



Southeastern Oklahoma
State University

Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON 14 FEBRUARY 2024

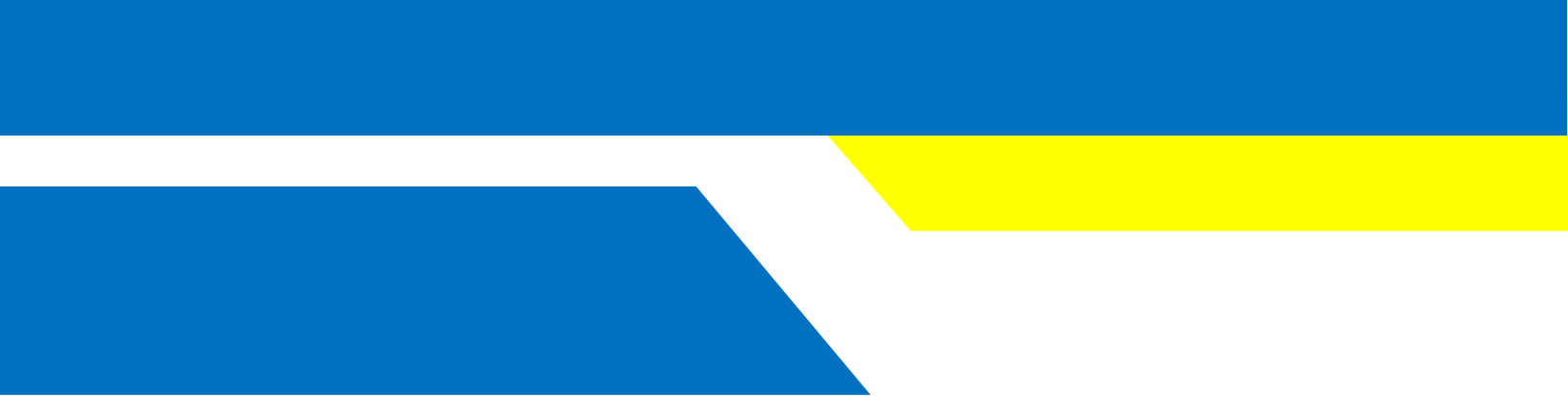
The Senate welcomed Kendra Gross, from Southeastern's McCurtain County campus, to share the current concerns of that campus to Senate. The meeting was especially fruitful with respect to ideas exchanged regarding the academic needs of the campus, especially given its student population and the role of the main campus's faculty with respect to teaching courses at McCurtain across modalities.

The **Treasurer** reports that current efforts to ensure budgetary transparency are ongoing, and meeting with productive outcomes.

The **Executive Committee (EC)** has issued the call for the Shared Governance Forum, requested formal copies of the university budget be archived with the Senate Archivist to ensure transparency and appropriate oversight, and requested any and all exit interviews from faculty who left Southeastern from Human Resources.

The **Budget Committee (BC)** met with VP Westman and Comptroller Cheek about ongoing efforts to ensure a smooth communication about budgetary requests from Senate are handled. Processes have been clarified and updated to obviate any antiquated proceedings.

Personnel Policies (PPC) Committees had no additional report, other than its preparations (in tandem with **BC**) for the upcoming compensation meetings.



The **Planning Committee (PC)** notes that it received more than 200 nominations for faculty awards, and that there are four faculty nominated for Professor of the Year. Additionally, a call for nominations for the Lifetime Service Award has been issued, along with guidelines about the requirements for the same. The **PC** also proposed that Library faculty be considered within the Division of Math and Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences for future awards, but consideration of the motion was postponed until the 28 February meeting to allow for further research on the question.

