

FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF MEETING
UNAPPROVED
FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004
CARTER HALL 102

PRESENT:

Jerry Butler
Mindy Davis
Ray Schleidt
Dee Seaman
Sam Nelson
Tom Ellzey
Beverley Meyer
James Benjamin

ABSENT:

Cynthia Warren
Jay Lark
Aaron Preator

1. Call to order
Mindy Davis called the meeting to order at 12:03.
2. Approval of minutes
Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of March 26, 2004 meeting. (Nelson, Ellzey) (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
3. Old Business
Constitution
Constitutional change ballots were collected. As the School of Agriculture was not represented, we will accept ballots the next meeting.

Sick building syndrome
Tests have been run on SL, the administration building. Faculty have been getting sick in that building. Oklahoma has no air quality control standards, but EPA (federal) does. We were given a copy of EPA "Indoor Air Facts No 4 (revised): Sick Building Syndrome (SBS)."

The General Education Task Force and the Campus Compact were discussed.
4. New Business
No new business.
5. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm. (Ellzey, Butler) Next meeting undetermined.

Faculty Senate
Minutes of Meeting
Unapproved
Friday March 26, 2004 – 12:00 Noon
102 Carter Hall

PRESENT: Jay Lark
Ray Schleidt
Cynthia Warren
James Benjamin
Mindy Davis
Tom Ellzey
Beverley Meyer
Sam Nelson

ABSENT: Dee Seaman
Aaron Preator
Jerry Butler

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 by Mindy Davis with a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 5, 2004 meeting were approved with corrections. (Nelson, Benjamin)

Old Business

Constitution - Sam Nelson and committee presented revised changes in the faculty senate constitution. The constitution (with changes) will be sent to all faculty with a ballot in which faculty may mark their approval or disapproval of the changes. Two weeks after the constitution has been sent out, faculty senate members will collect the ballots and take to the April faculty senate meeting. Faculty will give their ballots to their school representative April 14th.

General Education Task Force - Sharon Brantner has been assigned to the task force. Dr. Goldsmith has said that all faculty will have a chance to give input. A motion was made, seconded, and carried; the faculty senate believes all schools should be represented on the task force. (Nelson, Benjamin)

Campus Compact - President, Mindy Davis, announced that a regents noon meeting will be held April 27th. Within the meeting will be information about campus compact. Faculty Senate members are invited.

New Business

Academic Council – Discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Outside Employment – There is some concern in the administration about employees “moonlighting” activities interfering with duties on campus. The faculty senate believes that some outside employment in certain situations can enhance classroom performance and helps with public relations. Whatever the policy, the faculty senate thinks it should be flexible.

Course-generated absences- The faculty senate believes the term “excused absences” should be addressed in a general faculty meeting and student handbook. Non-competition and competition students should be treated the same. Field trips are beneficial to the overall knowledge of our students.

Other

Sick Building Syndrome – Tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm; motion, seconded, and carried. (Lark, Ellzey)
Next meeting is set for April 16, 2004 at 12:00 noon in CH 102.

Faculty Senate
Minutes of Meeting
Approved
Friday, March 5, 2004
Carter Hall, room 102

PRESENT: Ray Schleidt
Sam Nelson
Tom Ellzey
James Benjamin
Mindy Davis
Cynthia Warren
Dee Seaman (guest representing University College)
Amy Sheldon (guest substitute for Beverly Meyer)

ABSENT: Jerry Butler
Jay Lark
Aaron Preator
Beverly Meyer

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 by Mindy Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 27th meeting were approved. (Benjamin, Schleidt)

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution

Sam Nelson and committee asked the faculty senate membership questions concerning changes in the constitution. Should office of "president-elect" be changed to vice-president? What about schools who do not have faculty that meet the 2 year requirement for membership in faculty senate? Should a statement be added to the constitution referring to the length of term for officers?

Faculty senate members gave the committee their "okays" for the following items to be added or deleted to the constitution:

- a. Terminology of "president-elect" will be changed throughout the document to vice-president.
- b. If schools do not have faculty that meet the 2 year requirement, they will be allowed to nominate someone with less than 2 years in their school.
- c. All officers will serve in their respective offices until replaced by elections.

