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Approved Minutes  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
FACULTY SENATE May 2, 2014—2:00 PM EDU 201

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Faculty Senate President Fred Gates called the May meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 2:05 PM in Education 201.

**II. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** The following members were in attendance: David Bessinger, Tammy Blatnik, John Bradshaw, Brad Bryant, Tommye Davis (Sayre), Jerry Dunn (Sayre), Jared Edwards, David Esjornson, Fred Gates, Karen Sweeney (for Marci Grant), Tiffany Kessler, Ed Klein, Scott Long, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Kristin Montarella, Kevin Collins (for Cynthia Pena), Linda Pye (for Jason Dupree), Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Amber Sturgeon, Trisha Wald, Dennis Widen, Curt Woolever and Jessica Young.

In addition,

**III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Kevin Collins substituted for Cynthia Pena, and Karen Sweeney substituted for Marci Grant

**IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS:** No visitors in attendance.

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

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. President Fred Gates**

1. The Executive Council meeting is May 5, 2014. Faculty Senate President Evette Meliza will attend.
2. The Administrative Council meeting is May 5, 2014. Faculty Senate President Evette Meliza will attend.
3. The Faculty Senate wishes a long and healthy retirement to James Hunsicker, Richard Kurtz, W. Frank White, Joseph “Jody” Maness, Mehdi Raoufi, Linda Hertzler-Crum, Deborah Case, and Mary Aspedon.
4. From the Faculty Advisory Council meeting of April 29, 2014. Dr. Ric Baser, V.P.A.A. of Tulsa Community College made a presentation on their concurrent enrollment pilot program *EXCELeRate*. This program is designed to provide more opportunities for underrepresented student populations and first generation college students to earn college credits and perhaps the opportunity to continue their educations. So far, the program appears to be very successful. If anyone is interested, I can forward them the report and

power point presentation. The FAC also received a great deal of data regarding faculty workloads at Oklahoma public universities. I will report further as I sift through the data. The FAC also discussed the April 24, 2014 Regents' Tuition Hearing where Mike Dunn of Cameron University presented our recommendations on tuition increases. The FAC's position is that the Regents really need to let the legislature know that we do not want to increase tuition as it hurts the students and prices some of them out of an education. The Regents appeared to be of the same mind set. Students at the hearing essentially repeated the same thing, however they did voice that they did not mind fee increases as those tend to provide tangible benefits and increase the number of activities that keep them connected to the college or university.

5. The SWOSU Mind Games White team will be competing in the Grand Championship against the Spring champion on May 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. on KSBI-TV.

**B. Secretary/Treasurer Curt Woolever:**

1. **Roll Sheet** – please sign.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

a. BancFirst Checking Account:	April Meeting Balance:	\$2311.19
	CURRENT BALANCE:	\$2311.19
b. University Account:	April Meeting balance:	\$105.01
	CURRENT BALANCE:	\$105.01

**C. President-Elect Evette Meliza:** Nothing to report.

**D. Past President David Esjornson:** Nothing to report.

**E. Student Government Representative Blaine Boyd:** Not in attendance

**VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Report from the Adhoc Committee on the FUPTRC**

The Adhoc Committee on the FUTPRC will continue analyzing the data from the recent survey of the faculty. There is a plan to have a proposal brought before the Senate during the June meeting.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Frederic Murray will replace Jason Dupree on the ad hoc committee investigating the role of the FUTPRC on the SWOSU campus.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

2014-2015 Faculty Senate President Evette Meliza will preside over the rest of the meeting.

1. We thank the following retiring Senators for their service: David Esjornson, Curt Woolever, E.K. Jeong, Amber Sturgeon, Ed Klein, Marci Grant, Kathy Brooks, Jason Dupree.
2. We welcome back the following Senators who are continuing in new or partial terms: Lisa Schroeder, Scott Long, Ann Russell (2017).
3. We welcome the following new Senators serving until 2017 unless noted: Kris Mahlock, Karen Sweeney, Ryan Haggard, Bo Pagliosotti, Wayne Trail, Dayna Coker, Linda Pye (2015), and Doug Linder (2016).
4. Future Faculty Senate Meetings are listed in Appendix A. Please note that the June and July meetings will be held on **Tuesdays** rather than Fridays, and the start time is 3:00 PM.
5. Faculty Senate Committee assignments. Please e-mail your committee preferences to Dr. Meliza. Sign up for two committees and indicate your first and second choice. Also make a note of any committee you would be willing to chair. She will compile the results and present assignments at the June meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Next meeting 3:00 pm  
June 24, 2014**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fred Gates  
Curt Woolever  
Evette Meliza  
Tom McNamara

## Appendix A

### Faculty Senate Meetings 2014-2015 2:00 P.M. EDU 201

#### **Summer 2014 (Please note, summer meeting time is 3:00 p.m.)**

Tuesday June 24, 2014

Tuesday July 22, 2014

#### **Fall Semester 2014**

Friday August 29, 2014

Friday September 26, 2014

Friday October 24, 2014

Friday November 21, 2014

Friday December 5, 2014

#### **Spring Semester 2015**

Friday January 30, 2015

Friday February 27, 2015

Friday March 27, 2015

Friday April 24, 2015

Friday May 1, 2015