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July 23rd, 2019 Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Stephen Burgess called the July meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at 3:04 p.m. in HEC 213.
- II. Establishment of a Quorum:** Wayne Anderson, Sherri Brogdon, Stephen Burgess, Amanda Evert, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Swarup Ghosh, Paul Hummel, Sunu Kodumthara, Sharon Lawrence, Alex Lee, Scott Long, David Martyn, Evette Meliza, Kathy O’Neal, Hank Ramsey, Carie Strauch, Karen Sweeney
- III. Certification of Substitutes:** Stephen Drinnon for Hardeep Saluja; Marc Dipaolo for Amanda Smith-Chesley,
- IV. Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Unanimous
- VI. Announcements**
 - A. President Stephen Burgess
 1. Executive Council Meeting: No meeting this month
 2. Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. South July 18, 2019
 - a. Web site redesign: Consultant team at SWOSU week of July 8. Goal is to increase recruitment through website. Front page will focus on recruitment. Link will take to subsequent pages for current students, faculty and staff information. Focus on more modern and visual website. Major programs will have information about degree and why to pursue this at SWOSU. Chairs asked to provide short details for this. Roll out planned for Jan 1, 2020. Also will request each department to check web pages and links for accuracy and current nature of information. Dr. Kendall will send out a schedule for this with additional details.
 - b. New financial aid policies will go into effect for Fall 2020. Focus is to provide more financial aid that is need based with some weight for academic performance. Awards will be made for 4 years and maintained as long as meet academic goals.
 - c. JED committee. Grant awarded by state regents to target mental health issues on college campuses. Focus on overall wellness and suicide prevention. Task is to develop an infrastructure and how to be proactive in helping students.
 - d. New rules are going into effect for class sizes based on Fire Marshall information. The administration is examining room use on campus.
 - e. Training scheduled for colleague and running certain types of reports for enrollment information.
 - f. Graduation rate for past year was over 40% for first time.
 - g. Sayre face-to-face classes will be at junior college tuition rate. All other courses offered will remain at SWOSU rate.
 3. The collection of Faculty Senate dues process was discussed.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Evert
 1. Roll Sheet—please sign
 2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a) BancFirst
 - (1) July Balance: \$1,913.08

- (2) Withdrawal: \$0
- (3) Deposit:
- (4) Current Balance: \$1,913.08

b) University Account

- (1) July Balance: \$105.01
- (2) Current Balance: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Karen Sweeney:

D. Past President Amanda Smith-Chesley:

E. Faculty Athletic Representative: Bo Pagliasotti

F. Student Government Representative:

VII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: None

VIII. Unfinished Business: None

IX. New Business:

Questions were asked about the timing of the upcoming raises and whether they would take effect in July or August.

X. Adjournment: 3:29 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting: Friday, August 30, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.