

FACULTY SENATE
December 13, 2006
UC215

Members Present: Dan Benco, Ed Hobbs, Chris Moretti, Charles Matthews, Dennis Miles, Andrew Tiger, Bruce A. Johnson, Diane Dixon, Margaret Avard, Jane Elder, Wayne Jones, Matt Nonnenman, Lucretia Scoufos, Vicki Hudson, Paula Allen, Jennifer Hicks, Brett Elliott, William Fridley, Dave Barnes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Benco made a motion to accept the minutes. Wayne Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Ken Elder: Ken reported that at the Administrative Council meeting it was announced that Glen Johnson will assume the role of Chancellor on January 15, 2007. An interim president will be appointed prior to that date. Elder reported that the Regents intend to have a new president named by July 1, 2007.

Ken also passed out a letter from Sharon Robinson acknowledging the Faculty Senate's gifts to the Student Union Project.

Report from Ross Walkup: Ross reported that insurance rates will increase significantly beginning January 2007. He reported that 26 institutions throughout Oklahoma will study the insurance situation and move toward a RFP (request for proposals) from other insurance carriers. The rates beginning in January 2008 will be determined by the state-wide committee assigned to study this issue. Ross reported that "flexible plans are needed" and that current "dependent coverage increases is a problem." Ross further stated, "This is one of the highest priorities that the business office needs to address in 2007." There will be three (3) people representing SOSU. Charles Matthews will be the faculty representative.

Executive Committee: Did not meet. No report presented.

Committee on Committees: Diane Dixon reported that Stan Rice was nominated to replace Wayne Dixon on the ORPRC for the Graduate Council. Stan Rice's nomination was approved by the CoC members via an email vote. Vicki Hudson made a motion for the full senate to accept the nomination. Wayne Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with 17-for and 1-against. Dan Benco recommended that Stan Rice only fill the remainder of Wayne Dixon's term which is one year. There was a consensus among the senators that this was a reasonable request. Ken Elder also added that there is an ad-hoc committee studying the staggering of committee memberships to address this type of concern in the future.

Personnel Policies Committee: Did not meet. No report was presented.

Planning Committee: Ed Hobbs provided a handout. Ed requested guidance from the senate regarding whether TFTs should be eligible for senate awards. Bruce Johnson made a motion to include TFTs in the senate awards as long as they had a 50% teaching load. The motion was seconded by Paula Allen. It passed unanimously. Ed also presented the senate with

a timeline for the spring semester for nominations and voting on senate awards. Finally, if a faculty member wishes to not be considered for an award, he/she should simply notify the faculty senate.

University Affairs Committee: Did not meet. No report was presented.

Budget Committee: Did not meet. No report was presented.

Ad-Hoc Committee for Committee Memberships: Vicki Hudson reported the committee had met and that each member of the committee has been assigned responsibilities and that the committee is studying the issue.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by: John Allen Hendricks