

**SPECIAL MEETING FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
CORRECTED AND APPROVED  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 6, 1994**

Meeting convened 3:02 P. M. by President Manning

Dr. Manning asked that all who were not full time faculty leave. All but Dr. Meek and Dr. Hollenback complied.

Dr. Meek's presentation to the Faculty Senate:

1. Dr. Meek is still unhappy with the budget. He would like to take the budget revision - now in progress but not complete - to the Board of Regents, get it approved, and then revise it further.
2. In response to criticism about the lack of long range "strategic" planning, Dr. Meek stated that he wants to use a committee to rectify this deficiency, a process which will necessarily be a slow one.
3. Dr. Meek said that criticism of Vice President Dr. Hollenback is not justified because Dr. Hollenback has not been here long enough.
4. Dr. Meek's last point was that secret meetings, except for the discussion of personnel, are always bad.

Motions made, seconded, and passed by the Faculty Senate are on the following page.

Meeting adjourned 4:58 P. M.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

September 6, 1994

THERE WERE FOUR MOTIONS MADE DURING THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE.

MOTION 1: THAT THE FACULTY SENATE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT AND THAT THE 1994-95 BUDGET BE DEVELOPED IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER WITH THE RESPECT TO THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR THE DIFFERENT BUDGETED ITEMS AND THAT THE 1993-94 BUDGET BE USE AS A GUIDELINE.

MOTION CARRIED: 10 YES - 1 NO

MOTION 2: WE THE FACULTY SENATE DO NOT SUPPORT AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD BUDGET CUT WITH CUTS ALREADY MADE TO SOME AREAS AND CUTS NOT APPLIED TO OTHER AREAS.

MOTION CARRIED: 10 YES, 1 NO, & 1 ABSTAIN

MOTION 3: WE THE FACULTY SENATE EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE ACADEMICS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

MOTION CARRIED: 9 YES - 2 NO

MOTION 4: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ADMISSION RECRUITERS, WE WISH THE FILLING OF OPEN POSITIONS BE DEFERRED.

MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUS

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**September 12, 1994**

The meeting of the OPSU Faculty Senate was convened by Dr. Wayne Manning at 3:00 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Faculty Senate convened Tuesday September 6, 1994 were approved with modifications.

**DR. MANNING'S COMMENTS**

1. The Faculty Senate still needs to work on, or at least have input into publication of the faculty handbook.
2. He has serious concern about Dr. Meek's construction of the major committees on campus. He is also very concerned about the elimination of several critical committees, specifically the Rank and Tenure Committee.
3. He believes that the suggestion by the administration last semester of reduction in the number of deans to three must be examined closely.
4. The Faculty Senate must be more involved in the review of OPSU's budget.
5. The administration should be made aware that they are always welcome to Senate meetings, but only by invitation.

**DR. MANNING PRESIDED OVER ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

1. Dr. Kim Smith nominated Mindy Davis for President. No other nominations were heard. Mindy Davis was unanimously elected President.
2. Mindy Davis nominated Sam Nelson for Vice President. No other nominations were heard. Sam Nelson was unanimously elected Vice President.
3. Dr. Kim Smith nominated Dr. Patrick Seward for Secretary. No other nominations were heard. Dr. Patrick Seward was unanimously elected Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MINDY DAVIS ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY**

1. President Davis would like to return to the previous committee structure present at OPSU before changes were made by the present administration. It was suggested that the Senate form a subcommittee to examine recent changes in the structure of campus committees and elimination of others. A subcommittee was appointed to examine this issue: Dr. Kim Smith, Tom Lewis, Mindy Davis, Sandy Latham, Dr. Ken Woodward, and Dr. Jerry Butler, and Dr. Fin Ramon.
2. President Davis asked for Senate's thoughts on the idea put forth by the OPSU administration suggesting the restructuring of deans' positions.



Motion by Sam Nelson to increase the number of schools and deans by one - splitting Liberal Arts and Fine Arts into two schools rather than to decrease the number of schools from five to three as suggested by the Meek administration. The motion passed unanimously.

