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Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Faculty Senate Meeting April 24, 2015

Approved Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Faculty Senate President Evette Meliza called the April meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 1:59 pm in Education 201.
- II. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** The following members were in attendance: Jimena Aracena, Kristin Griffeath (for David Bessinger), Tammy Blatnick, John Bradshaw, Brad Fitzgerald (for Brad Bryant), Dayna Coker (Sayre). Tommye Davis (Sayre), Stacey Dipaolo, Jerry Dunn (Sayre), Jared Edwards, Fred Gates, Ryan Haggard, Tiffany Kessler, Doug Linder, Jim Long, Scott Long, Kris Mahlock, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Bo Pagliosotti, Kevin Collins (for Cynthia Pena), Linda Pye, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Karen Sweeney, Wayne Trail, and Trisha Wald.
- III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Kristin Griffeath attended the meeting in place of David Bessinger, Brad Fitzgerald replaced Brad Bryant, and Kevin Collins attended instead of Cynthia Pena.
- IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS:** There were no visitors at the meeting.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes from the March meeting were approved through a voice vote.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - A. Faculty Senate President Evette Meliza**
 - 1. From the Executive Council meeting of April 20, 2015:**
 - a. There has been no agreement between the House and Senate on the budget.
 - b. The OLAP bill is still alive. It requires students to complete 30 hours each academic year to stay eligible for OLAP funds.
 - c. The SWOSU budget is \$800,000 in deficit now. A 2-3% enrollment increase is needed to balance the budget this year.
 - d. President Beutler, Dr. South, and Mr. Fagan have been visiting departments on campus discussing budget issues.
 - e. Summer enrollment is up 2%. Fall enrollment is down at this time.
 - f. When the State of Oklahoma becomes a member of the SARA program, SWOSU can join and become very competitive with online classes.
 - g. Wellness Center, event center, student activity, and ITS fees are currently paid by all students. The question of what fees students in totally online programs should and should not pay will need to be examined.
 - h. To conserve energy, SWOSU administrative offices will be open from 7:30-4:00 beginning May 11th. Regular hours will resume on August 10th. During the summer, as many HVAC units as possible will be turned off at 4:00. There will be exceptions as needed. This is a result of the governor's mandate to reduce energy consumption 20% by 2020. The base year for the 20x20 mandate is 2013.

Unfortunately, the energy consumption savings SWOSU made between 2005 and 2013 will not count under the mandate.

- i. With the closing of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal College, students from the college will need advisors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Boyd, the Vice President of Student Affairs. SWOSU would like to offer two former CATC courses each semester using adjuncts.
 - j. The Dean of Students discussed Title IX compliance. There are 50 new Title IX requirements, 17 of which can be satisfied without additional funds at SWOSU. Title IX compliance could cost \$100,000 a year. Annual Title IX training will be required for all of the SWOSU community. Before these new requirements, SWOSU had been totally Title IX compliant. The deadline for compliance with the new requirements is November 2015.
 - k. Commencement will be held May 9th beginning at 10:00.
- 2. From the Administrative Council meeting of April 20, 2015:**
- a. Distance and eLearning reminds faculty that Lynda.com is available to help both faculty and students with a variety of topics.
 - b. Twenty online courses have been totally approved for Fall 2015, however, 73 rubrics still need to be submitted for fall online courses. This is necessary to meet the requirements for SARA.
 - c. Distance and eLearning is working on accessibility for online courses. Transcripts for courses will be needed. Subtitles will also be needed for videos and images posted to courses on Canvas. The target date is to be announced.
 - d. Classroom technology updates are ongoing. A fax server will be installed for the 75 fax machines on campus.
 - e. READ program posters in the library are being replaced with updated posters. The softball team is on one of the new posters.
 - f. The Library is sponsoring DeStress Fest during finals. Snacks and a therapy dog will be available for those who need to de-stress. The Library will also have extended hours on the Friday through Sunday before finals begin.
 - g. There have been three New Student Orientation sessions with 589 freshmen. Todd Boyd asked that anyone who will be attending an area high school awards ceremony and would be willing to present SWOSU awards at the ceremony contact him. His office is unable to attend all of the ceremonies and would like to have representatives at as many events as possible.
 - h. The April 20, 2015 meeting with the Provost was postponed.
 - i. The Faculty Senate is hosting a retirement reception on Thursday, April 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Bulldog Beanery. Those faculty members retiring are: Kathy Brooks, Arden Aspedon, Les Crall, Ralph May, Warren Moseley, Valerie Reimers, Helen Maxson, Viki Craig, Marion Prichard, Ray Read, and Richard Stowe.

B. Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer Tom McNamara :

1. Please sign the roll sheet.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. BancFirst Checking Account: March Meeting Balance: \$1865.94

CURRENT BALANCE: \$1865.4
 - b. University Account: March Meeting balance: \$105.01

CURRENT BALANCE: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Jared Edwards: Nothing to report at this time.

D. Past President Fred Gates: Nothing to report at this time.

E. Student Government Representative: There was not Student Government Representative at the meeting.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

1. Report from the Faculty Senate Audit Committee

The 2014 - 2015 Audit Committee conducted a review of the bank statements between the dates of March 18, 2014 and April 15, 2015.

There were no discrepancies found in either the bank or the University Accounts.

Observation and recommendation: The Treasurer's Report in the Faculty Senate Minutes, dated September 26, 2014, referred to a September Meeting Balance and it needs to read August Meeting Balance.

Please refer to the following excerpt from the September 26, 2014, Faculty Senate Minutes.

