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Approved Minutes
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
FACULTY SENATE June 24, 2014—3:00 pm EDU 201

I. CALL TO ORDER: Faculty Senate President Evette Meliza called the June meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 3:05 p.m. in Education 201.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: The following members were in attendance: Arden Aspedon, David Bessinger, Brad Bryant, Jared Edwards, Fred Gates, Paul Hummel (for Ryan Haggard), Andrea Holgado, Tiffany Kessler (OKC), Doug Linder, Jim Long, Scott Long, Kris Mahlock, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Kristin Montarella (OKC) Bo Pagliosotti, Kelly Logan (for Cynthia Pena), Linda Pye, Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Karen Sweeney, Wayne Trail, Trisha Wald, Dennis Widen

III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Kelley Logan substituted for Cynthia Pena and Paul Hummel substituted for Ryan Haggard

IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After an amendment concerning some senators incorrectly listed as retiring, the May minutes were approved by a voice vote.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. President Evette Meliza

1. From the Executive Council meeting of May 5, 2014:
 - a. The Strategic Plan will be sent to faculty members and will be put on the SWOSU website. It reflects what the university wants and can implement. (It's a real plan vs. a required one.)
 - b. Update on the Strategic Plan: General Education revisions are in progress. Goal 6, Technology, is in progress. Goal 4, Compensation Review for Faculty and Staff, is the number one priority for the upcoming year.
2. From the Administrative Council meeting of May 5, 2014:
 - a. Cindy Albrightson will be the safety coordinator for the university.
3. From the Executive Council Meeting of June 23, 2014.
 - a. Legislative items: Although the Constitutional Amendment concerning firearms did not come out of committee this year, guns on campus will continue to be an issue. Law enforcement supports the Higher Education position. Another item that will be watched is the paid teacher intern program. This bill contains no funding for the program.
 - b. There was no increase in funding to Higher Education from the Legislature (Flat Budget). In the rush to approve a budget, the legislature took \$8 million from the OLAP Fund. Since the move was unconstitutional, the budget is now out of balance. The Equalization Board may act to replace the money. No word yet on how the problem will be resolved.

- c. The budget has been/will be presented to the various governing bodies for approval. There is a request for an increase in tuition included. SWOSU received complimentary remarks on how well the Strategic Plan and budget are aligned.
- d. One goal of the Strategic Plan concerns compensation. The focus this year is to try to get SWOSU salaries to 80% of CUPA salaries. Department chairs and Deans will meet to discuss CUPA salaries in the various departments.
- e. The mailroom will most likely be relocated next to the University Press building. With the increased number of students walking from Parker Hall and the Art Building, vehicle traffic delivering mail is a safety concern.
- f. The Administration is reviewing the Staff Council recommendation to raise tuition benefit hours from 12 to 15 hours. There was discussion concerning the need to align tuition benefits with academic progress.
- g. The Course Schedule site has a new look. A request for suggestions for other “sort by” or “department” headings that would make the site easier to use was made.
- h. A Social Media Coordinator summit, or training session, was suggested. There are approximately 153 accounts with “SWOSU” in them.
- i. Campus maps on the website will have the physical address on them for police and fire department purposes. This is a Clery Act compliance issue. Continue to use 100 Campus Drive for the mailing address.

4. From the Administrative Council Meeting of June 23, 2014.

- a. Summer enrollment numbers are up. Fifty-nine percent of the credit hours are non-traditional. Forty-one percent are “sitting in a chair on campus” traditional. On the Sayre Campus, 51% of the credit hours are traditional.
- b. New Student Orientation numbers are up; 671 in 2013, 729 in 2014. NSO will be held on July 14th and August 15th. SWOSU Saturday will be on November 15th.
- c. Monday, June 30th, is the last day for D2L. If you haven’t moved courses, you need to do so by next Monday.
- d. Blue Cross Blue Shield benefits and premiums will remain the same for 2015. There will be a RFP for insurance for the calendar year 2016.
- e. Leadership Weatherford is starting a new class for the upcoming year. It will run from September to June. This is an excellent Community Service opportunity for those looking to add to that part of their portfolio.
- f. Contrary to what you may have read in the Weatherford Daily News, President Beutler said SWOSU is “affordable” (not “cheap”).

