

Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON APRIL 26, 2023

This meeting was abbreviated due to a lack of voting quorum except for a brief period. With a quorum met, the Senate approved the following recommendation: *Regarding the creation and deployment of microcredential materials by Southeastern Oklahoma State University faculty, the Faculty Senate recommends that faculty members should not provide content outside their regular duties unless they are provided clear details outlining compensation and the retention of intellectual property rights (as outlined in APPM 7.10.3).*

The **Executive Committee** reported on its meeting with President Newsom and VPAA Golden from April 25. Implementation of the **revised Salary Card proposal** developed by the **Budget Committee (BC)** and the **Personnel Policies Committee (PPC)** is still being fleshed out. President Newsom hoped to have a compensation plan settled by May 24, although this plan will not include full implementation of the Salary Card proposal.

An additional announcement of note from this meeting was that **summer pay** will be handled differently this year – it will be processed entirely through employee transaction forms (ETF). If you are teaching this summer, please work with your department chair to ensure your ETF is submitted properly.

The FS passed a recommendation to conduct a review of the **Organized Research and Program Review Committee's** current timelines, review processes, and funding practices to evaluate its effectiveness. The Senate also suggested that at least three funding opportunities are implemented to provide equitable funding opportunities throughout the year.



The Senate also voted to approve the Committee and Council Appointments for the 2023-2024 Academic Year submitted by the **Committee on Committees** (CoC). These committee and council rosters will be finalized in the Fall after student appointments are provided to the CoC. The Senate did discuss the disparity in committee activity between committees and reminds all faculty that committee service is a required component for tenure and promotion. Our goal is to ensure that all university committees and council remain active, meet, and submit minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Dr. Mila Shu announced the establishment of **the Center for Asian Resources and Intercultural Studies!** More details will be released in May (AAPI Heritage Month).

During this meeting Matthew Sparacio (Assistant Professor of History) accepted the nomination and election for the office of Chair Elect of the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate formally recognized long-serving senator Jeri Walker for her contributions to the organization and the institution as a whole.

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The Faculty Senate will not meet over the summer and will reconvene in after the start of the Fall 2023 semester.** Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning your representative body!

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