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- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Jared Edwards called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M. in HEC 201.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** The following members were in attendance: Carie Strauch (for Tammy Blatnick), John Bradshaw, Hardeep Saluja (for Krista Brooks), Brad Bryant, Lisa Castle, Dayna Coker (via ITV), Tommye Davis (via ITV), Stacey DiPaolo, Jerry Dunn (via ITV), Jared Edwards, Kristin Griffeath, Ryan Haggard, Tiffany Kessler, Sunu Kodumthara, Ron Koehn, Doug Linder, Jim Long, Scott Long, Kris Mahlock, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Bo Pagliasotti, Cynthia Pena, Jon Woltz (for Linda Pye), Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Lisa Schroeder, Karen Sweeney, Marcy Tanner, Wayne Trail, Muatasem Ubeidat, and Trisha Wald.
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** Jon Woltz for Linda Pye (Library), Carie Strauch for Tammy Blatnick (Nursing), and Hardeep Saluja for Krista Brooks (Pharmacy).
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved by acclamation.
- V. **Announcements:**
 - a. **President Jared Edwards**
 - i. *Executive Council Meeting of 2/15/16*
 1. Rumors about Sayre campus closing were refuted by President Beutler and Dean Manning.
 2. Higher Education Day was on 2/16/16. SWOSU students were given time to interact directly with state legislators.
 3. State Equalization Board expected to declare another revenue failure (and did).
 4. The governor is opposed to repealing income tax cut, but is open to other options.
 5. According to the governor's budget our appropriations will go from \$22 million to \$20.8 million. Vice-President Fagan's worst case scenario would be a legislative cut to \$16 million.
 6. SWOSU was approached by a firm that wanted to market our online nursing program. They will provide marketing including direct contact with interested potential student for a share of tuition. This would involve a seven year agreement.
 - ii. *Administrative Council Meeting of 2/15/16*
 1. Foundation Grant applications are due by 3/1/16.

2. Bernhardt Banquet is 3/10/16.
3. Start considering potential distinguished alumni nominees from your department. Nominating information comes from the nominator.
4. The first NSO day has been closed due to high numbers.
5. Departments that have not participated in SWOSU Research Day in the past will be actively encouraged to participate this year.
6. Federal and State tax numbers have changed. Make sure that you are using the correct numbers.
7. Counseling Services are available to faculty and staff.
8. The Library has a conference room set up for teleconferencing.
9. Parking fees are directed funds that have to be used on parking lots.
10. The commencement rain plan alternates morning and afternoon ceremony participants.
11. The earlier that academic events (such as departmental recognition ceremonies) are on the calendar, the more likely it is that the President, Provost, and Deans will be able to attend.
12. Campus visit for accreditation will be Spring or Fall of 2020.
13. 1st 3 Pillars training will be on 3/3/16.
14. The Athletic Training program is being phased out, but current students will be able to complete the program.
15. Last summer there was a 9% kilowatt hour reduction.

iii. Retention Initiative Meeting on 2/17/16

1. Discussion centered around the recent announcement that effective in the Fall of 2016, all remedial classes will be taught by the new SWOSU Bridge Department with a goal of increasing retention. Faculty Senators voiced concerns regarding lack of departmental input in the decision, implementation of the plan, the hierarchical structure of the department and cost of the program.

iv. Meeting with Provost on 2/22/16

1. Update on International Student Committee—is being formed.
2. Discussion of Retention Initiative Meeting including an offer from Dr. South to come to a Senate meeting to discuss this with us.
3. Dr. South asked for the Senate to address a faculty handbook/tenure and promotion issue with chair evaluations of faculty (see new business).
4. This summer we will be on 8/8ths instead of 6/6ths, but the 75% of tuition and the sliding scale for made classes will be enacted.

b. Secretary/Treasurer Trish Wald

- i. Roll Sheet—please sign
- ii. Treasurer's Report
 1. Banc First
 - a. January Balance: \$1408.74
 - b. Current Balance: \$1408.74

2. University Account

- a. January 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**: Not present, but via correspondence with President Edwards indicated that he had nothing to report.

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

VII. **Unfinished Business**

- a. (Tabled at the January Meeting) 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.

Said motion remains tabled.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Dr. South has asked the Senate to consider the requirement for applicants for tenure and promotion to submit their two most recent chair evaluations and the “Chair Evaluation of Faculty Form”
 - i. Motion to send the foregoing to the Personnel Policies Committees was made and passed without opposition.
- b. Discussion of information provided by Drs. South and Varner during the January meeting.

IX. **Adjournment**: Meeting adjourned at 3:08 P.M. by a voice vote with one opposition.

X. **Next meeting**: Friday, March 25, 2016.