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Friday, October 30, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95579291818?pwd=a25Hck53d2Q1cDlXbXhEcm42UTNtdz09>

- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Karen Sweeney called the October 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at _230_____ via Zoom.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** L. Brewer, S. Burgess, M. Claborn, J. Dunn, T. Ellis, A. Evert, P. Fitzsimmons, S. Ghosh, A. Gore, M. Hix, S. Kodumtharea, D. Landrum -Geyer, S. Lawrence, A. Lee, D. Lloyd, S. Long, E. Miliza, V. Nix, K. O’Neal, S. O’Neal, E. Pritchard, H. Ramsey, J. Salmans, H. Saluja, T. Sevin, T. Stein, C. Strauch, K. Sweeney, D. Farris, B. Chase
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** none
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** none
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** September 2020 Approved
- VI. **Announcements**
 - A. President Karen Sweeney
 1. Executive Council and Administrative Council – Monday, October 12, 2020
 - a) *Provost:* Commencement in November (rescheduled from May due to COVID-19) has been canceled. Spring Break for 2021 has also been canceled with the Spring semester ending one week early.
 - b) *Registrar:* Spring semester enrollment is underway with 1100 students enrolled to the date of this meeting.
 - c) *Bursar:* Students must have their overall account balance down to \$2000 to enroll for future semesters, this was raised from the \$1000 in previous semesters.
 - d) *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs:* Higher Learning commission comprehensive visit believed to be a success. Draft report should be received soon. Dr. Kendall sent our email thanking everyone that participated in the virtual meetings with the HLC reviewers.
 - e) *Athletics:* All athletic teams have returned to practice with daily screening and temperature checks. As of October 12, athletics had only 3 positive COVID-19 cases out of 400 students. No changes have been made to the ban of outside competition for the fall. They will continue to monitor the NCAA decisions. The Sports Information department is working on a Diversity/Inclusion social media campaign to be released towards the end of October.

- f) *Bookstore/C-Store*: Graduation regalia still available at the Merc. Students can contact Ashley Hancock for their cap and gown. Spring textbook adoptions should be turned by the end of the week.
- g) *Bursar*: Starting the Spring 2020 semester financial aid is going to pay after the 10th class day. This will help to avoid trying to get money back from students when they enroll, receive financial aid, and drop classes.
- h) *Center of Health and Well Being*: Welcome RN Kirby Hood. SWOSU is working in collaboration with Weatherford Regional Hospital (WHR) to promote student health. As a component of this co-sourcing model, a WHR nurse will maintain an office here and be available for students free of charge Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Services include immunizations, testing for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and CLIA-waived testing including Strep, Influenza, and urine analysis. A \$10 copay is charged to a student's bursar account if a physician's appointment is scheduled through the University.
- i) *Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CTEL)*: Received a \$2,000 grant from OSHRE for a remote proctoring project. They are using the grant to purchase additional seats for Respondus. Respondus has training sessions throughout the month that are fee of charge. Look for announcements in Canvas for the training.
- j) *Enrollment Management*: SWOSU Saturday will be Virtual on Saturday, November 14th. This will be Zoom sessions that perspective students can select from to participate with faculty and staff.
- k) *Human Resources*: Benefits Enrollment for calendar year 2021 will be open from October 23rd to November 6th. This year will allow for a passive enrollment option. Check your email for more information.
- l) *ITS*: Email Migration from Microsoft Exchange to 0365 should be wrapped up later this week. October is Cyber Security month; Cyber Security training should be our soon.
- m) *Library*: The book collection is back from offsite storage however, requests for books still need to be made at the front desk due to the second floor of the library still under construction.
- n) *Sponsored Programs*: SWOSU Research and Scholarly Activity Fair will be November 13th, registration information will be released soon. Oklahoma Research day will be virtual and is set for March 5th.
- o) *President*: We continue to watch both the state and federal budget issues. State leaders are saying they are cautiously optimistic about the state budget. In December we will see a preliminary release as far as what the expectation for fiscal year 2022 numbers will be and then those will be certified in February of 2021. We are still watching to see if there's going to be another stimulus bill on

the Federal level but do not expect anything to move until after the election, maybe even after January 20th.

2. Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. South October 29, 2020
 - a) *Spring 2021 Semester*: Spring Break canceled, press release should go out Friday, October 30, 2020 or early next week. The Spring Semester will begin as planned ending a week early.
 - b) *Promotion and Tenure*: Because of the ice and electrical problems this week, ***I am extending the deadline for the Chair/Associate Dean to meet with candidates for continuance until next Friday, November 6.*** No other timelines for faculty evaluation (including Promotion/Tenure and Post-Tenure Review) will be affected.
 - c) *State Budget*: Expecting a 4% budget cut.
 - d) *Provost Search*: Should start in late Fall depending on Dr. South's retirement date which he is checking into.
 - e) *Faculty handbook*: The Faculty Handbook needs some adjustments concerning Continuance, P&T, and Post Tenure Review. Please have the Chair of the University Policies Committee contact him.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Carie Strauch

1. Will fill out Roll Sheet – Please check the minutes carefully from each meeting to be assured you were not missed.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a) BancFirst
 - (1) September Balance: \$1,518.88
 - (2) Withdrawal: \$0
 - (3) Deposit: \$585.00
 - (4) Current Balance: \$2103.88
 - b) University Account
 - (1) May Balance: \$105.01
 - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Amanda Evert:

D. Past President Stephen Burgess:

E. Faculty Athletic Representative Bo Pagliasotti: NCAA cooperative- diversity and inclusion week, SWOSU this week did something different every day to include all-together we rise- interviews with coaches, I got your back- players who had gone through things and someone helped them out. Links to the videos by following the SWOSU athletics on social media. NCAA has a big sheet I AM and the student athletes put something on there relating to them.

F. Student Government Representative Natalie Kinder: Talking about the resolution with student government- to be discussed in new business.

VII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

VIII. Unfinished Business:

IX. New Business:

- A. *SGA*: – Senate Resolution No. SRF2002 (See Appendix A) Discussion: no discussion. N. Kinder recapped the resolution and explained reasoning of the resolution.
- B. *SWOSU Closing announcement*: Discussion: language used in announcement. “Virtual classes may be held, contact your Instructor” Discussion- J. Salmans department had difficulty with this announcement and was asked to pass that on. Many others agreed that it was inappropriate. The school needs to be closed or not due to electricity and internet issues widespread.
- C. *FUPTRC Committee*: See Appendix B See who would like to serve in that capacity in the different colleges. Need 1 from CPGS, 3 for Arts and Sciences, 1 from CETL/ Library. Need to get names by Monday November 16, 2020 at 5 pm. Discussion on how to get these representatives from the different colleges. S. Burgess will do for CPGS, J. Dunn will do for AAS, P. Fitzsimmons and J. Dupree for CETL/Library.

X. Adjournment: 3:20

XI. Next Meeting: Friday, November 20, 2020, 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Fall 2020 Meetings, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, August 28, 2020
Friday September 25, 2020
Friday October 30, 2020
Friday November 20, 2020
Friday December 4, 2020

Spring 2021 Meetings, 2:30 p.m.

Friday January 29, 2021
Friday February 26, 2021
Friday March 26, 2021
Friday April 30, 2021
Wednesday May 5, 2021

Appendix A

Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Student Senate
Ninth Legislative Day of the 75th Senate (Fall 2020)

Senate Resolution No. SRF2002

AS INTRODUCED

By: President Kinder

A resolution relating to increasing the student body voting participation, strongly encouraging professors to not enforce attendance policies on Election Day, November 3rd, 2020.

WHEREAS: Student body voting participation has been historically low on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus.

WHEREAS: Scheduled classes and scholarly duties prevent students from exercising their right to vote, and/or volunteer at polling places.

WHEREAS: It is a student's civic duty to cast their vote and make their voice heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY:

THAT: All SWOSU professors are strongly encouraged by the SWOSU Student Government Association to not enforce attendance policies on Election Day, November 3rd, 2020.

THAT: Support of this resolution will increase civic engagement of the SWOSU student body, as well as prevent hindrances towards students' ability to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

THAT: Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to President Randy Beutler, Vice President of Student Affairs Ruth Boyd, President of Faculty Senate Karen Sweeney, and the SWOSU Student Body via electronic means.

First Reading

Date: _____ Recommendation: _____

Second Reading:

Date: _____ Action: _____ by a vote of ___ in the _____ to _____ in the _____

President Pro-Tempore of the Senate

Student Body President

Appendix B

Composition of FUTPRC for 2020-2021 and the current status of those faculty.

College	Member	Status	Expires
COP	Barry Gales	Continuing	2021
CETL/Library	Mapopa Sanga	Continuing	2020
CAS	Steve O'Neal	Continuing	2020
CAS	Sunu Kodumthara	Continuing	2020
CAS	Victoria Gaydosik	Term Expired	
CPGS	Trish Wald	Continuing	2020
CPGS	Jared Edwards	Continuing	2021
CPGS	Amber Sturgeon	Continuing	2021