Approved Minutes
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
September 26, 2014
B. Secretary/Treasurer Tom McNarmara
1. Roll Sheet – please sign.
2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. BancFirst Checking Account: August Meeting Balance: \$1933.59

Dues Collected \$10.00
New Faculty Reception (\$77.65)

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$1865.94

- b. University Account: September August Meeting balance: \$105.01

CURRENT BALANCE: \$105.01

2. **Report from the Faculty Senate Nominating Committee:** See Appendix A for the candidates who have volunteered to fill the positions on the various Faculty Standing Committees.

Faculty Senate Motion 2015-04-01: The open positions on the various Faculty Standing Committees shall be filled according to the plan set forth on the slate ballot.

The motion passed by a voice vote. There was no opposition.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business from the March meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Faculty Senate Motion 2015-04-02: The faculty senate proposes that the faculty members of the committee for approving honorary doctorates be appointed by the faculty senate and limited to faculty members with earned doctorates.

Rationale: As a standing committee approved by the faculty senate, it seems reasonable that the faculty senate be involved in the formulation of the committee itself. Also, those voting to award doctoral degrees to others should hold earned doctoral degrees and the perspective that comes from that process in order to stress a high standard of achievement to justify the awarding of said honorary degrees.

The motion was passed following a voice vote with no opposition.

Point of Information: While the Faculty Senate is sensitive to the needs of those with disabilities, there is concern regarding the administration's response to new interpretations of federal regulations. It is the opinion of the Faculty Senate that the administration is underestimating the person-hours needed to execute these changes by the Fall semester of 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Evette Meliza, Faculty Senate President

Tom McNamara, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Meeting:

Friday, May 1 at 2:00 PM

Appendix A

G 2014 FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE BALLOT				
Office/Committee	College	Nominee	BALLOT BOX X* to vote for	
FS President-Elect		Tom McNamara		
FS Secretary-Treasurer		Trisha Wald		
Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council		VOTE FOR THREE		
		Erin Ridgeway		
		Cheri Walker		
		Amanda Smith		
	Rickey Cothran			
	Denis Trubitsyn			
Academic Appeals		VOTE FOR TEN		
		Marcy Tanner		
		Cynthia Pena		
		Cheri Walker		
		Robin Griffeath		
		Barry Gales		
		Mindy Burgess		
		Shelley Martinson		
		Mapopa Sanga		
		Frederic Murray		
	Lisa Friesen			
	Dan Brown			
Benefits				
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE		
Bernhardt				
	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Robin Griffeath		
		Shelley Martinson		
		Dorie Astle		
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Marcy Tanner		
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE		
	COP	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Tom Davis		
Campus Environment		VOTE FOR ONE		
		Robin Griffeath		
		Shelley Martinson		
		Debra Holmes		
		Dorie Astle		
		Amanda Smith		
		Rickey Cothran		
	Denis Trubitsyn			
	Anne Pate			
Distance and eLearning Council				
	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Tugba Sevin		
		PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Marcy Tanner		
		Juliana Bell		
		Lisa Friesen		
	Brandon Phillips			
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE		
	LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE		
		April Miller		
Faculty Development				
	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Cynthia Pena		
		Shelley Martinson		
		Amanda Smith		
		Rickey Cothran		
		Denis Trubitsyn		
		Becky Bruce		
		LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE	
			Erin Ridgeway	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Robin Sobansky		
		Anne Pate		
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE		
Faculty Grievance and Appellate Committee (Must be Tenured)				
	PROF. & GRAD.	VOTE FOR THREE		
		Mindy Burgess		
		Evette Melliza		
	A&S/LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Frederic Murray		
	PHARM.	VOTE FOR ONE		
		Barry Gales		
Financial Assistance Advisory & Appeals		VOTE FOR ONE		
		Erin Ridgeway		
		Denis Trubitsyn		
Intellectual Property		VOTE FOR TWO		
		Mapopa Sanga		
		Denis Trubitsyn		

		Becky Bruce	
		Stephen Burgess	
		Raygan Chain	

014 FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE SLATE BALLOT			
Office/Committee	College	Nominee	BALLOT BOX X" to vote for
FS President-Elect			
FS Secretary-Treasurer			
Academic Advisory & Scholarship Council		VOTE FOR THREE	
		Cheri Walker	
		Amanda Smith	
		Rickey Cothran	
Academic Appeals		VOTE FOR TEN	
		Raygan Chain	
		Cynthia Pena	
		Cheri Walker	
		Dorie Astle	
		Mindy Burgess	
		Debra Holmes	
		Mapopa Sanga	
		Brandon Phillips	
		Juliana Bell	
		Dan Brown	
Benefits	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
Bernhardt	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Robin Griffeth	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Marcy Tanner	
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
	COP	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Tom Davis	
Campus Environment		VOTE FOR ONE	
		Anne Pate	
Distance and eLearning Council	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Tugba Sevin	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Lisa Friesen	
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
	LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE	
		April Miller	
Faculty Development	ARTS & SCI	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Shelley Martinson	
	LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Erin Ridgeway	
	PROF. & GRAD	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Robin Sobansky	
	ASSOC. & APPLIED	VOTE FOR ONE	
Faculty Grievance and Appellate Committee (Must be Tenured)	PROF. & GRAD.	VOTE FOR THREE	
		Mindy Burgess	
		Evette Melliza	
	A&AS/LIBRARY	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Frederic Murray	
	PHARM.	VOTE FOR ONE	
		Barry Gales	
Financial Assistance Advisory & Appeals		VOTE FOR ONE	

		Denis Trubitsyn	
Intellectual Property		VOTE FOR TWO	
		Becky Bruce	
		Stephen Burgess	