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# SWOSU Faculty Senate Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 2:30 p.m.  
Unapproved Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Amanda Evert called the June 2021 meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** Phillip Fitzsimmons, Tugba Sevin, Eric Paul, Vanessa Nix, Dana Lloyd, Tammy Blatnick, Sunu Kodumthara, Muatasem Ubeidat, Jeremy Johnson, Landry Brewer, Trevor Ellis, Scott Long, Alex Lee, Holly McKee, Nolan Meditz, Jon Henrikson, Melanie Claborn, Swarup Ghosh, Dana Oliver, Hardeep Saluja, Eric Pritchard, Brett Chase, Danial Kavish, Kathy O'Neal, Karen Sweeney, Bo Pagliasotti
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** Tammy Blatnick substituting for Angela Gore and Dr. Sunu Kodumthara substituting for Jieun Chang.
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes: May 2021** – Dr. Yvette Meliza wasn't mentioned as going off with Dana Oliver coming on. Jeremy Johnson wasn't included in the minutes.
- VI. **Announcements**
  1. Executive Council & Administrative Council Meeting:
    - a) Federal funding changes in Higher Education funding.  
Possibilities discussed
      - ⊃ Free Community College
      - ⊃ Increasing Pell by \$1,875
      - ⊃ Providing Pell to DACANone have been decided upon at this time.
    - b) State funding  
5% education increase
      - ⊃ Ear-marked focus areas: STEM Work Force, Teacher Shortage, Nursing/Healthcare.
      - ⊃ \$100,000 unearmarked and will probably all be used for health insurance increases.
      - ⊃ Concurrent enrollment will be fully fund high school seniors
      - ⊃ Increased funding for National Guard
    - c) CARES ACT
      - ⊃ Provides \$5.3 million directly to students and \$5 million to university
      - ⊃ Unsure exactly how SWOSU is allowed to spend the \$5 million
    - d) SWOSU
      - ⊃ Not planning to increase tuition
      - ⊃ Is increasing housing and meal rates
        - Housing up \$100-\$150 per semester

- Meal rates up \$60-\$70
- e) Redistricting
  - ə Details are in House Bill 1198 and Senate Bill 1066
- f) New Legislation
  - ə Senate Bill 658
    - Prohibits Mask Mandate on State Properties
    - Prohibits COVID Vaccination Mandate for college students
  - ə Senate Bill 683
    - Teachers Retirement -Non-classified personnel can join system
  - ə House Bill 2316
    - Sex Trafficking Education- Allowing certain nonprofit organizations to present sex trafficking and exploitation prevention and education programs for students on university campuses
- 2. Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. South and Dr. Kendall June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
  - ə Yukon Location Prospects
    - Population growth is higher in the metro area.
    - Could someday be as large as Weatherford location.
  - ə Yukon is asking for a bond issue for a new building in the fall.
    - Part of their new building could be a floor for SWOSU.
    - Yukon administration is allowed to decide who teaches their concurrent classes and selected SWOSU.
  - ə State fully funded FY 2022 National Guard, but SWOU is required to absorb the first 300 hours.
  - ə Unsure exactly how SWOSU is allowed to spend the newest CARES ACT
    - Important to remember it is not continuing money
      - Federal Government says it could be for technology and distance education
      - New change for this round is student portion can support international students and DACA students
  - ə Dr. South also asked if anyone knows of SWOSU members of AAUP. Dr. South is retiring, and he is the only signature on the account, and he needs to get it resolved. If not, the funds (\$600) will go back to the national office.

**No comments or questions were had.**

## **VII. Secretary/Treasurer Stephen Burgess**

1. Please check the minutes carefully from each meeting to be assured you were not missed. Also, please be sure to add your name in the chat for attendance.

2. Treasurer's Report – There is still an outstanding bill of \$80.54 for the faculty reception.

a) BancFirst

(1) May Balance: \$2,203.88

(2) Withdrawal: \$0

(3) Deposit:

(4) Current Balance: \$2,203.88

b) University Account

(1) May Balance: \$105.01

(2) Current Balance: \$105.01

• President-Elect Holly McKee: Nothing to report.

• Past President Karen Sweeney: Noted that the finals schedule stated that if students didn't complete the final then they got an automatic incomplete and the next full semester to take it.

• Faculty Athletic Representative Bo Pagliasotti: No response.

• Student Government Representative: Absent.

VIII. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: Nothing to report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

X. New Business:

1. Discuss

ə Faculty Senate Committee Assignments Working Draft

ə Can non-voting members be on Faculty Senate Committees?

Discussion was had as to whether nonvoting members could serve on a Faculty Senate committee. Motion was made that nonvoting, nonelected faculty members could serve on a faculty senate committee. Motion passed.

ə Possibility of returning to face-to-face Faculty Senate meetings

First face-to-face meeting would take place in August and also be offered through Zoom.

XI. Adjournment: Time ????

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Fall 2021 Meetings, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, August 27, 2021

Friday September 24, 2021

Friday October 29, 2021

Friday November 19, 2021

Friday December 3, 2021

Spring 2022 Meetings, 2:30 p.m.

Friday January 28, 2022

Friday February 25, 2022  
Friday March 25, 2022  
Friday April 29, 2022  
Wednesday May 11, 2022