

Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00PM February 25, 2005, Stafford 104
Approved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The February 25, 2005 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:00 PM in Stafford 104 with FS President James South presiding. The following members were present: Fred Alsberg, Melody Ashenfelter, Arden Aspedon, Nancy Buddy Penner, Stephen Burgess, Dayna Coker, Tom Davis, Michael Dougherty, Barry Gales, Terry Goforth, Todd Helton, David Hertzell, Jason Johnson, Robin Jones, Chad Kinder, Kelley Logan, Joseph Maness, Nina Morris, Gus Ortega, Les Ramos, James South, Bill Swartwood, Mark Tippin, Don Wilson, and Jon Woltz.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Mehdi Raoufi substituted for Madeline Baugher, and Dick Kurtz substituted for Jeffrey Short

III. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of January 28, 2005 were approved.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. From FS President South:

1. The BOROC Policy manual is now available online:
<http://www.boroc.org/Policiesand%20Procedures.htm>
2. Dr. Hays continues to get inquiries about why we do not observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
3. I propose to invite Dr. Blake Sonobe, who assumes the position of Provost June 1st, to our May meeting for a “get-acquainted” Q & A, and to have the Senate purchase light refreshments for a quick reception after the meeting.
4. We will continue to vote on motions that are submitted, without taking every issue back to our constituents. However, please consider tabling motions that you think may require general faculty input. Senate discussions and votes are confidential, but we do bear the responsibility of representing our colleagues.
5. From Exec. and Admin. Council (Feb 21):
 - a. Tom Fagan reports that SWOSU will keep at least two 15 passenger vans. Also that the proposed buses do not require a CDL but that may change.
 - b. This year our undergrads paid <85% of our peer group’s *last year’s* tuition. Grad students paid less than that (compared to peer group), and Pharmacy least of all (<78% of their peer group). Tuition raises will address that in part. Projection for 2005-06 tuition is an 8% increase for undergrad, more for grad and Pharmacy. Undergrad increase will not be more than 8%.
 - c. We are at the very bottom of our aspirational group in terms of expenditure per student (and admin cost per student).
 - d. Bernhardt Banquet is March 31, Pioneer Center. Faculty meal is provided, guests are \$10.
 - e. State Regents (OSRHE) will meet here March 30-31 at the Conference Center.
 - f. Sponsored Programs will hold a two day Grant-Writing Workshop March 31 and April 1 in the Stafford Museum Conference Room at the airport.

- B. From Interim Provost Foust:
 1. The Bernhardt award ballot counting process will be observed by one of the faculty members on the committee.
 2. The university has nominated Peter Grant (as the most recent Bernhardt Award recipient) for a state-level teaching award given at NSU in Tahlequah.
- C. FS Secretary/Treasurer Johnson:
 1. Roll Sheet—please sign and update.
 2. Treasurer’s Report: BancFirst Checking account balance: \$1,578.35
 University account balance: \$211.46
- D. FS President Elect Logan: No report
- E. FS Past President Hayden: No report
- F. FS Student Government Representative Justin Ohl: No report

VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A. Personnel Policies Committee:

(Issues sent to committee: Summer pay for small classes, Student Evaluation of Faculty form)
 No Report--Please forward suggested changes to the Student Evaluation of Faculty form to Dr. Joseph Maness.
- B. Student Affairs Committee:

(Issues sent to committee: Motion regarding notification from dean of student complaint)
 No Report
- C. Nominating Committee:

(required by Senate constitution to submit recommendations for nominees at the March meeting).
 No Report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ad Hoc Committee for revision of the Faculty Handbook:

Robin Jones, Chair (A & S), Melody Ashenfelter (G & PS), Dayna Coker (Sayre), Gustavo Ortega (Pharmacy), and Kelley Logan (ex officio).
Handbook Revisions need to be in place by August 1 (approved by Senate and Administration).

B. Appreciation for the Years of Service by Dr. Paulette Woods

FS Motion 2005-02-01

It was moved and seconded that the Senate commend Dr. Paulette Woods for her years of tireless service to the students and University.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: Friday, March 25, 2005, STF 104, 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James South, President

Jason Johnson, Secretary