3. President Davis will discuss the faculty handbook with Dr. Ray Brown, V.P. of Academic Affairs, and will report back to the Senate.
4. Ongoing and immediate concerns of the Faculty Senate were identified as:
  - a. Should there be a presidential presentation at the beginning of each senate meeting?
  - b. Should there be a presentation at the beginning of each senate meeting by an administration spokesperson?
  - c. Should an administrative spokesperson or the President be present during senate deliberations?No action was taken on these issues at this meeting.
5. President Davis called for a special meeting of the OPSU Faculty Senate on Thursday, September 15, 1994 at 3:00 PM to try to arrive at a consensus statement to present to the A & M Board of Regents investigatory personnel who will arrive later this week. Members were advised to consult their faculty members.
6. Moved by Dr. Ken Woodward and seconded by Dr. Jerry Butler to adjourn at 4:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Above data supplemented, with thanks, by notes from Sam Nelson.

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
Special Meeting, September 15, 1994

A special meeting of the OPSU Faculty Senate was convened by President Mindy Davis at 3:05 PM.

Dr. Butler suggested that the Faculty Senate should settle the question as to whether a member of the OPSU administration should be allowed to speak, on a normal basis, at Senate meetings.

Dr. Lark responded that the Senate dealt with the issue two years ago, that the President has been invited to speak to the Senate for 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting. There was a general consensus that the practice should continue.

Minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved.

President Davis presented a series of resolutions to be approved or disapproved by the Faculty Senate regarding Dr. Meek's administration of OPSU.

Prior to discussion of the statements Dr. Butler read a statement from one of his constituents, presented as a motion to the Senate, requesting a State financial audit of OPSU. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Senate resumed examining the resolutions regarding approval or disapproval of Dr. Meek's administration. Dr. Butler addressed the Senate, suggesting that all should have a chance to vote on these resolutions. Dr. Ramon responded that the Senate does represent the faculty, although the Senate's vote should not preclude other votes on campus.

MOTION

Dr. Staggs moved that: "The Faculty Senate conduct a secret ballot election on the question of no confidence for the President." Motion seconded.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Seddighin addressed the Senate suggesting that Dr. Seward and Dr. Ramon did not fairly represent the Mathematics department and that one of the members, Dr. Ramon, should not be on the Senate because he was not elected properly to that position by the Science Division, that since Dr. Lee was on the Senate last year, Dr. Maxwell from the Math department should have been elected. Dr. Hill responded that selection was alphabetical, but that first year faculty would not be considered. Dr. Ramon explained he was on the Senate, serving out Dr. Jones' position who left the University.

Dr. Ramon had to leave the Senate meeting to conduct a class. Dr. Hill replaced Dr. Ramon.

Dr. Woodward asked if, in voting on Dr. Staggs' motion, would it exclude a faculty member from voting in another format at a later date. General consent was that it would not.

VOTE

Dr. Staggs' motion carried 7 to 5.

Logistics of the motion were discussed. It was generally agreed that the Senate Officers would conduct the balloting.

MOTION

Dr. Staggs moved that a meeting of all full-time full faculty be called the next Thursday, September 22 at 3:00, Hefley Hall, Room 101 for the purpose of a general election on the question of a no confidence vote for the President. Motion seconded.

VOTE

Dr. Staggs' motion carried 8 to 2 with 2 abstentions.



Dr. Turner read a prepared statement to the Faculty Senate presented as a faculty member (enclosed).

MOTION

Dr. Woodward moved that the Senate go into executive session. Motion seconded.

VOTE

Five for, 5 against, 2 abstentions, President Davis voted for. Motion carried.

MOTION

Tom Lewis moved that the Senate reconsider its vote on the previous motion. Motion seconded.

VOTE

Mr. Lewis's motion carried 5 to 2. Motion carried.

President Davis asked the Senate to examine a list of possible resolutions, submitted to her by members of the faculty, to be included in a statement to the Regents the following day, Friday.

It was stated that each resolution would have to be voted on individually, and that each would have to be brought before the Senate as a motion.

Dr. Culbert commented that some of the resolutions were accusations that, at least presently, could not be substantiated by the Senate.

Sam Nelson replaced Dr. Staggs in the Senate at this time.

Discussion followed about the tapes of the previous week's Budget Meeting taped by Dr. Butler at Dr. Meek's request. It was established, by Dr. Woodward, that the tapes should be public property if OPSU video equipment was used.

Senate Meeting Moved to Hefly Hall 101 at 4:00 PM.

