

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00 PM September 26, 2008, Education 201
Approved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM.

II. The September 26, 2008, meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:00 PM in Education 201 with FS President Les Ramos presiding. The following members were present: Lisa Appeddu, John Bradshaw, Kathy Brooks (Sayre), Stephen Burgess, Kevin Collins, Tommye Davis (Sayre), David Esjornson, Terry Goforth, Harry Nowka for John Hayden, Bo Pagliasotti for Todd Helton, David Hertzell, Joel Kendall for Robin Jones, Sophia Lee, Randy Hacker for Jim Long, Scott Long, Warren Moseley, Chad Ramirez, Les Ramos, Ann Russell, Randall Sharp, James South, Bill Sticka, Muatasem Ubeidat, Don Wilson, and Jonathon Woltz.

III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Randy Hacker for Jim Long; Harry Nowka for John Hayden; Bo Pagliasotti for Todd Helton; and Joel Kendall for Robin Jones.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 29, 2008, meeting were approved.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. From FS President Les Ramos:

1. Executive and Administrative Council meetings of September 22, 2008:

- a. **Business officers are exploring possible changes to regional university health insurance for 2010:** SWOSU will pay approximately \$2.4 million for employee health insurance this year. The Benefits Committee will be called upon to examine alternatives to our existing health insurance structure.
- b. **Budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year is underway:** Meetings will be held with unit budget managers (deans, associate deans, and chairs) in early October to assess revenues and expenditures. Tuition increases may be limited to 3 or 4% next year.
- c. **In accordance with new federal regulations, public institutions are responsible for 403b compliance:** A RUSO-coordinated 403b master plan is in development. As a result of these regulatory changes, 403b loans (e.g., hardship) will only be allowed from now until January 1, 2009. Loans may resume when a regional third-party administrator is hired in 2009.

2. Executive Committee meeting with the Provost and Associate Provost on September, 23, 2008:

- a. **Oklahoma Research Day:** Scheduled for November 14, 2008 at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Broken Arrow. The deadline for abstracts is October 8. The Provost and Office of Sponsored Programs are exploring the possibility of a charter bus. If anyone is planning to attend, please contact Anita Blankenship as soon as possible.
- b. **In order to comply with the university textbook policy:** Chairs must sign textbook adoption forms (the university bookstore form does not have a designated place for the chair to sign; however, the Ratcliff's form has been changed to include a place for the chair to sign).

- c. **The Council of Deans has recommended approval of FS Resolution 2008-08-01:** Beginning spring 2010, classes will start on Wednesday, rather than Thursday.
- d. **The Provost and Council of Deans discussed FS Motion 2008-08-03:** The Senate Executive Committee was informed that the flow of information will be as follows:
Faculty Senate ↔ Provost ↔ Council of Dean

B. FS Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Appeddu:

1. **Roll Sheet** – please sign.

2. **Treasurer’s Report:**

- a. BancFirst Checking account:
 - August 29, 2008, balance: \$2080.28
 - Expenditures: New Faculty Reception - 173.75
 - Deposits: More dues collected + 75.00
 - September 26, 2008, balance: \$1981.53
- b. University account balance (No movement): \$129.15
- c. A note was made to include the purchase of nametags for use at the 2009 New Faculty Reception.

C. FS President-elect Scott Long: None

D. FS Past President Robin Jones: None

E. FS Student Government Representative Greg Franklin: No representative present

VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A. **University Policies Committee on University Email and Web Usage Policy:** Will provide a faculty-based contribution to the university email and web usage policy as currently proposed for staff. When this is made available, Faculty Senators should take these suggestions back to faculty to obtain their input.
- B. **Ad Hoc Committee on Alternatively Admitted Students Plan:** Presented a Faculty Senate Position Statement.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. The following motion was moved and seconded:

FS Motion 2008-09-01:

It is proposed the Faculty Senate send the report entitled “Faculty Senate Position Statement on the Alternative Admissions Plan” to the Provost. Furthermore, the Faculty Senate requests the Provost provides a written response to the concerns presented and a more detailed plan of implementation by the October meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The motion passed by voice vote.

B. The following motion was moved and seconded:

FS Motion 2008-09-02:

Whereas faculty have expressed concerns over the costs and coverage provided by the current health insurance plan,

It is proposed the Faculty Senate grant approval to Faculty Senate President Les Ramos to send forward the document entitled, “An Open Letter to the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, and the Oklahoma State and Educational Employees Group Insurance Board” as drafted by the Regional University Faculty Senate Presidents after editorial corrections have been made.

The motion passed by voice vote.

C. Caucus by College to select members of the Faculty University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (FUPTRC) and University Promotion/Tenure Appeals Committee.

Results are as follows:

<i>College Represented</i>	<i>FUPTRC</i>	<i>Appeals</i>
Arts and Sciences	David Bessinger Joseph Maness Harry Nowka	Joel Kendall
Graduate and Professional Studies	Ric Baugher Stephen Burgess Marion Prichard	Melinda Burgess
Pharmacy	Edna Patatanian	Randall Sharp
Associate and Applied Programs	Kathy Brooks	Tommye Davis
Selected from the Appellate Committee on Dismissal of Tenured Faculty Members	--	Steve Pray

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les Ramos, FS President

Lisa Appeddu, FS Secretary

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:
Friday, October 31, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in EDU 201**