January 25, 2002

Unapproved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM
The Faculty Senate met on January 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in STF 104 with F.S. President Les Crall presiding. The following quorum was established:
George Alsbach, Ric Baugher, David Bessinger, Kathy Brooks, Nancy Buddy-Penner, Stephen Burgess, Les Crall, Tommye Davis, Bob Dorlac, Sylvia Esjornson, Elizabeth Ferrell, Cynthia Foust, Mark Gales, Faye Henson, David Hertzel, Kelley Logan, Don McGurk, Steven O’Neal, Gus Ortega, Nelson Perkins, Stan Robertson, James South, Ronna Vanderslice, and Ben Welch.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES
The following substitutes were certified: Beth Meszaros for Jeff Gentry, Jill Jones for Robin Jones, Virgil Van Dusen for Shelly Prince, Chad Kinder for Ken Rose, and Paula Price for James South.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
President John Hays was introduced. Dr Hays spoke to the Faculty Senate about the state of the university, and answered questions.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The December 14th, 2001 minutes were approved with no changes.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. FS President: Les Crall announced information relevant to each of these areas.
   1. Executive Committee Work session with Deans
   3. Council of Dean's minutes
   4. Native Nations, Fed Govt. & Corp. support (Joe Thompson)

B. FS Past President Faye Henson—no report.

C. Secretary/Treasurer: Cindy Foust
   1. Roll Sheet--circulated
   2. Treasurer's Report—BancFirst Checking Account balance $1,517.04 and in the University account $647.28.

D. President Elect: John Hayden—no report.

E. Student Government Representative: Andrea Ward—no report.

VI. Committee reports
Ad hoc committee on Faculty Recognition—No report.

VII. Old Business—none

VIII. New Business
Bernhardt Selection Committee—Bob Dorlac reported on need to select two representative—one from School of Business and Sayre representative. Mike McKinney was selected to represent Sayre, and Midge Gerber was elected to represent the School of Business.

A. Selection of Tenure / Promotion Appeals Committee. After a ballot was circulated, Helen Maxson was elected.
B. Promotion process for persons serving as Department Chairs offered in the following motion and seconded:

F.S. Motion 2002-01-01: Motion for a Sense of the Senate Resolution:
The promotion process for persons serving as department chairs should recognize that their opportunities to demonstrate excellence in teaching, to conduct research or engage in some service activities may be limited by the demands of the chairmanship. Meritorious performance of the duties of the chair should be considered in cases where they have reduced the chairperson’s opportunities for research, teaching or service activities. Determination of merit should include the concurrence of the faculty of the department.
Discussion was held. Motion to table and assign to an adhoc committee was passed. Stan Robertson will chair committee along with members Don McGurk, David Hertzel, and Shelly Prince.

D. Whoever is interested in developing a C.D. as a recruitment strategy for SWOSU, please contact Les Crall.

E. Bob Dorlac requested whoever is interested in placing their name in nomination for a university committee, please contact him with the following brief biographical information: any specific experience for a designated committee, # of years at SWOSU, and why you want the committee appointment or are qualified to serve. Deadline to have bio is prior to the March 29th F.S. meeting, so they can be distributed to senators at the March meeting. To facilitate the transfer of information, sending the bio as an attachment to dorlacb@swosu.edu would be helpful.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: February 22, 2002 in STF 104, 2:00 p.m.

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Les Crall,                                 Cynthia Foust,
Faculty Senate President                     Secretary/Treasurer

“Remember you’re unique, just like everyone else.” Anonymous