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# SWOSU Faculty Senate

October 30th, 2015 Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order: Faculty Senate President Jared Edwards called the October meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at 2:04 pm in Education 201.
- II. Establishment of a Quorum: The following members were in attendance: Tammy Blatnick, John Bradshaw, Krista Brooks, Cindi Albrightson (for Brad Bryant), Lisa Castle, Stacey DiPaolo, Jerry Dunn, Jared Edwards, Kristin Griffith, Jackie Gregory (for Tiffany Kessler), Sunu Kodumthara, Ron Koehn, Doug Linder, Jim Long, Scott Long, Kris Mahlock, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Bo Pagliosotti, Cynthia Pena, John Woltz (for Linda Pye), Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Karen Sweeney, Wayne Trail, Muatasem Ubeidat, and Brian Rickel (for Trisha Wald).
- III. Certification of Substitutes: Jon Woltz for Linda Pye (Library), Cindi Albrightson (for Brad Bryant) and Brian Ricks (for Trisha Wald).
- IV. Presentation of Visitors: Randy Beckloff, John Hayden, Laura Endicott, Dan Brown, Jimena Aracena, and Jiuen Chang.
- V. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were approved with a voice vote. There was no opposition.
- VI. Announcements
  - A. President Jared Edwards
    1. Executive Council Meeting of 10/12/2015
      - a) Budget—looking better, but not good
        - (1) Constitutional Institution
      - b) Gun Legislation—likely to gain momentum again
        - (1) Related to Texas Laws
        - (2) We are not a gun free zone
      - c) Tuition Only Change: Instructors choosing to teach a summer class for tuition only will be paid 75% of the tuition collected.
      - d) Numbers for classes to “make” during the summer will increase.
      - e) 1¢ sales tax proposal
      - f) Black Kettle Hall currently on track for mid-December
      - g) Section 13 Money
      - h) Concern about fees for online classes (student classification)
      - i) Real ID
      - j) Wellness Council will work to increase awareness of existing programs
      - k) Continued discussion of defibrillators
      - l) RUSO Regents at next meeting
    2. Administrative Council of 10/12/2015
      - a) We are now a Sara institution—workshops forthcoming
      - b) Rogers Hall Closing in December—students will be redistributed
      - c) Changing phone companies will save at least \$150,000 per year

3. Meeting with Provost on 10/27/2015
  - a) Staff representatives added to standing benefits committee
  - b) Website access
    - (1) Concerns about server security
    - (2) Liability of information available on server
    - (3) Looking into returning higher level of access
  - c) International Student Concerns
    - (1) Also being examined at the administrative level
    - (2) English Language Institute being contracted
  - d) FYE going to 3 hour semester long class and will count towards Faculty load. This course will be a GE requirement.
  - e) Sophomore advising and enrollment restriction is in effect. Please let your advisees know that anyone with sophomore standing or below will need to contact their advisor to enroll.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Trish Wald

1. Roll Sheet—please sign
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Banc First
    - (1) September Balance: \$1408.74
    - (2) Current Balance: \$1408.74
  - b) University Account
    - (1) September Balance: \$105.01
    - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Tom McNamara: Please reply to the ITS e-mail concerning cloud storage.

D. Past President Evette Meliza: Nothing to report at this time.

E. Student Government Representative

VII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

No Reports were presented.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Student conduct concerns now with Dr. Beckloff

Several Senators and visitors voiced concerns about international students getting adequate academic support from the university. Anyone interested in serving on an advisory board that will work with these students should contact Dr. Beckloff.

IX. New Business:

Student Government representative Austin Cantrell encouraged senators to contact him with any concerns.

X. Adjournment; The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

XII. Next Meeting Friday, November 20th