The committee will have the constitution retyped with underlining to represent deletions and parenthesis for additions. It will be ready for the next faculty senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

General Education Task Force

Since Eve Warren was the faculty senate representative for the task force, and has left OPSU; members would like to give Dr. Goldsmith another list of faculty to fill Eve's place. Mindy Davis said she would give the Vice-President the list.

General Information

Mindy Davis explained what "Campus Compact" means. OPSU students are encouraged to provide community service. Further discussion will take place next meeting.

On Tuesday, April 27th, the faculty senate is invited to join the Board of Regents group on campus.

State Regents have allocated approximately six millions dollars to the science/agriculture building project.

There are some vending machines on campus which might be available for campus organizations to stock and use as fund raising avenues.

Adjournment

The motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. (Benjamin, Ellzey) Meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm. Next meeting was scheduled for March 26, 2004, at 12:00 noon in 102 Carter Hall.

Faculty Senate
Minutes of Meeting
Unapproved
Friday, February 27, 2004
Carter Hall Room 102

PRESENT: Jay Lark Daren Stevens (substitute for A. Preator Mindy Davis Ray Schleidt James Benjamin Tom Ellzey Beverly Meyer Dee Seaman (Guest representing University College)	ABSENT: Cynthia Warren Jerry Butler Sam Nelson
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Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Mindy Davis.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for January 30th meeting were approved as corrected. (Ray, Jay)

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Who's Who

Who's Who candidates were discussed. OPSU can nominate 39 students to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in 2003-2004 academic year. There were only 23 OPSU students who returned applications. Applications were reviewed and all students who applied were selected by faculty senate. "Move that we approve all 23 candidates for Who's Who." (Jay, Tom)

Faculty senate discussed OPSU's selection procedure for Who's Who. We would like to guarantee that all eligible students have a chance of selection. In an effort to insure that chance, we will forward the following resolution.

"Faculty Senate would like to revise the process to insure all eligible students are allowed to apply. We would also like to insure the process works in a traceable manner." (Tom, Jay)

Constitution

Two amendments to the Constitution were discussed.

The first amendment:

Article III, Section 3, Senate Membership: Members will be elected by their respective schools proportional to the number of eligible faculty in each school and one member elected from university college as set forth by the by-laws of this constitution.

FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APPROVED
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2004
CARTER HALL 102

PRESENT:

Jerry Butler
Mindy Davis
Ray Schleidt
Dee Seaman
Jay Lark
Aaron Preator
Sam Nelson
Tom Ellzey
Beverley Meyer
Cynthia Warren

ABSENT:

James Benjamin
Rene Johnson

1. Call to order
Mindy Davis called the meeting to order at 12:06.
2. Approval of minutes
Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of October 24, 2004 meeting. (Nelson, Ellzey)
3. Old Business
No old business was discussed.
4. New Business
A resolution has been sent to Dr. Bryant by the Handbook Committee concerning non-accredited degrees stating— "An approved graduate program will be regionally accredited. International institutions must be approved by both the Rank and Tenure Committee, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President prior to start of graduate work to be used for rank and tenure considerations. Graduate work completed prior to employment OPSU will be considered on a case by case basis for rank and tenure by the Rank and Tenure Committee, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President."
The handbook committee also stated to the President, " that non-accredited PHDs not be published in the University Catalog.

A question was raised as to the amount of research done on non-accredited degrees, universities, etc. The OPSU catalog should state our stand on what is considered accredited or non-accredited.

Motion was made that the Faculty Senate reiterate the resolution sent to Dr. Bryant by the Handbook Committee stated above. (Warren, Lark) Motion passed with 5 yes, 2 abstentions, and 0 no.

A recommendation was made that the university develop a written policy defining acceptable degrees. Motion was made, seconded, and passed. (Schleidt, Preator)

Mindy Davis asked for volunteers as members of a subcommittee to make recommendations for Faculty Senate Constitution changes in the area of membership eligibility. Sam Nelson, Cynthia Warren, and Beverly Meyer will meet to make the recommended changes.

Scheduling of classes in a consistent manner campus wide was discussed, especially afternoon classes. A motion was made, seconded, passed that all post-noon classes start at 1:00pm Mon-Fri. in order to allow for noon meetings. (Lark, Butler)

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm. Next meeting undetermined.