

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 31, 2016
3:00 PM: General Classroom Building 118
Hyperlinks to supporting documents are included
As approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on September 14, 2016

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Faculty Senate Chair Steven Emge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

a. Attending:

Stan Alluisi	Randy Clark	Tom Harvey
Daniel Althoff	Kay Daigle	Crystal Jensen
Jeremy Blackwood	Diane Dixon	Brad Ludrick
Brandon Burnette	Steven Emge	Stewart Mayers
Han-Sheng Chen	William Fridley	Chris Moretti

b. Not Attending

Martin Bressler

c. Attending – Faculty Senate Candidates awaiting election and Guests

Riley Coker	Charles Matthews	Carolyn Fridley
Karl Frinkle	Alex Spahn	

II. Introduction of Current New Senators & Election Update

Crystal Jensen and Stewart Mayers were introduced as the new Senators for Education and Behavioral Sciences. Han-Sheng Chen, who is returning, and Stan Alluisi represent the John Massey School of Business. Senate Chair Emge updated the Senate on the election for the School of Arts and Sciences where there are six nominations to fill four vacant seats: three 3-year terms and one 2-year term. A link to the ballot will be sent to the faculty on September 1. The ballot will also contain a link to determine the senate terms for Han-Sheng Chen and Stan Alluisi for the John Massey School of Business. One position is open for a 3-year term and one is open for a 2-year term replacement.

III. Approval of the minutes from [April 27, 2016](#)

a. Sen. Ludrick moved to accept the minutes, Sen. Dixon seconded. The motion passed 12 in favor - 0 opposed - 0 abstentions.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. The Executive Committee met with VPAA Bryon Clark on July 14 to discuss a different location for the Faculty Lounge. The new Faculty Lounge is on the second floor of the John Massey School of Business. The Honors Program now resides in the former lounge.

ii. The Executive Committee met on July 27 to begin with the charge to update the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual. At this time, the reference to “Dean” has been eliminated from the document. This includes the processes for the annual Faculty Evaluations, Tenure and Promotion, and Post-Tenure Review.

Sen. Fridley encouraged the Senators to review the accomplishments of the committee.

b. Committee on Committees

i. The Committee on Committees noted that replacements will be needed to fill some assignments to the university committees that were vacated by retirees and faculty who obtained positions at other universities. The committee did receive some feedback from current faculty who wish to decline their appointment. The committee will be working to find replacements for those individuals.

ii. Student Representatives who hold positions on university committees have been selected with the help of Dean of Student, Liz McCraw. Several Senators expressed their gratitude on the quick action to get the positions filled. The Senators did express that it may be an easier process to have the nominations of the students in the spring semester for the following fall.

V. New Business

a. Announcement: Carolyn Fridley, President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Chapter of the AAUP, encouraged the Faculty Senate to attend and to spread the word about the Candidate's Forum featuring District 21 incumbent Oklahoma State Representative, Dustin Roberts and challenger, David Northcutt on Thursday, September 8 at 3:00 PM in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Mrs. Fridley informed the Faculty Senate that the Student Government Association will be hosting a Voter Registration Drive in conjunction with the event.

b. Meeting dates: Faculty Senate Chair Emge proposed September 14, September 28, October 12, October 26, November 9, and November 30 as the dates for Faculty Senate meetings. Sen. Fridley motioned to accept the proposal for the dates. Sen. Harvey seconded. The motion passed 13 in favor - 0 opposed - 0 abstentions.

c. Forum on Shared Governance: Monday, October 10 at 3:00 PM and Tuesday, November 15 at 2:00 PM were proposed for the Forum on Shared Governance. Sen. Harvey made a motion to accept. Sen. Moretti seconded. The motion passed 14 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions.

d. Sen. Ludrick indicated that the current changes to the APPM concerning Promotion & Tenure make no reference to the procedure for a Department Chair who is up for promotion and/or tenure. After much discussion, Sen. Ludrick asked that the Faculty Senate provide a recommendation to VPAA Bryon Clark. A motion to allow the Department Chair who is a candidate for Promotion and Tenure to provide the names of two Department Chairs, who must hold the rank of Full Professor and not be serving in an interim position, to the VPAA. The VPAA will select one to serve in the capacity of the Chair throughout the Promotion and Tenure process. Sen. Ludrick motioned to accept. Sen. Daigle seconded. The motion passed 12 in favor – 0 opposed – 1 abstention.

e. Faculty Senators were asked to turn in their committee preferences for the Faculty Senate sub-committees.

f. Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, Treasure, and Recorder will be elected at the September 14 meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Sen. Blackwood motioned to adjourn. Sen. Ludrick seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeremy Blackwood, Faculty Senate Recorder