

Faculty Senate Minutes
3/6/15

The meeting was called to order at: 9:03 by President Davis.

Roll Call was taken with the following present: (Times in parenthesis are arrival if not present at call to order).

Agriculture: Dr. Peterson

SOBT: Mr. Miller Mrs. Davis

Education: Mrs. Worm

Liberal Arts: Dr. Maille Dr. Cole

MSN: Mrs. Tucker Mr. Ramon

UC: Mrs. Green

Minutes: Motion by Dr. Cole to approve minutes of previous meeting. Motion Carried

Old Business:

In response to legislation filed at the Oklahoma Legislature, it was agreed by the faculty senate that a consensus would not be reached amongst the OPSU Faculty. Therefore no action was taken.

Dr. Wayne Manning, OPSU Vice President for Academic Affairs led discussion on the implementation of the new enrollment program, BANNER. Dr. Manning indicated that faculty senators are to forward questions about BANNER to Mrs. Davis for her to bring to OPSU administration for resolution.

The resolution passed 2/6/15 concerning limited English proficiency students was discussed. Dr. Manning informed the faculty senate that those students having refugee status cannot be required to take the TOEFL exam. Mrs. Davis passed on information that the closest place to take the TOEFL exam is in Amarillo, TX with a cost of \$75.00 – 100.00.

Dr. Peterson moved to strike from the resolution the paragraph requiring the TOEFL exam. Motion carried. (Amended resolution attached)

New Business:

Closing and/or late starts due to weather was discussed. Dr. Manning advised the faculty senate that the plan is to have announcements about closing and/or late starts to public media by 6:00 A.M. Students, Faculty and staff are encouraged to use the RAVE emergency alert system.

Rank and tenure committee was discussed.

Motion by Dr. Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended, 3/6/15

WHEREAS:

Limited proficiency English speaking individuals are enrolling as non-degree seeking students at OPSU,
And WHEREAS:

Limited proficiency English individuals have limited opportunities for success in classes as non-degree seeking students due to the language barrier,

And WHEREAS:

OPSU Faculty desire all students to have the opportunity for success in our courses,

BE IT RESOLVED:

~~That OPSU Policy be amended that limited English proficiency individuals be required to take and pass the TOEFL exam,~~

~~And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:~~

That the university policy in the OPSU General Catalog (2014 – 2015) on page 50 under Special Non-degree Seeking Student to agree with policy with the policy for international students on the bottom of page 51 in the OPSU General Catalog (2014 – 2015).