Woolever	
		Kevin Collins	
		Evette Meliza	
		Dennis Widen	
Benefits			
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Chris Stifflebean	
Bernhardt			
	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Brian Campbell	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Marcy Tanner	
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Holly Hernandex	
	COP	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Erin Callen	
Campus Environment		VOTE FOR ONE	
		Sarah Ramsey	
Distance and eLearning Council			
	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Denise Landrum- Geyer	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Jeff Walker	
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Dayna Coker	
	LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Jon Woltz	

Faculty Development			
	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Lisa Castle	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Kristin Woods	
	COP	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Tiffany Kessler	
Financial Assistance Advisory & Appeals		VOTE FOR ONE	
		Laci Strickler	
Intellectual Property		VOTE FOR TWO	
		Todd Parker	
		Krista Brooks	
Student Center Policy Forming Board		VOTE FOR THREE	
		Stacey DiPaolo	
		Guy Biyogmam	
		Tammy Blatnick	
University Computer/Telecommunication			
	LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Jane Long	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Brandi Fowler	
	COP	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Ben Welch	

The slate was approved by acclimation.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: 3.05 pm

Next meeting 2:00 pm
Friday, May 3, 2013