President Davis again asked if there were statements to be included to the Regents the next day from the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Lark suggested that any statements made by the Senate could not be neutral, that any comments must necessarily come down on one side of an issue or the other.

Dr. Seward commented that he thought the purpose of this meeting was vote confidence or no confidence for President Ron Meek.

MOTION

Dr. Hill moved that "We, the Faculty Senate of OPSU would like to express a vote of no confidence in President Ron Meek." Motion seconded.

VOTE

Secret ballot vote followed. Eleven for, one against. Motion carried.

Russ Guthrie asked that the Senate consider a resolution that "...we the Faculty Senate charge Ron Meek with the lose of academic freedom with the introduction of the yellow book at the faculty meeting, September 5, 1994.

Russ Guthrie said that he felt the Senate did not have to necessarily deal with Dr. Meek introducing the book, but that a comment from the Senate was in order if the publication itself was appropriate.

MOTION

Dr. Butler moved to adjourn the Faculty Senate Meeting. Seconded. Motion Carried.

W. Patrick Seward

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 11, 1994

### AGENDA

A meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 4:00 in Hesper Hall 316.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 15 were approved with modifications.

#### STUDENT PRESENTATION ON GRIEVANCES AGAINST ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY AND ON THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH GRIEVANCES MAY BE PRESENTED AND ACTED UPON

The Senate discussed student presentation on grievances against administration and faculty and on the procedure by which grievances may be presented and acted upon. It was generally agreed that with the recent restructuring of campus committees, students no longer have access to a process by which they may air grievances to the faculty and administration.

Students John Henry and Raymond Walker addressed the Senate. These students were concerned with an incident that occurred in a dorm lobby between a student, Chad Anderson and a coach, Rick Haasl, where Haasl allegedly bumped Anderson with his chest and Anderson pushed Haasl away.

Chad Anderson was suspended from the dorms and school by David Todd following the incident. A student discipline committee met and allowed Mr. Anderson to return to school, but he presently remains suspended from the dorms.

The major concern of the students was that Chad Anderson was not provided "due process" in his expulsion from the dorm.

Several other incidents of coaches allegedly pushing students were related to the Senate.

Several questions were raised by the Senate:

1. Does David Todd have the authority to suspend a non-athlete from school and the dorms?
2. Who is in charge when the Director of Institutional Services is off-campus?

It was generally agreed that guidelines are not present as to who has the authority to remove a student from campus and that a "chain of command" has, within the last year, generally not been in place for dealing with problems involving students.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE STUDYING UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

President Davis presented to the Senate the "Committee Report on Committee Restructure" (enclosed).

#### MOTION

Dr. Butler moved that the members of the Senate return to their departments to have the report reviewed by the general faculty. The senators would then return to the next Senate meeting for possible action at that time. Motion seconded.

#### VOTE

Dr. Butler's motion carried unanimously.

#### ESTABLISH A REGULAR TIME FOR FACULTY MEETINGS

Regular meeting time now established at 4:00 the first working Tuesday of the month at Hesper Hall 316.

#### CONVOKING OF A GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

##### MOTION

Mr. Nelson moved that the Faculty Senate recommend to the President of OPSU that the President or the Vice President of the Faculty Senate may call a general faculty meeting. Motion seconded.

#### VOTE



Mr. Nelson's motion carried unanimously.

#### CONSIDERATION OF A FACULTY RECONCILIATION DINNER OR "SOCIAL"

Dr. Butler asked that the Senate consider a faculty reconciliation dinner or "social" considered.

Discussion followed.

#### MOTION

Dr. Lark moved to have the reconciliation dinner, Dr. Butler to handle the logistics. Motion seconded.

#### VOTE

Dr. Lark's motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None considered

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Guthrie commented on the new travel request form issued by the administration. Mr. Guthrie questioned why the Director of Institutional Support Services should have the authority to approve or disapprove request of a school vehicle.

#### MOTION

Dr. Lark moved that President Davis speak with Institutional Support Services and ask that the requirement for the ISS signature be removed from the form and that the Vice President of Fiscal Affairs signature be required instead, and that only a check as to the availability of a vehicle be necessary from ISS. Motion seconded.

#### VOTE

Dr. Lark's motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis voiced concern about noise and traffic associated with the relocation of the CARS lounge from the Student Union Building to Hamilton 122. A classroom is directly adjacent to the lounge.

