

March 26, 2018

3:00 pm

NOTES ON MEETING

**Between Faculty Senate Executive Committee
And President Sean Burrage**

Attending:

President Sean Burrage

Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

Dan Althoff

Steven Emge

Chris Moretti

Kay Daigle

William Fridley

The only agenda item submitted by Faculty Senate Chair was a discussion of the proposed statement to be forwarded to the faculty body, including the text of the accompanying email:

Faculty Colleagues:

In light of the possibility that many Oklahoma school districts may close their doors for a period of time beginning on April 2nd, the Faculty Senate, at its meeting on March 14th composed a statement of support for all levels of public education, with a special concern for common education.

According to its Constitution, the Faculty Senate may refer any item to the vote of the faculty as a whole. The Faculty Senate voted to submit this statement to the entire faculty body of Southeastern Oklahoma State University for its approval.

If the following statement gains the approval of a simple majority of the votes cast, it will be featured on the Faculty Senate webpage and sent to local media outlets:

Southeastern Oklahoma State University Faculty stand in support of Oklahoma's Students, Teachers, and Professional Support Staff. We have also suffered outrageous and indefensible budget cuts, so we well understand the neglect of Common Education and the resulting damage to the quality of life for Oklahomans. Therefore, we support all necessary measures to fund Education by establishing fair, reliable, and long-term funding sources.

We hope you will add your voice in support of all levels of public education in Oklahoma!

The President indicated that he and Alan Burton had reviewed the material and did not see any problems with either the statement or the text of the email.

The President provided the Executive Committee with an update on the enrollment and financial status of the University: the numbers for enrollment and cash reserves are both qualified as "good." The President expects to receive the RUSO allocations for the next year in May; the Administration will then submit the university budget to RUSO in June.

Other items were briefly mentioned (e.g. the difficulty in attracting and retaining professional and support staff due to salary). The meeting concluded at approximately 3:45 p.m.