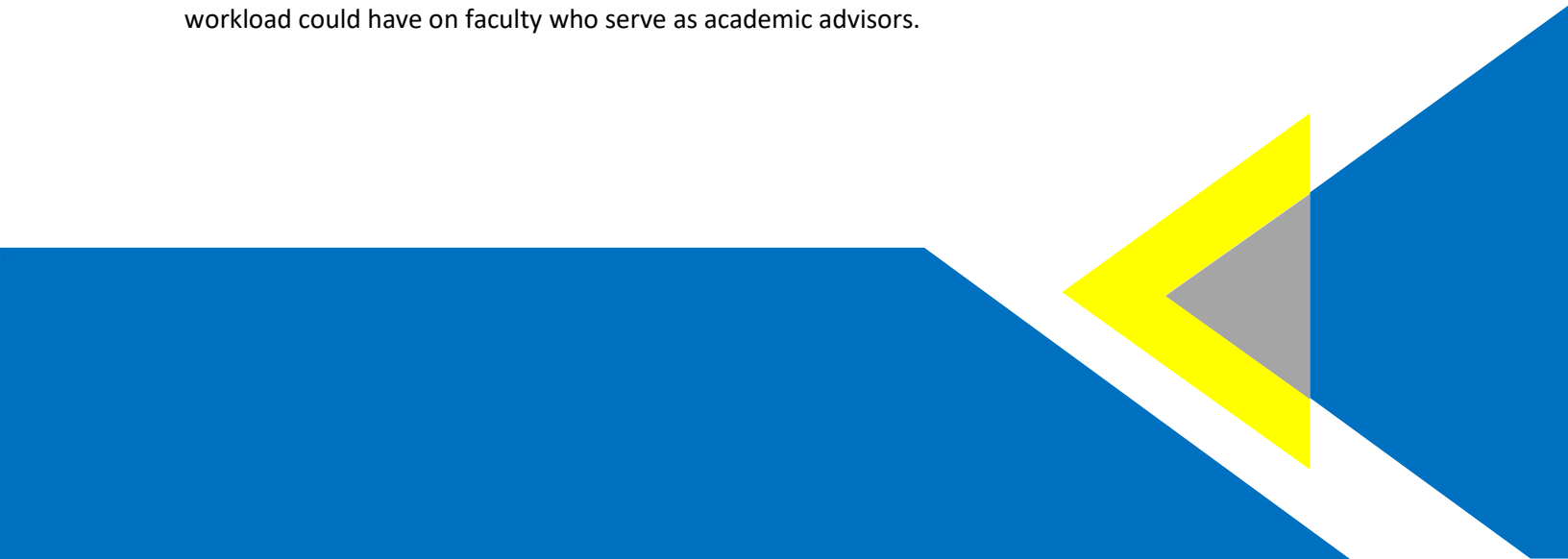
Committee on Committees (CC) had no formal reports, but the chair notes that efforts to fill vacancies are ongoing.

The **University Affairs Committee (UAC)** is engaged in outreach to adjunct faculty regarding methods to gather feedback from them about the state of the university and has engaged faculty constituencies about maintenance needs. Further outreach to Student Government Association, regarding the ongoing budgetary questions about work study allocations will be forthcoming.

The *ad hoc* committee on Academic Integrity Challenges and Generative AI has met with several leaders across campus to begin its factfinding work, especially with respect to student conduct and legal liabilities imposed by notations of academic integrity violations.

Senate received an update from Sen. Garasinghe regarding the ongoing Organized Research process and its funding. Sen. Garasinghe reported that the Organized Research Committee has begun exploring the possibility of rolling or distributed deadlines to better accommodate faculty research and travel requests outside of the current two-deadline system.

Senate noted that further study and discussion among constituents was needed before discussing the recent communique from AVPAA Shields about Civitas training and the potential impact that such a workload could have on faculty who serve as academic advisors.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The OSHRE Faculty Advisory panel [has created a survey](#), which faculty are encouraged to complete.

The schedule for the Shared Governance Fora for the Spring have been set. The Faculty Senate's proposed meeting is 21 February 2024 at 15:00, while the Administration's proposed meeting is 12 March at 14:00. Faculty are encouraged to attend both meetings, and more information will be forthcoming.

The Director of Study Abroad reminds his colleagues that the portal for Fulbright Scholarships will open in April, so rising Seniors are encouraged to review that program, and faculty are encouraged to send their postgraduate-oriented students to the Study Abroad Office. If faculty have students that might benefit from these career- and academically-oriented programs, they should refer the students to www.se.edu/study-abroad or have the students email studyabroad@se.edu.

The Mutual Mentoring Group Meeting will meet on 22 February at 3:30 pm **via InSpace** with a topic of "Research and Potential Collaborations."

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