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## March 31, 2023 Minutes

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# SWOSU Faculty Senate Official Minutes

Friday, March 31, 2023 @ 2:30 PM in STF 108 and  
via Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99127834348>

**Call to Order:** Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by President Jessica Salmans Meditz at 2:31 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, Jon Henrikson, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Kavish, Sharon, Lawrence, Alex Lee, Dana Lloyd, Holly Mace, Shelley Martinson, Nolan Meditz, Vanessa Nix, Andy North, Kathy O’Neal, Bo Pagliasotti, Eric Pritchard, Brian Rickel, Hardeep Saluja, Horrick Sharma, Debra Stevens, Muatasem Ubeidat

❖ **Certification of Substitutes:** Dr. Meliza for Dr. Oliver

❖ **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from February 24, 2023 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

- SWOSU Budgets from 1985 to present have been uploaded to Digital Commons.
- Eatonia Newsletters from 1954 – 1980 have been uploaded to Digital Commons. Project is on-going for additional years

➤ **Staff Council Member:** Kathy Megli

- Nothing to report.

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

## ❖ **Announcements**

➤ Summary of Executive Council & Administrative Council Meetings

- Oklahoma Legislative Update:
  - Currently around 30 bills remaining that will directly affect Higher Education if passed.
  - The Governor has challenged OU and OSU to increase their enrollments.
    - Discussion on tuition at RUSO schools and OU/OSU are similar, but fees are much higher at OU and OSU. Due to fees, cost to attend OU/OSU almost double the cost to attend RUSO schools.
  - Discussed how to better serve 1<sup>st</sup> generation Hispanic community, since this is the fastest growing regional demographic.
  - Partnerships: Boeing is a possibility, as well as other major engine/parts manufacturers. WOSC partnership was finalized.
  - Dr. Merriweather made his campus visit.
  - SWOSU Yukon building has had a construction manager selected.
  - Reminder of caution regarding signing of contracts or accepting terms of service.
    - Concern is that it would be a signature of an agreement with SWOSU.
    - Only designated individuals may sign, need permission before selecting yes.
  - OSP wanted to remind everyone to spend their funds.
  - NSO’s begin April 7, with 200 students signed up for that date.
  - Bulldog Food and Resource Room served 385 students in February.
  - PR & Marketing has begun “A Day in the Life” series for students.
    - Students are loaned equipment to film their day. Contact Boone Clemmons for more information.

- PCEC won the bid to host the State Gymnastics meet on April 15.
  - Departments can set up a recruiting table at the event.
- Graduation Fee of \$100 beginning next year.
  - Senators discussed if this was a Cap & Gown Fee or what the purpose of the cost was for the students.
  - Information passed from council meetings was that SWOSU was the only RUSO school that currently did not have this fee.
- President Salmans Meditz shared the press release from the Chancellor regarding UpskillOK and micro-credentials and provided information about the project.
- President Salmans Meditz updated senators regarding the Perks and Benefits document that Cabinet has been going through. Garrett King is the contact person who is expecting something to be finalized next Thursday (April 6).
- Faculty Senate has requested that the “hold” amount for students to enroll be raised back to \$2000 to allow students to enroll when enrollment period opens, as the \$1000 limit instituted in Fall 2022 created issues.
  - At least 23 students were prevented from enrolling for the Spring 2023 semester back in the Fall.
  - Senators discussed inconsistencies in the policy, including where a student with a \$1073 bill was not allowed to enroll, but others with higher bursar bills were.
- President Salmans Meditz met with Dr. Kendall on Thursday, March 30.
  - Asked for clarification of the responsibilities and roll of the Dean of Enrollment
    - Dr. Kendall will provide a job description.
  - Creation of “Bulldog Central”
    - Being developed from discussions at HLC meetings Dr. Kendall has been attending.
    - Be centralized “hub” to provide advising.
    - Rene Bickle to coordinate; staff and students workers present.
    - Dr. Dipaolo inquired about the Honor’s Program and was interested in potentially spearheading this if it were to continue.
  - SWOSU will make the official move to 5 colleges during the Fall 2023 semester.
    - Senators inquired about how the graduate program is being handled, since split between different colleges. Questioned cost and administration.
    - Currently there has been stated that it is a net-neutral cost, but numbers are still being provided.
  - There is a OSHRE Meeting related to Artificial Intelligence on campuses.
    - Meeting is exploratory and Dr. Kendall has asked CETL members to sit in on meeting.
    - Discussed if a Faculty Senate *Ad Hoc* committee would want to be formed.
  - Graduation is May 6 at 10AM.

❖ **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
- Reminder that Senators should check to see if their terms will end at the close of this semester to make sure a replacement is determined if needed.
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- ❖ **President-Elect** Trevor Ellis
  - Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Past President** Amanda Evert
  - Provided additional comments about Graduation Fee.
- ❖ **Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**
  - Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Unfinished Business**
  - Will need to vote for Standing and Faculty Senate University Committees at next meeting. Dr. Kavish is compiling a list of openings to be sent out through Boone Clemmons. Be sure to canvas your departments to get faculty to help serve for the committees.
- ❖ **New Business**
  - Chair and Dean evaluations are out, discussed whether we want to ask for a Provost and President Evaluation Process.
    - President Salmans Meditz has requested information from the Assessment Center.
    - Senators discussed if survey was requested by Faculty Senate, what do we do with the data. In Institutional surveys, data is never seen by faculty.
    - Discussed what is done with feedback from Dean and Chair evaluations, who actually sees this information.
    - Questions about if other RUSO schools have similar evaluation processes as what is being proposed.
    - Discussed if Faculty Senate created this survey, who would disseminate the survey to faculty, how would the results survey be collected and processed, what would be the plan for the results.
    - A request for a motion was made by senators.
  - Point of Order prior to Motion for President Salmans Meditz to collect information from her position from the Assessment Office regarding the development process for the survey. If it is determined that the Assessment Office will generate the survey then the following motion for the data generated was submitted.
  - Motion 03-31-23 1: Data attained from the survey for the Provost and President evaluations be sent to the University Policies Committee Chair. The Chair of this committee will meet with other members to generate a report to be disseminated to Faculty Senate and Administration. Motion Passed.
- ❖ **Adjournment**
  - Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM
- ❖ **Next Meeting:** Friday, April 28, 2023 at 2:30 PM