#### MOTION

Mr. Lewis moved that President Davis check on this room change, find out who is in charge of making these changes, and express a concern to the person responsible for the change that perhaps there might be a more appropriate place for the lounge.

#### VOTE

Mr. Lewis's motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION

Mr. Nelson moved that President Davis check on whether a permanent conference room would eventually be available. Motion seconded.

#### VOTE

Mr. Nelson's motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mark Maxwell asked the Senate to support a recycling campaign on campus. He provided a handout outlining the importance of recycling in our society and that Goodwell and OPSU could do much more recycling, especially with the abundance of white paper used on campus.

#### MOTION

Dr. Lark moved that the Senate support Dr. Maxwell in his efforts to help establish a recycling program on the OPSU campus. Seconded.

#### VOTE

Dr. Lark's motion carried 10 to 1.

Dr. Maxwell said he would check with several disposal companies and report back to the Senate.



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
December 6, 1994

A meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Faculty Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 4:08 pm in Hesper Hall 309.

November 1 Senate Minutes approved with changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Patricia Seward proposed reinstatement of the Assessment Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Lark moved to reinstate the Assessment Committee. Motion seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Question of "Due Process" for students - will be taken care of by interim President.

The new OPSU committee list, with suggested changes proposed by the Faculty Senate, has been delivered to interim President.

President Davis appointed a committee to examine amending the Senate Constitution, allowing the Senate President to call faculty meeting. The committee will be chaired by Mr. Sam Nelson - Dr. Jay Lark and Dr. Patrick Seward are also committee members.

The travel request form will be reviewed by the interim President and the Executive Vice President.

The CARS Lounge. President Davis stated that there have been several complaints from students that the placement of the new CARS lounge was inappropriate, that noise from the lounge disturbed classes meeting in adjacent rooms. The administration stated it would look into the matter, but they would not make a definite commitment yet.

President Davis spoke with Dr. Brown about the revised faculty handbook, and Dr. Brown said he would provide an update by next Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Dr. Kim Smith moved that the OPSU Faculty Senate send a representative to each A&M Board of Regents meeting and that, upon returning from each meeting, the representative compose a report to be circulated among the general faculty of OPSU. Motion seconded. The motion carried 11 for, 1 against.

President Davis will approach interim President and ask if one Senate member may attend the December meeting of the Regents.

Dr. Ramon voiced a concern that athletes are missing too many classes, that their schedules are far too full during the two week's prior to final exams. Dr. Ramon asked President Davis to mention this concern to the V.P. of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Lark questioned the prudence of Dr. Underwood's recent public allegations concerning the OPSU Registrar's office allegedly altering Dr. Underwood's son's academic records. President Davis appointed a committee to examine the issue. The committee consists of Dr. Smith, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Guthrie. The committee will report its findings to the Senate.

MOTION: Dr. Butler moved to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*W. Patrick Seward*

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
February 3, 1995

A meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Faculty Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 4:05 pm in Hesper Hall 309.

December 6 Senate Minutes approved with changes.

Letters from David Todd, Athletic Director, were read to the Senate by Dr. Jerry Butler and Dr. Patrick Seward.

President Davis has recently received inquiries from several faculty members regarding procedure for advancement in rank and tenure. Ms. Davis spoke with both Dr. Westbrook and Mr. Stone, results of that conversation follow:

1. Faculty seeking advancement in rank and/or tenure still must use the "older" Faculty Handbook.
2. Dr. Westbrook and Mr. Stone urged any faculty to apply for advancement or tenure who feels that he or she is ready, but since Dr. Westbrook and Mr. Stone do not know any of the faculty, they feel that it is not appropriate for them to make any decision as to the results of these requests.

Discussion followed.

President Davis was requested by the Senate to go before Mr. Stone and request a clarification about the rank and tenure issue and about a rumor that OPSU will become a satellite campus of OSU.

President Davis was told by Mr. Stone that Section 13 monies were used to pay for periodical subscriptions for the OPSU library.

OLD BUSINESS

CARS lounge

President Davis spoke with administration: "that the CARS lounge is an ongoing commitment to make some changes and the subject is still being considered".

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Butler asked that the Senate Meeting be moved to March 17 at noon, as the February meeting would fall during Spring Break. The request was approved.

