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SWOSU Faculty Senate Official Minutes

Friday, December 9, 2022 @ 2:30 PM in STF 108 and
via Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96784042379>

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, Marc DiPaolo, Jared Edwards, Amanda Evert, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Swarup Ghosh, Angela Gore, Jon Henrikson, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Kavish, Alex Lee, Dana Lloyd, Shelley Martinson, Nolan Meditz, Vanessa Nix, Kathy O'Neal, Dana Oliver, Bo Pagliasotti, Brian Rickel, Hardeep Saluja, Horrick Sharma, Debra Stevens, Ubeidat Muatasem

❖ **Certification of Substitutes:**

❖ **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from November 18, 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

○ Weatherford Daily News writing a feature story on the modern library.

➤ **Staff Council Member:**

○ Nothing to report.

➤ After reports, representatives present were given the option to leave the meeting.

❖ **Announcements**

➤ Executive Council & Administrative Council Meeting

○ January 26 – 27: RUSO board will be on SWOSU campus.

○ Jason Merriweather, the Enrollment/Recruitment consultant through RUSO, may be on campus at some point during the Spring 2023 semester.

○ Fall Commencement is December 16 at 6 PM at the PCEC.

○ Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) restated the policy that all paperwork must be submitted on a grant before money can be spent.

○ Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) will be adding new video software and accessibility software in the Spring 2023 semester.

○ A form for microcredentials has been created on Etrieve.

○ Ms. Brenda Burgess announced that a SWOSU facility at Foss will go up for public auction on December 15, 2022.

○ Various Legislative Bills and Policies are currently being enacted or in process that may affect SWOSU community

• House Bill: Protecting students from objectionable material in the library went into effect on November 1, 2022.

▪ May require monthly report from library.

▪ Individuals are currently working to determine impact at SWOSU, particular with concurrent enrolled students.

• TikTok™ has been banned on any state used equipment.

➤ Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. Kendall on December 7, 2022.

○ Dr. Kendall, in combination with Brenda Burgess and David Misak, stated that there are no discussions about retrenchment happening in the budget plans for the next academic year.

- Meetings are still happening with individual Departments to look at ways to increase efficiencies.
 - Looking for enrollment trends.
 - Visiting with Chairs looking over frequency of course offerings, low enrollment electives, etc.
 - Trying to find a balance between offering enough sections for high demand courses vs. cutting back on low demand section frequency.
- Discussed the Oklahoma law which loosens requirements to teach K-12 classes.
 - Law states that a perspective educator needs a high school diploma and “distinguished qualifications”. Term “distinguished qualifications” is not defined in the law.
 - Senators had additional discussions in the meeting about this policy.
 - Discussed the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program ("Inspired to Teach") policy that had previously been enacted this year.
 - (a) Senators wanted to make sure students were aware of this program.
 - (b) Additional information was provided about current focus and advising to ensure new students and majors with education as a secondary degree are reached.
 - (c) Interdisciplinary Studies majors can also have access to the program and would need to visit with Dr. Klein for information.
 - Discussed the Federal guidance that no software may house database in foreign locations.’
 - Discussed Enrollment office sending out text message to all students who had not currently enrolled. Dr. Kendall wanted to make sure that this did not affect/frustrate faculty, since it was not announced.
 - Discussed Bursar related holds and issues with being able to enroll.
 - Dr. Kendall brought up that students can visit with Bursar office to make a plan or communicate what they can do at the moment, which can create an opportunity to allow students to enroll.

❖ **New Business**

- A question was posed by Dr. Kavish related to Pell Grants.
 - Does SWOSU have any plans to look at potential education opportunities for those that are currently incarcerated?
 - Rationale for question: Beginning July 1, Pell Grants will become accessible for those that are incarcerated.
- Faculty Senate Committees
 - Faculty Senate President Salmans discussed the process of putting together the committees.
 - Motion 12-9-22 1: President Salmans will send out a poll in January for Faculty Senators to determine if Senators wish to caucus to fill all positions on the Faculty Senate Committees as a reset or to fill currently vacant positions on the Faculty Senate Committees due to previous Senators leaving due to end of term. Motion Passed.

❖ **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

❖ **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 12-9-22 2: Retable 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 3:13 PM
- ❖ **Next Meeting:** Friday, January 27, 2023 at 2:30 PM