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SWOSU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

July 18, 2024 2:30 PM | STF 108

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President-Elect Jon Henrikson at 2:32 PM.

II. Establishment of a Quorum (16 Senators/Certified Substitutes)

Lisa Appeddu, Jared Edwards, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Angela Fleming, Megan Goucher, Jon Henrikson, Heather Katz, Daniel Kavish, Geo Kelly, Andy North, Taylor Orgeron, Bo Pagliasotti, Todd Parker, Brian Rickel, Tyler Rickey, Horrick Sharma, Debra Stevens, Natasha Tinsley, Nancy Williams

III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

Math: Swarup Ghosh for Kathy O'Neal

Business: Amanda Evert for Todd Wiggen

IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS

1. Faculty Athletic Representative: Bo Pagliasotti
 - a. Football, volleyball, basketball now on campus
 - b. 20% taking are currently classes
 - c. Trip to Indianapolis, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division II Management Council
2. Student Government Representative: Jessica Findley
 - a. Bingo night, getting ready to be back on campus
3. Library Representative: Phillip Fitzsimmons
 - a. Closes noon on Fridays
 - i. AC broken: approximately one month to repair; need new AC pump in, chiller rebuilt
 - ii. New physical plant director Heat/Air expert, hope for quick fix as possible
4. Invited Staff Council Member: Courtney Thiessen
 - a. Bylaws approved
 - b. Needs bilingual staff (financial services, admissions)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 6/20/2024 were approved unanimously.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Executive Council Meeting 7/1/2024
 - a. President Lovell and Lori Boyd Presented Budget
 - i. Tuition Increase Approved: 2.5%
 1. Will only cover increase in cost of Health Insurance
 2. [Exempt vs non-exempt discussion]
 - ii. VP Boyd says that we have always over-estimated credit hours, and she is going to be more conservative in that estimate.
 - b. Provost Kendall says we will be out for Juneteenth next summer. Auxiliary services will be available.
 - c. We are attempting to add Spanish-speaking tour guides and recruiters.
 - d. Strategic Plan approved by RUSO-thanks for Faculty Input
 - e. GEER Funding
 - i. Students over 21 (lowest priority group) will be STEM major targeted. I asked for, but did not get, clarification on which definition of STEM would be used.
 - f. Starting on July 1st, Transcripts can no longer be withheld due to outstanding balances
 - i. Over 10,000 transcript holds were removed (from Admin. Council.
 - ii. Seen as an opening to take more transfer students who can now get transcripts from other institutions where they still owe money (President Lovell)
 - g. Statewide support for common application seems low.
 - i. Dr. Lovell says common application would lead to more students seeking us out after a bad start elsewhere
 - ii. Also, might lead to more students getting less expensive summer classes even if they are not SWOSU students
2. Administrative Council meeting of 7/1/2024
 - a. Concurrent Positions filled
 - i. Yukon and Canadian County Positions
 1. Currently Yukon position working in YHS library
 - b. Full Cohorts in All 3 Early College Groups (30 students/10 each)
 - i. Aerospace
 - ii. Allied Health
 - iii. Computer Science
 - c. We were visited by the 3-Star General over 5 Air Force Bases
 - i. Want Engineering Tech students as bridge between theoretical/design engineers and front-line production
 - ii. Over 3000 unfilled jobs that engineering tech could supply

- iii. Also opens opportunities for other positions in and around the aerospace industries
 - d. Still seeking Director of Enrollment
 - e. Organizational Fair is August 28th
 - f. There are still openings for instructors for SWOSU Connect
 - g. All Title IX reports now go directly to Cindy Albrightson
 - i. Inappropriate middle steps cause non-compliance and increased liability and, most importantly, the opportunity for increased harm
 - ii. Training will be standardized for all positions on campus
 - h. From CETL—Distance Ed programs must be able to explain their status for the state the distance students are in
 - i. RAVE (emergency alert system) has been successfully tested twice.
 - i. Will soon be tested to push alerts to all SWOSU computer screens (office, classroom, and off-campus)
 - ii. MAC Users will need to work with IT for specific issues with RAVE
 - j. Accounts must be under \$1000 to enroll (remember 10,000 transcript holds have been removed under new law)
 - k. Any summer camp personnel must be processed and registered through Cindy Albrightson's office
- 3. Executive Council Meeting with the Provost on 7/10/2024
 - a. Final edits are being done on undergraduate catalog, but still open to input
 - b. Hodge Center will include community clinic run by Custer County Health Department
 - i. Will include a service and a training mission
 - ii. Contract is being worked out
 - iii. OSU Physician's Assistant program will come on line in the late part of this decade (this was always the expected timeline)
 - iv. Exploring a combined Pharm.D./PA degree program
 - c. Early College discussed again
 - i. Gen. Business Associates listed here instead of Computer Science
 - ii. Participants need high GPA and established need that would make college attendance less likely
 - iii. Support for students entering college with a high number of credits completed is being included in grant proposals
 - d. Enrollment
 - i. Up overall
 - ii. Drop in Freshman percentage at this point may be due to misclassified students this time last year
 - iii. Freshman admit numbers are up, but NSO completion numbers are still a little down
 - e. Panorama

- i. Future is uncertain
 - ii. Options are being explored:
 - 1. Faculty committee, foundation money earmarked
 - 2. Student involvement
 - iii. Input is welcome
 - f. AI Policies
 - i. Options for the syllabus at three levels
 - ii. Highest risk for faculty is no statement at all
 - iii. Option 2 is the most complex
 - g. Mentor Collective
 - i. Has been paid through Title III Grant
 - ii. Meeting was the company trying to convince SWOSU to continue the service
- 4. Secretary/Treasurer Heather Katz
 - a. Roll sheet reminder
 - b. BancFirst Checking Account
 - i. June Meeting Balance: \$1401.88
 - ii. Current Balance: \$1401.88
 - c. Venmo for dues? Looking into fees
- 5. President-Elect Jon Henrickson
 - a. Nothing to report
- 6. Past-president Trevor Ellis
 - a. Nothing to report

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

Nothing to report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Jared Edwards: Faculty Senate's current committees taking shape

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

X. ADJOURNMENT

Senate adjourned at 3:03 PM

XI. NEXT MEETING

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