MOTION: Dr. Butler moved to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 13, 1995

An Executive Council meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Faculty Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 3:05 pm in Hesper Hall 309.

The purpose of this meeting was to select and send to the Board of Regents five faculty members, two of which will be selected by the Regents to be on the screening committee for the selection of the new President of Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Senate members present at this meeting included: Dr. Jerry Butler, Dr. Jim Culbert, President Mindy Davis, Mr. Tom Lewis, Vice President Sam Nelson, Dr. Fin Ramon, Dr. Patrick Seward, Dr. Kim Smith, Dr. Ken Woodward. Mrs. Sandy Latham, Dr. Jay Lark, and Mr. Phillip Ware were absent.

Five full-time faculty members were chosen by the Senate. Three alternate full-time faculty members were also chosen.

### Members Chosen

President Mindy Davis  
Dr. Russel Edenborough  
Mr. Larry Hough  
Mr. Tom Lewis  
Dr. Patrick Seward

### Alternates Chosen

Mr. Sam Nelson  
Dr. Fin Ramon  
Mrs. Emma Schultz

MOTION: Dr. Butler moved to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
March 17, 1995

A meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 12:20 pm in Hesper Hall 309.

February 3 Senate Minutes approved.

Mr. A.D. Stone addressed the OPSU Faculty Senate  
Priorities:

1. The OPSU salary schedule needs attention, particularly entry level salaries.
2. An organizational chart is badly needed - one will be presented within several weeks.
3. Some retiring faculty will not be replaced in order to economize. Mr. Stone would like to see OPSU on a sound financial footing by Fall semester, 1995.
4. Dr. Westbrook and Mr. Stone are examining possible salary adjustments. Mr. Stone sees these as very important, especially for some of OPSU's professional staff and Ph.D.'s.
5. Mr. Stone is hopeful that a token raise can be made to the faculty this next academic year of approximately two to three percent.
6. Rank and tenure. Mr. Stone would prefer that the incoming president make the decisions as to promotion and tenure. He stated that any decisions (whether made by Dr. Westbrook and Mr. Stone or by the new president) made after contract deadlines would be retroactive to the beginning of the academic year.

The OPSU Faculty Senate selected Mindy Davis and Larry Hough to represent the OPSU faculty on the screening committee for the new president.

MOTION: That a person be selected to poll the OPSU faculty as to whether the faculty agrees with the administration's proposal to have the OPSU bookstore sell most textbooks to our students. Patrick Seward was chosen and will report to the Senate the results of the poll.

RESULTS OF POLL: Thirty four faculty were contacted: 56% (19) of the respondents supported purchase of textbooks, 18% (6) preferred OPSU retain the rental system, and 24% (8) either had no opinion or favored a hybrid system where, perhaps, texts in major fields be purchased, the rest rented.

MOTION: To adjourn. Passed unanimously.



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 7, 1995

A meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 12:00 pm in Hesper Hall 309.

March 17 Senate Minutes Approved.

### Title 3 Grant

MOTION: That Title Three proposal be resubmitted if:

1. programs are administered through the Vice President of Academic Affairs
2. programs to be funded by the grant are approved by the State and A&M Regents prior to resubmission
3. data to support need of programs are researched properly
4. data are revised to reflect current fact and personnel
5. the amount and source of adequate funding to continue programs are identified
6. the grant supports programs that are within the mission of OPSU (which is NOT vocational technical)

Passed unanimously

MOTION: That the OPSU Faculty Senate seek approval from the administration for the interim use of Hesper Hall 309 as an informal gathering place for OPSU faculty. Motion carried 8 for, 1 opposed

MOTION: To adjourn. Passed unanimously.

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

May 5, 1995

A meeting of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Senate was called to order by President Mindy Davis at 12:00 pm in Hesper Hall 309.

April 7, 1995 Senate Minutes Approved.

### Old Business

President Davis formed a committee to establish whether the president of the senate may call a general faculty meeting.

### New Business

Mr. A. D. Stone stated that a salary scale should be available soon and will be distributed to the school deans. The scale will reflect a three percent raise across the board for faculty.

Positions that will become vacant at the end of the present semester are: Dean of Agriculture, Director of Student Activities, Assistant Football Coach, V.P. for Academic Affairs, V.P. for Fiscal Affairs, Band Director, Registrar (moving to Counseling and Placement?)

Motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.