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- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Jared Edwards called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm in HEC 201.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** The following members were in attendance: Tammy Blatnick, John Bradshaw, Krista Brooks, Brad Bryant, Lisa Castle, Dayna Coker (via ITV), Tommye Davis (via ITV), Stacey DiPaolo, Jerry Dunn, Jared Edwards, Kristin Griffeth, Ryan Haggard, Tiffany Kessler, Sunu Kodumthara, Ron Koehn, Doug Linder, Jim Long, Scott Long, Kris Mahlock, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Bo Pagliasotti, Cynthia Pena, Linda Pye, Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Karen Sweeney, LeaAnne Hume (for Marcy Tanner), Wayne Trail, Muatasem Ubeidat, Trisha Wald and Austin Cantrell (SGA Representative).
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** LeaAnne Hume for Marcy Tanner (Nursing).
- IV. **Presentation of and discussion with visitors:**
 - a. Dr. South and Dr. Varner
 - b. Dr. South and Dr. Varner talked with faculty senators regarding concerns with international students, changes to summer school pay, budget concerns, and faculty academic freedom.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved via a voice vote with no opposition.
- VI. **Announcements:**
 - a. **President Jared Edwards**
 - i. *Executive Council Meeting of 1/25/16*
 1. Legislative Update
 - a. 107 Gun Bills—any could be amended to address campuses
 - b. OLAP—bill to require that any student receiving OLAP start at a 2 year institution
 - c. Several bills looking for ways to raise teacher salaries
 - d. Bill related to restroom and gender restrictions
 - e. Bill to block co-ed campus housing
 - f. Bill to consolidate governing bodies for two year institutions
 - g. Bill to remove state scholarships for felony or misdemeanor offenses related to drugs, alcohol, or sexual assault

- h. Bill to block out-of-state athletic scholarships at two (2) year institutions
 - i. Bill to block any business with Iran
 - j. Bill to cut taxes
 - k. Bill to roll back most recent tax cut
 - l. Bills related to removing tax credits
 - m. Possible second Revenue Failure would impact us at 300-600K
 - n. Cuts will probably be seen as our base for next year's budget
2. State Budget Updates
 - a. Travel—be politically careful, this is the message coming from the state chancellor
 3. Gold Program is probably ending but the university is trying to find other options
 4. Retention
 - a. Not about teachers, but transformations must be major innovation because minor tweaks don't work
 - b. Focus on supportive services
 5. Recruiting efforts
 - a. New collaboration with Clinton focusing on Hispanic students

ii. *Administrative Council Meeting of 1/25/16*

1. Unknown prank caller targeting campus
2. New Phone service from Dobson Technologies is active
3. Online course evaluations through Canvas were successful for nursing and now available for everyone
4. Freshman Orientation Survey closing next week
5. 150 Students are registered for April 1st NSO
6. Over 2000 Freshman are already admitted
7. SWIM is March 24th
8. Scholarship Applications are due by March 1st
9. Math CPT went from 15 to 40 questions—1 to 2 hours
10. New ITV equipment has been installed in two rooms
11. Kyle Bush is new member of CETL
12. This semester trainings will be offered through CETL at regular times and by appointment
13. CETL online course review is now 2 pages long with a reduction from 84 to 27 criteria
14. Fall Graduation numbers were up
15. Remind Students to Apply for Graduation
16. February 8th to 15th will be early term grading
17. All enrollment numbers are up over 4%

18. International student enrollment is up 39% from last spring and up 11% from the fall
19. 45% of International Students made fall honor roll
20. Writing Center is now open
21. Let's Talk About SWOSU and Brown Bag Seminars are now in HEC 213
22. Sharron Manning mentioned a concurrent student orientation guide being used at Sayre
23. Most students who are reporting parent education levels at high school only or less do not report as first generation college students
24. Tutoring schedules reported to Ruth Boyd will be centrally published
25. We are 5,000 credit hours above estimates used for planning this year's budget
26. Physical plant projects are paid for through a dedicated trust fund
27. Oklahoma received a \$9million cut from the recent Powerball

iii. Meeting with Provost on 1/25/16

1. Discussion of budget
2. Discussion of international student challenges

b. Secretary/Treasurer Trisha Wald

- i. Roll Sheet—please sign.
- ii. Treasurer's Report
 1. BancFirst
 - a. December Balance: \$1408.74
 - b. Current Balance: \$1408.74
 2. University Account
 - a. December Balance: \$105.01
 - b. Current Balance: \$105.01

- c. **President-Elect Tom McNamara:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Past President Evette Meliza:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Student Government President Austin Cantrell:** Nothing to report.

VII. **Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:** None.

VIII. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Due to concerns stemming from the perception that the Faculty Senate discussion regarding international students has resulted in no specific action, it is proposed the Faculty Senate authorize the following actions in given order:
 - i. The President of the Faculty Senate shall seek specific information on the current timetable for addressing the successful transition of international students.

- ii. If there is no clear plan and/or timetable to form an advisory board to address these and other major concerns, the President of the Faculty Senate shall request that an advisory board be established as soon as possible.
- iii. If the university administration does not form an advisory board by January 29, 2016, then the Faculty Senate shall organize an advisory board to analyze concerns and provide recommendations to the administration.

Motion to table discussion of this item was made and passed by a voice vote with no opposition.

- IX. **New Business:** Discussion of new course evaluation form as requested by Dr. Varner (see attached).
- X. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:48 P.M. by acclamation.
- XI. **Next meeting:** Friday, February 26, 2016.