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# SWOSU Faculty Senate

Approved Minutes

Friday, November 20, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/91300330655?pwd=RWFrZEZERWpSRk1tRjVDc0w0SzViUT09>

- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Karen Sweeney called the November 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at \_\_\_2:30\_\_ via Zoom.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** Brewer, Brogdon, Burgess, Chase, Claborn, Dunn, Ellis, Evert, Farris, Fitzsimmons, Ghosh, Gore, Hix, Kodumthara, Landrum-Geyer, Lawrence, Lee, Lloyd, Long, Meliza, Nix, K. O’Neal, S. O’Neal, Pritchard, Salmans, Saluja, Sevin, Stein, Strauch, Sweeney, Ubeidat
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** Nate Hicks for Hank Ramsey
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** October 2020 approved.
- VI. **Announcements**
  - A. President Karen Sweeney
    1. Executive Council and Administrative Council – Monday, November 9, 2020
      - a) *President:*
        - (1) Seeing a spike in COVID-19 numbers since the ice storm. In Oklahoma cases reached 4500. Weatherford High School quarantined 25 – 29 students due to exposure from one student with a positive test. We have not seen a spike on campus from students while in the classroom. No spikes due to practices or Pharmacy students. Wearing masks off campus is encouraged for all. Once the vaccine is distributed (possibly Fall 2021) we can lighten up on our policies.
        - (2) Wastewater is currently being tested from dorms to establish a baseline of COVID-19 cases. Cannot tell how many COVID-19 cases we have but can see if cases increase or decrease. We now have three weeks of testing (should have four weeks but due to ice storm it was not collected) and it will take more tests to establish the baseline. We will continue testing once we go virtual after Thanksgiving Break because students will still be in dorms.
        - (3) At the State Regents Special Budget Meeting the request on behalf of the state system of higher education was approved for the FY2022 budget, which includes an increase of \$88.8 million over the current fiscal year. The budget is, of course, our biggest issue when coming into the next legislative session. With the election old issues can resurface such as gun control. Normally the house is supportive (looking at guns) but it still comes up. They usually state the current law is adequate and should remain. At SWOSU if you want to go through training to be a cleat officer and want to carry a gun, SWOSU will approve you to carry a

gun. If other issues come up, where you feel threatened, please let the President, Provost, and/or SWOSU Police know immediately.

- (4) Previously the Chancellor of the State Regents announced his retirement at the end of December 2020 due to public pressure put on him by Governor Stitt. However, the search for a new Chancellor has since died down due to COVID-19 so there is no more mention at this time of the Chancellor's retirement.
  - (5) A few events will occur after we go virtual following Thanksgiving Break. Protocols have been set that must be followed to hold an outside event at SWOSU, ex: Caring and Sharing.
  - (6) Currently there are plans to hold basketball games in the Spring depending on the protocols are setup. To start on 1/7, volleyball and softball also to start in spring.
- b) *Provost: Spring Break* has been officially cancelled. We are one of three schools that have cancelled Spring Break other schools are waiting to see the number of COVID-19 cases and CDC guidelines that might change.
  - c) *Associate Provost:* Received our draft report from HLC on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. SWOSU met all components with no mentoring needed. There will be another small HLC visit in four years, not in person but will need to resubmit. Three items were recommended to continue or to grow: diversity and inclusion efforts, adjunct review, and Institutional succession (ex. Title 3 grant will soon expire, and they would like to see the work done with the grant to continue). Want us to show more items of support in these areas. In January 2021 they will meet again for the final review. Overall, there was great support. Statements throughout were great like, SWOSU supports their students and public very well. See Appendix B for more comments concerning faculty.
2. Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. Kendall November 18, 2020
- a) *Spring 2021 Semester:* Spring Break cancelled; press release was sent out. The Spring Semester will begin as planned ending a week early. Currently there is no plan to go virtual in the Spring. Discussion is ongoing to allow faculty to work remotely. It has not been decided if the form to work remotely will be used from this semester, or if a new form will be needed, or if that option will be available. Chairs were asked to let Registrar and Administration know if classes would be offered face-to-face, blended, or online. If online, then the class must be approved by CETL.
  - b) *Title IX training* – See email to complete the training.
  - c) *Enrollment:* Student enrolled as of November 9 were 1100. Please try to enroll students before we go virtual. If students should have holds you can create the students plan and they can register for the classes once the hold is removed or they can go to enrollment and have them register them in the courses.
  - d) *President Search Committee:* As many of you have seen I am on this committee. The initial meeting with the Screening Committee was held on November 19. Once candidates have been screened by the committee and candidates have been chosen on January 7 and/or 8: Zoom Interviews; January 21 or 22: Finalist Interviews; January 30 New President Announced. I would

