

Faculty Senate Minutes for April 12, 2006

Members Present: Ken Elder, Diane Dixon, Brett Elliott, Chris Moretti, Dan Benco, Brandon Burnette, Dan Althoff, Margaret Avard, Jane Elder, William Fridley, Wayne Dixon, Vicki Hudson, Charles Matthews, Michael Miles, Sandra DiPento, Lucretia Scoufos, Buddy Pierce, Wayne Jones, Andy Tiger, David Christy

Members Absent: Paula Allen, Stan Alluisi, Gerrie Johnson, James Britton,

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chair Ken Elder.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dan Benco made a motion to accept the minutes and Bill Fridley seconded the motion. The minutes for March 8, 2006 were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Ken Elder reported that the executive committee met and decided to defer discussion regarding Faculty Senate representation until next fall. The committee also looked over the Faculty Senate Budget Survey results. Ken handed out the survey results and discussed the results. The Executive Committee met with the President and executive team and presented the survey. President Johnson explained the budget situation to the Executive Committee. The State Regents requested \$123 million in new money for higher education. The Senate approved \$87 million and the House wants only \$24.9 million in new money for higher education. If we really get only \$50 million then we are at a stand still budget.

Budget: Bill Fridley had a handout looking at salary raises for SOSU and the other regional universities. SOSU was lower than all the others. Brett Elliott commented that some universities gave up the TIAA-CREF benefits. We are still low on total benefits so it was unclear what was included in the benefits. We need to have a salary/benefit question for the Forum in the fall.

Committee on Committees: Diane Dixon handed out the Committee on Committee nominations for Faculty Senate approval. Margaret Avard moved to approve and Dan Benco seconded the motion. Bill Fridley asked why there were different years on the list and Diane Dixon explained that we were trying to stagger the terms. The motion passed unanimously. Diane Dixon also handed out a change in the membership statement of the Human Subjects Research Review Committee for the Senate to approve. The community members were being removed because that positions have been vacant for years. Wayne Jones moved to accept the change in membership and Brett Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Policies: Chris Moretti reported that the committee did not meet and that nobody has contacted him with problems with tenure and promotion.

University Affairs: Michael Miles reported on the Facilities Goal Team Committee on Parking. He said that there will be no surveys going out about parking because all parties are represented

on the committee. He presented some information and suggestions that the committee has come up with. He said that Ross Walkup says that the yearly cost to pave and repaint the lots is \$3000. He had some figures for some fees for designated parking and open parking. Bill Fridley moved to keep parking the way it was and Charles Matthews seconded the motion. There was some discussion and Lucretia Scoufos called the question. The vote was 5 for, 12 against and 2 abstained. Michael Miles had a proposed Faculty Senate Resolution. David Christy moved to support the resolution and to insert solely support. Lucretia Scoufos seconded the motion. Chris Moretti made a friendly amendment to change the wording. The Faculty Senate Resolution now is:

The Faculty Senate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University supports a parking plan based on designated parking areas and a fee structure which will solely be used to support the fair and adequate maintenance, patrol, and enforcement of all parking areas on campus.

The motion passed 17 for and 2 against. Michael Miles also submitted the year end report for University Affairs.

Planning: Dan Althoff reported that voting is going on and will end at 12:00 Monday. We will vote by email if there is a tie. You can access the website off campus. He also submitted the Planning Committee year end report. The committee looked at the Higher Learning Commission report and pointed out some points and wanted to know how we have addressed them. It was suggested that this be issues for the Forum. The committee also recommended that issue of profiting summer school departments be allowed to keep some of the profits be addressed in the Forum. They also recommended that we have access to our own website.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Some faculty wanted know about the removal of the salary caps. We removed the caps for full professors but what about the other ranks. Wayne Jones moved and Vicki Hudson seconded removal of the salary cap for all academic ranks be an issue in the Forum. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Moretti commented that there was pressure to release classes for the Massey and ET Dunlap speakers and faculty did not think that they should do it. Some schools required the classes to be dismissed and had to have it on the syllabus next year. The executive committee will meet about this and other problems with shared governance.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Diane Dixon, Faculty Senate Recorder