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SWOSU Faculty Senate

July 19, 2016 Approved Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Tom McNamara called the July meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at 3:00 p.m. in HEC 201.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** Ric Baugher, Les Ramos for Krista Brooks, Jerry Dunn, Jared Edwards, Robin Griffieath, Rita Hays, LeaAnne Hume, Sunu Kodumthara, Doug Linder, Scott Long, Tom McNamara, Evette Meliza, Amber Sturgeon for Bo Pagliasotti, Eric Paul, Cynthia Pena, Jonathan Woltz for Linda Pye, Hank Ramsey, Hardeep Saluja, Amanda Smith, Karen Sweeney, Wayne Trail, Cheri Walker via ITV, Jessica Young.
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** Jonathan Woltz will substitute for Linda Pye. Amber Sturgeon will attend in place of Bo Pagliasotti. Les Ramos will take the place of Krista Brooks.
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** June 21 minutes approved by voice vote as amended (amendments are shown in bold and italics, *Some of the* AEF funds will be used to supplement departmental budgets in CAS and *CPGS*. *Some of the* Technology funds will be distributed to CoP and CAAP.
- VI. **Announcements**
 - A. President Tom McNamara
 1. The Executive and Administrative Councils did not meet in July.
 2. HLC will be giving scrutiny to faculty qualifications. For example, those who teach GE courses require a master's degree with 18 content hours in the subject area. People not meeting these criteria can demonstrate "tested experience" to meet HLC approval. SWOSU faculty with M. Ed. degrees most likely to need this.
 3. Meeting with Provost on 7/18/2016
 - a) The 9.8% tuition increase has been approved.
 - b) There will be changes to the health insurance plan. The 13 member consortium that SWOSU belongs to will vote on the plan. VP Fagan is advocating for the Blue Cross Blue Shield "self-funded" option. SWOSU will cover the White (middle) option. This has a \$1250/individual and \$3750/family deductible. That is up from \$1000 and \$3000 respectively. Employees can buy the Red (high) option for \$50 per month.
 - c) The proposed sliding scale for summer courses to "make" will be scrapped. Undergraduate courses with 11 or more students will go through. Those with fewer can be done with the instructor paid 75% of the tuition collected.
 - d) Dr. South has asked the Senate to examine the wording in the Tenure and Promotion section of the Faculty Handbook. Given SWOSU's mission as a teaching institution Curriculum development should receive appropriate emphasis as a scholarly activity.
 1. Motion was made to refer this assignment to the Personnel Policies Committee. Motion passed by a voice vote without

opposition.

- a) Faculty Senate Committees are listed in Appendix A
- b) Faculty Senate Budget for 2016-2017 appears in Appendix B, submitted for approval.
 2. Budget was approved without opposition.
 3. Inform Marci Grant immediately concerning any problems with TurnItIn.
4. Secretary/Treasurer Karen Sweeney
 - a) Roll Sheet—please sign
 - b) Treasurer’s Report
 - c) Banc First
 - (1) May Balance: \$1408.74
 - (2) Current Balance: \$1408.74
 - d) University Account
 - (1) May Balance: \$105.01
 - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01
- B. President-Elect Jerry Dunn: Nothing to report
- C. Past President Jared Edwards: Nothing to report
- D. Student Government Representative: The SGA did not have a representative at the meeting.

VII. **Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:**

VIII. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. The Faculty Senate Judiciary Committee will examine any changes that need to be made to the Faculty Senate Constitution so that a nonvoting senate seat is created for appointment by the Staff Council of SWOSU

IX. **New Business:** No new business.

X. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McNamara, Faculty Senate President

Karen Sweeney, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Meeting Friday, August 26th at 2:00 pm

Appendix A: Faculty Senate Committees

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audits the financial activities of the Faculty Senate.

Rita Hays (Chair)
Tammy Blatnick
Stacey DiPaolo
Robin Griffeath

BUDGET AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Evaluates the distribution of university funds.

Eric Paul (Chair)
Jared Edwards
Ron Koehn
Linda Pye
Cheri Walker

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Advises and makes recommendations regarding all curricular issues.

Ann Russell (Chair)
LeAnne Hume
Krista Brooks
Tommye Davis
Hank Ramsey
Evette Meliza

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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

Ric Baugher (Chair) (CPGS)
Krista Brooks (COP)
Dayna Coker (CAAP)
Sunu Kodumthara (CAS)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Organizes elections for selected university standing committees.

Scott Long (Chair)
Tammy Blatnick
Doug Linder
Staci DiPaolo
Linda Pye

PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE

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

Wayne Trail (Chair)
Eric Paul
Ryan Haggard
Jerry Dunn
Cynthia Pena
Hardeep Saluja

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Ryan Haggard (Chair)

Ron Koehn

Jessica Young

Lisa Schroeder

Amanda Smith

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.

Muatasem Ubeidat (Chair)

Dayna Coker

Jerry Dunn

Bo Pagliasotti

Amanda Smith

Wayne Trail

Appendix B: 2016-2017 Budget

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| Dues Collected | \$950 |
| Service Awards | (\$700) |
| New Faculty Reception | (\$120) |
| Faculty Retirement Reception | (\$120) |
| Net | \$10 |