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Friday, October 28, 2022 @ 2:30 PM in STF 110 and
via Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94237866395>

- ❖ **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by President Jessica Salmans at 2:30 PM.
- ❖ **Establishment of a Quorum:** Jimena Aracena, Landry Brewer, Nathan Brooks, Jieun Chang, Glenna Davis, Marc DiPaolo, Jared Edwards, Trevor Ellis, Amanda Evert, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Swarup Ghosh, Angela Gore, Jon Henrikson, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Kavish, Sharon Lawrence, Alex Lee, Holly Mace, Shelley Martinson, Nolan Meditz, Vanessa Nix, Andy North, Kathy O'Neal, Dana Oliver, Eric Pritchard, Brian Rickel, Hardeep Saluja, Horrick Sharma, Debra Stevens, Ubeidat Muatasem
- ❖ **Certification of Substitutes:**
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September 30, 2022 were approved.
- ❖ **Reports from Representatives**
 - **Faculty Athletic Representative** Bo Pagliasotti
 - Nothing to report
 - **Student Government Representative** Frankie Acuna
 - Nothing to report
 - **Library Representative** Phillip Fitzsimmons
 - April Miller is now the Access and Outreach Services Librarian
 - Philip Fitzsimmons is now the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian
 - Upcoming Weatherford event:
 - Monday, November 21 – 10:00 AM to Noon: Dedication of the Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford Elementary School at 8000 N Daniel St.
 - Monday, November 21 – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM: Stories at the Stafford event for members of the Stafford Air and Space Museum
 - Tuesday, November 22 – Noon to 2:00 PM: Dedication of the new airport terminal at the Thomas P. Stafford
 - **Staff Council Member:**
 - Nothing to report
 - After reports, representatives present were given the option to leave the meeting
- ❖ **Announcements**
 - Executive Council & Administrative Council Meeting
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 - SWOSU Saturday upcoming (Weekend of November 5)
 - Continued push for enrollment for the Spring semester
 - Heard from Dean of Enrollment regarding current numbers
 - Discussions about adding more general education sections and adjunct listings
 - Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. Kendall on October 26.
 - Dr. Kendall provided information about enrollment numbers compared to same time last year.
 - Enrollment Head Count and Credit Hours are up compared to this time last year.
 - Lower division courses up the greatest, upper division courses are relatively flat in change compared to last year at this time and graduate courses are down in number currently, compared to same period as last year.

- Dr. Kendall did emphasize that this will have an ebb and flow through the enrollment process heading into spring, but numbers are encouraging.
- There is discussion of pushing “no out-of-state tuition” as a recruiting tool.
- Currently in discussion with Elk City and Clinton to expand concurrent enrollment program.
- Discussed that 23% of current enrolled SWOSU students do not have ACT scores on file.
 - Students have been placed in courses based on GPA, currently there are people tracking student outcomes of students with ACT scores vs. those who do not in relation to course placement.
 - Faculty discussed concerns about GPA placement along with potential of using a “placement” test offered through the assessment office, which has no cost to the students as a potential method if ACT is not being used.
- Fall Commencement will be held on December 16.
 - Faculty participation is optional but encouraged.
- Changes in the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award process are coming.
 - Increased publicizing.
 - Providing additional help and resources to those applying.
 - Increase the meaning of the experience.
- Wellness Screenings are now happening through Rural Health/Sarah Yount.
 - Senators discussed the process and reasons for changes, as well as experiences in the sign-up process.
- First “Faculty Coffee Break” was held Thursday, October 27.
 - Will be additional occurrences on different days.
 - Discussion among Senators about the purpose and the desire to fit into the recognizing of faculty or specific individuals during the events.
- Due to changes in GE listings to allow SWOSU to align with other universities in Oklahoma, all programs are being modified by Provost office. If departments have additional changes to be made, deadline would be Monday, October 31 to the Provost office.

❖ **New Business**

➤ SWOSU President Listening Sessions

- Faculty Senators that had participated in one of the sessions discussed the process and provided an overview of the session.
- Faculty Senators discussed and inquired about the process for better understanding.
- New questions were brought forth, which may require the formation of ad hoc committees to provide answers.
- Faculty Senate President requested Senators provide her questions they had before the next meeting in order to provide a means to draw focus on they formation of any ad hoc committees and the mission/direction given to any committees formed.

❖ **Secretary/Treasurer Jon Henrikson**

- Please check the minutes carefully from each meeting to be assured you were not missed.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - BancFirst

	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
End of October Balance			\$2335.57
Current Balance			\$2335.57

- University Account
 - When visiting with Business Office, the account was closed out at some point due to inactivity. Working on recovering the account.
- ❖ **President-Elect** Trevor Ellis
 - Discussed the need to review the standing Faculty Senate Committees, as there are some vacancies on some of the committees from Senators whose terms ended in May 2022. Suggested that we fill these positions at the next meeting.
- ❖ **Past President** Amanda Evert
 - Nothing to report
- ❖ **Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**
 - FUPTRC Committee Makeup for 22/23 academic year:
 - Dr. Jimena Aracena (CAS 22/23 term)
 - Dr. Jorie Edwards (CPGS 22/23 term)
 - Dr. Trevor Ellis (CAS 23/24 term)
 - Dr. Sunu Kodumthara (CAS 23/24 term)
 - Dr. Scott Long (COP (22/23 term)
 - Dr. Anne Pate (CPGS 23/24 term)
 - Dr. Hank Ramsey (CPGS 22/23 term)
 - Dr. Mapopa Sanga CETL/Library (23/24 term)
- ❖ **Unfinished Business**
 - Engagement and Office Hours statement for SWOSU Faculty Handbook
 - Faculty Senate has a tabled discussion regarding input/crafting a statement for the Faculty Handbook related to Dr. Kendall's initial discussion at the September Faculty Senate Meeting.
 - Motion 10-29-22 1: Table discussion until November Faculty Senate Meeting to fill positions in Faculty Senate Standing Committees. Motion passed.
- ❖ **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM
- ❖ **Next Meeting:** Friday, November 18 at 2:30 PM