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SWOSU Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 2:30 PM in STF 108

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Trevor Ellis at 2:32 PM
- **Establishment of a Quorum:** Lisa Appeddu, Jimena Aracena, Landry Brewer, Jieun Chang, Glenna Davis, Marc DiPaolo, Jared Edwards, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Swarup Ghosh, Jon Henrikson, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Kavish, Geo Kelly, Nolan Meditz, Vanessa Nix, Andy North, Kathy O'Neal, Bo Pagliasotti, Brian Rickel, Tyler Rickey, Jessica Salmans Meditz, Horrick Sharma, Debra Stevens, Richard Tirk, Muatasem Ubeidat
- **Certification of Substitutes:** Tammy Blatnick for Eunice Lonebear, Teri Stubbs for Sharon Lawrence, Daniel Faris for Shelly Martinson
- **Faculty Athletic Representative** Bo Pagliasotti
 1. Attended NCAA meetings with President and Athletic Director
- **Student Government Representative:** Jessica Findley: Nothing to report.
- **Library Representative:** Phillip Fitzsimmons
 1. Provided flyers for the Libby App which can be accessed with the SWOSU single sign-on and contains a repository of over 200,000 books.
- **Invited Staff Council Member** – Kasey Delk: Nothing to report.

Non-voting members and guests free to leave or may be asked to leave at this point depending on other items of discussion for the meeting

- **Presentation of Visitors:**
- **Approval of Minutes:** from the December 8, 2023 Meeting
- **Announcements**
 1. **Administrative Council Meeting January 8, 2024**
 - a. OSHRE
 - i. Concurrent Classes
 1. Comprehensive list of all concurrent classes from all universities made available to high schools
 2. Standardized tuition rates for concurrent classes
 3. Lowering required HS GPA from 3.0 to 2.5
 4. Guardrails
 - a. Forgiveness of W's and F's
How many times will the state pay for it?
 - b. How would this effect our traditional courses?
 - c. Concurrent is a new frontier and special exceptions are being made
 5. OER requirement
 6. Coach/Mentee Model
 - a. Mentee would eventually be certified through experience
 - b. How would faculty be compensated?
 - c. Already approved by HLC
 - b. Enrollment Report
 - i. Same trend as fall, headcount up and credit hours down
 1. Headcount 4441 (2024), 4427 (2023)
 2. Credit Hours 51218 (2024), 52710 (2023)
 - c. RUSO Meeting
 - i. January 24-26
 1. Tour campus morning of 25th
 - a. Good, bad, ugly walk through across campus.

- 2. Dinner evening of the 25th
 - 3. Open meeting 9:00 A.M. in the Skyview Room
- d. Executive Committee
 - i. Do employees/students know how to bring items to the attention of the committee
 - 1. Publish minutes just as we do for Administrative Council
- e. Rave
 - i. Numbers were imported from email account registration
 - ii. Testing is being done on January 16, 23, 30
 - 1. Posters were distributed to encourage those who did not receive the message to register
 - 2. System will be used for emergencies as well as weather closings
- f. Firearms Policy
 - i. The policy was changed to include buildings not owned by SWOSU, but are being used for official university business even temporarily
- g. SWOSU Palooza
 - i. March 8th
 - ii. Students free
 - iii. No alcohol (required to keep students free)
 - iv. 3 bands (No bands that have played in local casinos recently)
- h. Dean of Enrollment
 - i. Keith Sayles resigned in December
 - ii. Patsy Parker is taking limited duties temporarily
 - 1. Terry Billey (SWOSU Sayre) is taking over the Associates Degree initiative
 - iii. Future of the position
 - 1. More defined roles
 - 2. Possible title change
- i. OSP
 - i. PDA due January 29
 - ii. Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Online grant writing conference
 - 1. February 13-16
 - 2. OSP will pay for the first 10
- j. Lori Boyd
 - i. If recruiting on campus and paying for food at Duke's Diner, use voucher
 - ii. Brenda Burgess retired January 16
- k. Radonna Sawatzky
 - i. Reserve any food requests for spring ASAP
 - ii. Very busy this spring and groups are already scheduling Christmas Parties for 2024
- l. IT
 - i. Dell Lease
 - 1. 1st year of replacements are on track for the end of February
- m. Title IX Training
 - i. January 12-February 16
- 2. **SWOSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting with the Provost January 23, 2024**
 - a. End of semester grading
 - i. Faculty deserve a pat on the back
 - ii. Only 25 grades were not turned in by the deadline (Record Low)
 - b. Weather decisions
 - i. Provost intends to make announcements the evening before, but this was a little unexpected.

