

**Faculty Senate (FS) Minutes**  
**Fall Semester, Meeting #1**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

*As approved at the Faculty Senate meeting of September 16, 2020*

**Attending:**

Stan Alluisi	Rolando Diaz	Chaehyun Lee
Daniel Althoff	Diane Dixon	Karen Maple
Laura Atchley	Carolyn Fridley	Michael Scheuerman
Kathy Boothe	William Fridley	Kate Shannon
Randy Clark	Mike Gaffney	Hallie Stephens
Margaret Cotter-Lynch	Amy Gantt	Doug Wood
Kay Daigle	Kendra Ingram	

**Guests:**

Jennifer Lodine-Chaffey  
Brandon Burnette  
Alisha Ridenour  
Christala Smith  
Dell McLain  
Kate Hardgrove  
Tim Boatmun

**I. Call to Order**

A. 3:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

A. [Minutes from April 8, 2020](#)

1. Motion to approve minutes – Senator William Fridley
2. Second – Senator Karen Maple
3. Comments and/or Corrections: In the Minutes III. C. 5. 5. “Shared Governance Forum – discussed and decided to schedule the next shared governance forum – “Sabbatical why you should take one” – April 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. rather than the original date of April 6. This was the regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting Senator Althoff will moderate; Drs. Cotter-Lynch, Doug Wood, Charla and Jeri Walker. Administration has signed off and will be participating. Administration will not be on the panel but will be participating in the shared governance forum. Chair Clark will confirm that someone from administration will be at the forum. Chair Clark will create the zoom link. Senators please email questions to Chair Clark that we might feel should be asked during the forum and they will go on to Senator Althoff. The panelists were told that the initial 3-5 questions would be made available to them before the forum.”

4. Yes - 15; No - 0; Abstaining – 1
5. Motion carries - Minutes approved

**III. New Senators – School of Arts and Sciences:** Margaret Cotter-Lynch (English, Humanities & Language); Amy Gantt (Art, Communication & Theatre); and Doug Wood (Biological Sciences).  
**School of Education and Behavioral Sciences:** Kathleen Boothe (Educational Instruction & Leadership); Katheryn Shannon (Educational Instruction & Leadership); and Hallie Stephens (Criminal Justice).  
**John Massey School of Business:** Michael Gaffney (Aviation).

**IV. Election of Faculty Senate Officers**

- a. Chair Clark provided a brief description of the duties of Faculty Senate Offices: Recorder, Parliamentarian, and Treasurer (APPM 3.3.1, Article II, Section G.)
- b. Recorder
  - i. Self-nomination – Senator Kate Shannon.
  - ii. Approved by Acclamation.
- c. Parliamentarian
  - i. Senator Rolando Diaz nominated by Senator William Fridley – Nomination accepted by Senator Diaz.
  - ii. Approved by Acclamation.
- d. Treasurer
  - i. Self-nomination – Senator Kate Shannon.
  - ii. Senator Meg Cotter-Lynch nominated by Senator William Fridley – Nomination accepted by Senator Cotter-Lynch
  - iii. The vote was taken by poll. The vote resulted in a tie. Senator Shannon however withdrew her nomination.
  - iv. Senator Cotter-Lynch approved by Acclamation.

**V. Treasurer’s Report**

- A. Report provided by Senator Shannon: Faculty Senate awards were processed and distributed to award winners. Currently a \$1,659.46 balance for frames and certificates for 2020-2021. New budget allocation for 2020-2021 is \$25,435.00. New balance as of 9/1/2020 is \$27,094.46.
- B. A motion was made by Senator Shannon to fund the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award for the 2019-2020 academic and future years at \$500 per year.
  - a. Second—Senator Kay Daigle
  - b. Yes – 15; No – 1; Abstaining – 0
  - c. Motion carries

**VI. Committee Reports**

- A. Budget Committee
  1. Did not meet.
- B. Committee on Committees (CoC)

1. Senator Althoff reminded Committee members of updated list of current faculty was distributed by email.

C. Executive Committee (EC)

1. [Report](#) distributed via email.
2. Motion
  - a. Motion to approve the Faculty Senate meeting dates, Executive Committee meeting dates, and the Shared Governance dates for the Fall, 2020 - Chair Randy Clark
  - b. Second - Senator William Fridley
  - c. Vote: Yes - 17; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
  - e. Motion carries. Please mark calendars accordingly.
3. Motion
  - a. Motion to fund the registration/individual membership cost of \$10 for the National Council of faculty Senates 2020 Conference via Zoom at 1 p.m. CST, September 18 and 19, 2020 – Chair Randy Clark
  - b. Second – Senator William Friedley
  - c. Discussion: none
  - d. Vote: Yes - 16; No - 1; Abstentions – 0
  - e. Motion carries.

C. Personnel Policies Committee

1. Did not meet.

D. Planning Committee

1. Did not meet.
2. Senator Diane Dixon inquired about how to appropriately distribute Faculty Awards in light of SE Return to Campus Plan. It was suggested and a number of Senators agreed to assist in this regard that the plaques could be dropped off to Department Administrative Assistants. Administrative Assistants then would assume responsibility for distributing plaques to their respective department faculty.

E. University Affairs Committee

1. Did not meet.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Review of Post-Tenure Review (PTR) request. Chair Clark mentioned that this request was postponed due to Universities shutdown in the spring. This matter will be taken up later this semester.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. [High School Diploma Student Engagement and Retention Agreement](#). An attachment was provided in email package for meeting titled “GA P2D SE Oklahoma State University.” Chair Clark initiated the discussion by discussing the purpose of the [proposal and the synopsis](#) which was provided by Dr. Tim Boatmun. Dr. Boatmun discussed his thought process in recommending that SE embark on this venture for the one-year trial basis. Several Senators spoke on their objections to the proposal. Several other Senators and guests spoke on their understanding of the proposal and asked Dr. Boatmun for clarification.
- B. Motion to adjourn due to 4:30 p.m. time limit – Chair Clark
- C. Second Senator Rolando Diaz
- D. Yes – 3; No – 10; Abstentions – 1
- E. Motion is defeated. Meeting continues.
- F. A few themes seemed to arise based on the lengthy and lively discussion on the proposed Graduate Alliance partnership with Southeastern and the High School Diploma Student Engagement Retention Agreement. First, this is the first attempt of the University under its new administration to attract a specific student population in light of the declining numbers of high school graduates not only in Oklahoma but across the country. It is important to identify several student populations (not this population alone) to grow SE undergraduate enrollment. With that, this is an opportunity that is being introduced to members of the University community and no decisions have yet been made. Second, a tremendous amount of confusion exists from faculty on not only the necessity of such a venture but also the time frame upon which a decision (September 15) was suggested in the proposal. Those in attendance understand the recruitment time frame but also are hesitant in making what is felt as a rushed decision. Third, it was widely felt that it is necessary for additional discussion by all interested parties before any decision is made by Administration. Chair Clark asked that all those who had comments email their thoughts and concerns about the proposal to be shared with Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Teresa Golden.

**IX. Announcements**

- A. None.

**X. Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn – Senator Kay Daigle
- B. Second Senator Stan Alluisi
- C. Yes – all; No – 0; Abstentions -
- D. Motion carries

Minutes submitted by Chair Randy Clark

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