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SWOSU Faculty Senate Unofficial Minutes

Friday, January 28, 2022, 2:30 p.m. in STF 108

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96513419734>

- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Amanda Evert called the January 2022 meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 2:32 via Zoom.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** Jessica Salmans, Swarup Ghosh, Landry Brewer, Melanie Claborn, Jeremy Johnson, Nolan Meditz, Alex Lee, Sherri Brogdon, Tugba Sevin, Angela Gore, Brett Chase, Hardeep Saluja, Stephen Burgess, Amanda Evert, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Jon Henrikson, Daniel Kavish, Dana Lloyd, Vanesa Nix, Dana Oliver, Kathy O'Neal, Eric Pritchard, Karen Sweeney, Bo Pagliasotti, Scott Long, Ryan Agyemang
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** Eric Paul for Jimena Aracena
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** December 2021
- VI. **Announcements**
 1. Executive Council & Administrative Council Meeting on Jan. 10.
 - Yukon enrollments are up from last fall.
 - Faculty are encouraged to make sure their students know how to use the SWOSU Covid-19 Reporting Form.
https://swosu.formstack.com/forms/covid19_exposure_or_positive_report_fom
 - There are many new SWOSU job postings. Please share them with your professional networks.
 - There are two new positions. Dean of Enrollment – Dr. Jonna Myers and Assistant Vice President for Strategic Alliances – Dr. Kinder
 - The Website is a recruitment tool!
 - Dr. Lovell requested that faculty and staff review their pages on the website and send corrections to their department chairs to be submitted on official website change request form.
 - Maybe ask students to review the website with you.
 - Dedication of Stafford Archives is delayed because of Omicron spike.
 - The current organizational chart will be posted on the website.
 - Hodge Center is moving forward with listening sessions.
 2. Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. Kendall Jan. 26.
 - Covid Update
 - The recent 2 vaccination and booster clinics served about 250 people.
 - SWOSU now has tests available for students, faculty, and staff.
 - Hodge Center Project is growing
 - Funding includes the initial Hodge gift, Weatherford sales tax funds, and potential funding from the legislature.
 - Center plans are dependent on funding opportunities.
 - Review Utilization and Allocation Taskforce for the Sayre campus has been created.
 - Taskforce members include Sayre and Weatherford campus representatives.

- Taskforce is responsible for providing their report by the end of the spring semester.
- University Academic Advising Committee met Jan. 24.
 - Below are the priorities they established.
 - Faculty Advising Training
 - Better documentation of transfer students' credits
 - Better tracking of remediation
 - More communication of Early Alert grades/classes to advisors
 - Request Chairs should hold advisor training sessions
 - Equitable advising loads
- Enrollment update
 - Dr. Kendall provided handouts about SWOSU's status within the state.
 - Up 0.2% in headcount which equates to 10 students.
 - Yukon has 82 students this spring
 - SWOSU is the only RUSO school that is not down in enrollments.
 - UCO is down 6%, SE down 2% and NE down 2.8%
 - Academic Schedule
 - Fall start date of August 22nd
 - Keeps us on schedule with Weatherford Public schools
 - As well as OSU and OU

VII. Secretary/Treasurer Stephen Burgess

1. Please check the minutes carefully from each meeting to be assured you were not missed.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a) BancFirst
 - (1) Balance: \$2,109.38
 - (2) Withdrawal: \$131.91
 - (3) Deposit:
 - (4) Current Balance: \$1,977.47
 - b) University Account
 - (1) September Balance: \$105.01
 - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01
- President-Elect Holly McKee: None
- Past President Karen Sweeney: None
- Faculty Athletic Representative Bo Pagliasotti: NCAA is focusing on mental health, Testing for COVID will be symptom based instead of mandatory.
- Student Government Representative: None

VIII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

IX. Unfinished Business:

X. New Business:

- Replacement of Shelley Martinson (New Department Chair) on FUPTRC Dr. Evert to find out how this to be accomplished.
- Guns on Campus discussion consideration of submitting a 2022 resolution.

Motion to reaffirm Faculty Senate resolution related to guns on campus from 2020 revised from 2015 (statement below). Motion passed.

Faculty Senate Resolution 2015-02-01: The Faculty Senate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University hereby present the following resolution relating to firearms on college campuses and other purposes.

WHEREAS: The Oklahoma State Regents, the Chancellor, the presidents of all twenty-five institutions, and members of all institutional governing boards believe that there is no scenario where allowing firearms on campuses will do anything other than create a potentially dangerous environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors; and WHEREAS: The safety of our campus is of the utmost importance to students, parents, faculty, and staff; and WHEREAS: The risks associated with accidental discharge, weapon theft and weapon storage are greater in shared learning, socializing and residential spaces such as those utilized on and around campuses; and WHEREAS: Guns on campuses could potentially increase student homicides, injury and suicide, and compromise the safety of police officers and security personnel, along with other campus populations; WHEREAS: The opinions of faculty should be thought of when a question of firearms on campuses is before a legislator or State Regent. NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the Faculty Senate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University: THAT: The members of the Faculty Senate on the behalf of the faculty of Southwestern Oklahoma State University oppose any legislation extending the rights to carry open or concealed weapons on campus.

Feb. 28, 2020 Minutes - Voted to resubmit Senate Resolution 2015-02-01 with the following amendment: Replaced original closing paragraph with... “Therefore, be it resolved, the members of the Faculty Senate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University support maintaining the current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the President has the discretion to allow individuals to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it. We strongly oppose any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.”

XI. Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Friday February 25, 2022

Spring 2022 Meetings, 2:30 p.m.

Friday February 25, 2022

Friday March 25, 2022

Friday April 29, 2022

Wednesday May 11, 2022