5. From the Provost Concerning Online and Blended Classes: They’re costly when full-time faculty members teach them. A policy is in the works to set course limits for at least 85% of the same face-to-face course and adjust requirements concerning faculty interaction. This has been reviewed by the Distance and E-learning Committee and will be sent to Chairs and Deans for further input.

6. From the Provost Concerning Reciprocity for Online Courses: SARA, an agreement involving several states, will be in force next spring. Participants must meet the Quality Matters rubric. SWOSU is designing a rubric and online instructors will need to know the policies set under SARA. There will be a 1 hour class that instructors must pass. Payment is \$30. There will also be a 6 hour development class so those who want to develop courses will be able to develop courses that meet SARA standards. Payment is \$220.

7. For Faculty Senate Committee assignments see Appendix A.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Tom McNamara

1. Roll Sheet – please sign.

2. Treasurer’s Report:

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| a. BancFirst Checking Account: | May Meeting Balance: | \$2311.19 |
| | Retiring Faculty Reception | (\$ 121.80) |
| | CURRENT BALANCE: | \$2189.39 |
| b. University Account: | May Meeting balance: | \$105.01 |
| | CURRENT BALANCE: | \$105.01 |

C. President-Elect Jared Edwards: Nothing to report.

D. Past President Fred Gates: The SWOSU Mind Games “White” team won the Grand Championship at the end of the Spring Semester. This marks the second consecutive year that a SWOSU team has won this academic competition. Anyone interested in sponsoring the team is asked to contact Fred Gates.

E. Student Government Representative Blain Boyd: No SGA representative was in attendance.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the FUPTRC: The Ad-hoc Committee on FUTPRC is in the process of turning the results of the recent faculty survey into several motions concerning changes to the current FUTPRC structure.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought forward.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

**Next meeting 3:00 pm
Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

Appendix A

Faculty Senate Committee Assignments

2014-2015

Audit Committee

Audits the financial activities of the Faculty Senate

Jim Long (Chair)
Kristin Montarella
Trisha Wald
Tammy Blatnick

Budget and Program Committee

Evaluates the distribution of university funds

Brad Bryant (Chair)
Tiffany Kessler
Karen Sweeney
Linda Pye
Arden Aspedon

Curriculum Committee

Advises and makes recommendations regarding all curricular issues

Ann Russell (Chair)
Jerry Dunn
Dennis Widen
Tommye Davis
Andrea Holgado
Brad Bryant

Judiciary Committee

Answers questions regarding the intent and meaning of the Faculty Senate Constitution

Jim Long (Chair) (CPGS)
Tom McNamara (CAS)
Scott Long (COP)
Dayna Coker (CAAS)

Nominating Committee

Organizes elections for selected university standing committees

Scott Long (Chair)
Doug Linder
Cynthia Pena
Kristin Montarella
Tammy Blatnick

Personnel Policies Committee

Makes recommendations regarding policies related to faculty tenure, promotion, class loads, salary and benefits, and dismissal

Fred Gates (Chair)
Wayne Trail
Jared Edwards
Les Ramos
Cynthia Pena
Doug Linder

Student Affairs Committee

Advises and makes recommendations regarding all matters relating to the student body and student policies.

Tiffany Kessler (Chair)
Jerry Dunn
David Bessinger
John Bradshaw
Ryan Haggard
SGA Representative

University Policies Committee

Advises and makes recommendations concerning university policies relating to the academic calendar, schedules, faculty handbook, and university matters not assigned to other Faculty Senate committees.

Les Ramos (Chair)

Wayne Trail

Fred Gates

Kris Mahlock

Jared Edwards

Bo Pagliasotti