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# SWOSU Faculty Senate Official Minutes

Friday, November 18, 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, Marc DiPaolo, Jared Edwards, Trevor Ellis, Amanda Evert, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Swarup Ghosh, Angela Gore, Jon Henrikson, Jeremy Johnson, Sharon Lawrence, Alex Lee, Nolan Meditz, Vanessa Nix, Andy North, Kathy O'Neal, Bo Pagliasotti, Eric Pritchard, Brian Rickel, Hardeep Saluja, Horrick Sharma, Debra Stevens, Ubeidat Muatasem
- ❖ **Certification of Substitutes:** Anne Pate for Dana Lloyd; Lincoln Brown for Holly Mace; Didier Khoo for Shelley Martinson
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from October 28, 2022 were approved with the correction regarding April Miller now being the Access and Outreach Services Librarian.
- ❖ **Reports from Representatives**
  - **Faculty Athletic Representative** Bo Pagliasotti
    - Nothing to report
  - **Student Government Representative** Frankie Acuna
    - Nothing to report
  - **Library Representative** Phillip Fitzsimmons
    - Digital Commons
      - SWOSU Digital Commons has passed 1,000,000 downloads from over 220 countries since starting up in 2016.
      - Currently uploading archives of recordings from sporting events.
      - Discussed how individuals could obtain monthly reports on where items posted have been downloaded and how often those items were downloaded
  - **Staff Council Member:**
    - Nothing to report
  - After reports, representatives present were given the option to leave the meeting
- ❖ **Announcements**
  - Executive Council & Administrative Council Meeting
    - Updates were provided on enrollment during the council meeting.
      - If individuals would like to be on the email list for the Weekly Enrollment Report, they should contact Keith Sayles
      - RUSO On-Campus visits by an enrollment/recruitment consultant hired by Regents will be occurring over the next few months
  - Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. Kendall on November 16.
    - Dr. Kendall state that enrollment was on a positive trend in year to year comparison to Fall 2021 numbers at this time.
    - Reminder that SWOSU will hold a Fall Commencement on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 PM
    - Dr. Kendall provided information that the \$100/credit hour online fee as a stipend for faculty will not be present starting during the Fall 2023 academic year.

- Rationale: Originally the stipend was created in the context for supporting the creation on online course content, but due to the changes that were forced in dealing with COVID, it is felt that the current status quo for the original rationale has changed.
  - Senators discussed thoughts about the stipend and asked additional questions.
- Discussed budget process and Dr. Kendall emphasized that Academics would be involved in looking at efficiencies with the University Programs
  - Part of discussions at meeting led to a request that faculty provide Dr. Kendall with points to support the benefits of full-time faculty positions and the benefits to SWOSU students
    - Senators discussed data such as Student Satisfaction Surveys compared with other RUSO schools.
    - Dr. Marc DiPaolo offered to take the lead of compiling service and scholarly work provided by faculty from the various departments on campus.
      - (a) Senators discussed format of information, in part of this discussion, questions related to extent and level of detail was brought up.
      - (b) It was agreed that having a discussion with Dr. Kendall about exact context of information he was desiring would be the best direction to ensure Faculty Senate provides the best possible support.

❖ **New Business**

➤ Faculty Senate Committees

- Faculty Senate President Salmans provided a working draft of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees and the focus of the different Faculty Senate Standing Committees prior to the November meeting.
- To start resolving questions and current discussions at hand, President Salmans requested that we work to fill the following committees at the December Faculty Senate Meeting:
  - Budget and Program Committee
  - Policy and Personnel Committee
  - University Policy Committee
- Senators agreed to this plan presented by President Salmans

❖ **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 November Balance			\$2335.39
Current Balance			\$2335.39

○ University Account

- Still working on details to recover the Faculty Senate University account.

❖ **President-Elect** Trevor Ellis

➤ Nothing to report

❖ **Past President** Amanda Evert

➤ Nothing to report

❖ **Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

- Nothing to report

❖ **Unfinished Business**

- Engagement and Office Hours statement for SWOSU Faculty Handbook
  - Faculty Senate had 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 from the October meeting to fill Faculty Senate Standing Committee positions.
  - Motion 11-18-22 1: Continue to table discussion of the Engagement and Office Hours statement until resolution in Faculty Senate Standing Committees brought up in New Business. Motion passed.

❖ **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM

❖ **Next Meeting:** Friday, December 9 at 2:30 PM