- ii. Keep in mind that as our focus turns to concurrent courses, high school closures will start to play a larger role in these decisions.
- c. HLC Multilocation visit.
 - i. SWOSU's report from the visits came back with positive feedback.
- d. Department budgets
 - i. SWOSU Administration want to have budget numbers to departments earlier moving forward.
- e. Strategic Plan
 - i. Focus meetings have been taking place.
 - ii. Final report preparation will begin after the final focus groups report.
- f. OSHRE
 - i. All 24 sections of Chapter 3 (Academic Affairs) have been changed.
 - 1. Program approval – OSHRE is taking a hands-off approach, leaving it to the universities to work together for a process.
 - 2. Program review – Currently no official form, up to each university to define.
 - 3. Institutional admission – Up to university
 - 4. Developmental courses
 - a. All courses must be credit bearing.
 - b. No zero level courses
 - c. Delayed until Fall 2025
- g. Campus forum
 - i. February 14th 3-4:30 Stafford 104 (Moved to February 21st)

• **Secretary/Treasurer Jon Henrikson**

	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
End of December Balance			\$2227.65
Current January Balance			\$2227.65

• **President-Elect Jared Edwards:**

• **Past President Jessica Salmans Meditz:**

- 1. Brought up a Deficiency Email sent out to students on Friday, January 19 from Academic Support.
 - a. Report is meant to go out each semester if there is an issue but had not been sent out in recent semesters.
 - b. Student email did not tell student what the deficient subject was.
 - c. Some students withdrew from the course and were then unable to get back into sections due to being past the first week for adding classes.
 - d. Issue was also brought forth that there were Math and English courses that did not fill because many students were deficiencies were not properly enrolled.

• **Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:**

- 1. Personnel Policies Committee Report from Jared Edwards, Chair
 - a. FUPTRC Committee composition
 - i. Committee has met and in their initial meetings, a focus has been on the background and current policies with plans to meet further in preparation for the next meeting.
- 2. University Policies Committee Report from Muatasem Ubeidat
 - a. Fall Break/Thanksgiving Break
 - i. In initial discussions, the committee did not appear to have a strong opinion in change. Dr. Ubeidat asked Senators to visit with their own faculty and send him thoughts.

- b. Proposal regarding library funding or fee
 - i. From December Faculty Senate Meeting:
The Faculty Senate University Policies Committee was charged with meeting to work on a Letter of Support from the Faculty Senate for the financial support of the Library.
 - ii. Dr. Ubeidat provided update from committee members who were involved in the discussion.
 - iii. Dr. Ubeidat turned the floor over to Phillip Fitzsimmons to present the current form of Letter of Support.
 - a. Faculty Senators discussed the document in the current form with respect to positives and areas of concern.
 - b. After discussions, **Motion 01/26/24-1 was brought forth.**

Motion 01/26/24-1: Send current form of the Letter of Support back to the University Policy Committee for rewording time based on the refined charge of the committee as outlined in the summary of the discussions during the meeting in order to have a vote in the January meeting. Motion passed.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Follow-up information regarding office measurements.
 - a. Current blueprints for many spaces on campus are not up to date. These need to be current for capitol improvement and safety reasons.
 - b. University was doing this internally as a cost savings measure, as it would have been a \$25,000 cost to bring someone to campus.
 - c. Those working on the project were trying to be more efficient and accurate, but this should now be corrected and there should be notifications if someone is coming to measure an office.

- **New Business:**

- 1. Davinci Institute OK nomination deadlines upcoming, contact Amanda Smith.
- 2. OSHRE Survey has been sent out to faculty via email.
 - a. Provides feedback for the Faculty Advisory Council on OSHRE.
 - b. Dr. Ellis will send out a reminder to everyone on Faculty Senate along with a link to the survey.
- 3. SWOSU Faculty Senate Constitution
 - a. Discussions upcoming related to adding of new colleges. Have a window of time to accept any amendments once proposed. May introduce some information at next meeting.
- 4. Federal financial aid policies related to student Attendance/non-attendance during first 10-days.
 - a. Senators discussed current issues with tracking.
 - b. Will bring Federal guidelines to discuss at next meeting.

- Spring Semester SWOSU Faculty Senate Meetings

- 1. February 23, March 29, April 26, May 8

- **Next Meeting:** February 23, 2024 @ 2:30 P.M.

- **Adjournment at 3:58 PM**