like to ask all Faculty Senate Members to send me questions that they would like answered for the candidate interviews (please send via email).

**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) October Balance: \$2103.88
    - (2) Withdrawal: \$0
    - (3) Deposit: \$100.00
    - (4) Current Balance: \$2203.88
  - b) University Account
    - (1) May Balance: \$105.01
    - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01

C. President-Elect Amanda Evert: nothing to discuss

D. Past President Stephen Burgess: nothing to discuss

E. Faculty Athletic Representative Bo Pagliasotti: fall sports will be on abbreviated schedule in spring. Football already approved for 11 games in the fall. Cross Country will be hosting meet in February at SWOSU. Will monitor how the athletes will be monitored throughout the meet. Most sports problem has been people in stands, concessions, travel from fans as opposed to athletes- so may see limit of fans and concessions, etc.

F. Student Government Representative Natalie Kinder: not present

**VII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:** nothing

**VIII. Unfinished Business:** FUPTRC etc. moved to unfinished business

**IX. New Business:**

A. *FUPTRC and Appeals Committee:* See Appendix A moved to unfinished business

**X. Adjournment:** 3:12

**XI. Next Meeting:** Friday, December 4, 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

FUPTRC 2020-2021 and the current status of those faculty.

<b>College</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Expires</b>
COP	Barry Gales	Continuing	2021
CETL/Library	Frederic Murray	Continuing	2022
CAS	Shelley Martinson	Continuing	2022
CAS	Lisa Boggs	Continuing	2022
CAS	Jerry Dunn*	Term Expired	2021
CPGS	Amy Barnett	Continuing	2022
CPGS	Jared Edwards	Continuing	2021
CPGS	Amber Sturgeon	Continuing	2021

\*Note that Jerry Dunn will serve one year as a substitute for Victoria Gaydosik's term from the previous FUTRPC.

For appeals:

CoP: Virgil Van Dusen

CAS: E.K. Jeong

CPGS: Allen Boyd

CETL/Library: Mapopa Sanga

## Appendix B

“Students in the survey and in meetings during the campus visit had positive remarks about the faculty and their preparedness to teach the course material. Area employers who regularly hire SWOSU graduates stated that they were well prepared and were essential to the growth and development of the region's industry, and education and medical sectors.”

“SWOSU faculty and students contribute to scholarship, creative work, and the discovery of knowledge appropriate to the university's mission as a regional, public institution...The university also has a strong record of extramural funding and appropriately values research in the tenure and promotion process. Finally, the university has hosted a Research and Scholarly Activity Fair for 25 years that showcases student research. The projects from the example included in the assurance argument covered many of the university's academic programs and demonstrated important research that is supported by faculty.”

“Southwestern Oklahoma State University demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments and support services. The institution evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement...SWOSU has taken major steps toward integrating their assessment processes to involve faculty, staff, students and stakeholders in a more collaborative workflow, which includes scaffolding and aligning learning outcomes.”

“Southwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered. The faculty and staff are appropriately qualified and trained and the university is committed to ongoing professional development. The general education program is appropriate for the university's mission as a regional public institution, and the assessment efforts are designed to gather relevant data to inform continuous quality improvement efforts.”

Once the report is accepted by the Institutional Actions Council, the report will be put on our website. That will probably happen in January.

Thanks,

**Dr. Joel Kendall**

Associate Provost

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