

# NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2014

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Louderback in BAPT 225 at 3:00 pm. There was ITV access at Muskogee, Broken Arrow and Tahlequah.

Council Members in attendance in Tahlequah: Ron Cambiano (Education), Samantha Clifford (Library), John Diamantopoulos (Science & Health Professions), Kendra Haggard (Liberal Arts), Spencer Johnson (Optometry), Sandra Martin (Library), Dan Sisk (Science & Health Professions)

Council Members in attendance in Broken Arrow : Andrew Aken (Business & Technology), Tia Bennett (Education), Jeb Briley (Business & Technology), Kurt Choate (Education), Raymond Hasselman (Liberal Arts), Mai Anh Vu Tran (Business & Technology), Victor Zhu (Science & Health Professions)

Council Members in attendance in Muskogee: Heather Fenton (Nursing)

Council Officers in attendance: Pamela Louderback ( Vice President), Linda West (Secretary/Treasurer).

Guests: Steven Edscorn (Library) in Tahlequah; Karl Siewert (Library) in Broken Arrow  
Review/Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting ([http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~faculty\\_council/minutesmar2014.html](http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~faculty_council/minutesmar2014.html))

Minutes were approved with one correction.

## 2. Budget Report

There was discussion of what to do with the remaining funds in the budget. Based on suggestions from the last meeting, it was moved and seconded to transfer \$1,000 to the Faculty Development Committee to award up to \$500 per person based on a priority determined by the Committee. The Committee is to provide a report to Faculty Council about use of the funds. The motion passed.

## 3. Committees/Standing Reports

### **Circle of Excellence**

The committee reported that awards were decided as follows: Christine Hallman for Teaching, Mark Paulissen for Research and David Lewerenz for Service. Plaques and certificates are being prepared. The date for the ceremony has not yet been announced.

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## 4. Old Business/Pending Issues

### A. **Design & Location of COE bricks**

The three versions of designs presented at the February meeting were discussed. One suggestion was made to move the bricks away from the Library building. It was noted that we call this the Circle of Excellence so that the design should probably have a circle. One idea was to put the bricks in three circles based on categories. A motion was made to not consider the second design. The motion did not receive a majority and was withdrawn. We will revisit this plan as there is time before any construction will begin. It was recommended that Asbill be asked to do a walk around on the site with members of the previous Faculty Council committee to discuss the location previously selected. A motion was made to that effect and to have the revised designs brought back to a Faculty Council meeting. The motion passed.

B. **Collegial Governance Document** - The document is at Staff Council.

### C. **What does F.C. want to do for the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Seminary Hall?**

The group sought clarification about our role. The consensus was that we had asked to have President Van Den Handel on the podium to say a few words on behalf of the faculty. It was also noted that Dr. Agnew would be presenting and can also represent the faculty. Cambiano will talk to Hardcastle about the event.

### D. **Recruitment and Retention: How do we improve? Need ideas.**

Faculty should have a vested interest in retention. It should be a priority of the Faculty Council. It can be as simple as talking to classes and asking "Have you enrolled?" There were several questions about factors and differences in colleges. Perhaps we are being reactive rather than looking at underlying causes. It was moved that we contact Enrollment Services to present to us so that we can be better informed about the underlying correlatives so that we can target our interventions. The motion passed.

## 5. New Business

### A. **Appellate elections on April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

There was a question about what the election was. The Appellate Committee is composed of elected, tenured faculty who hear grievances related to dismissal of tenured faculty. There was a question about whether there would be voting in Muskogee.

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**B. Steven Edscorn: Director of Libraries – on building a faculty publications database. He needs some help.**

Van Den Handel had brought up the idea and Edscorn is looking for ways to collect faculty publications, mostly books. There could also be a bibliography of articles and an index/database by subject. He would like to see us develop a communication channel and wants to know what we think? Some suggestions were to use Digital Measures, already in use by the College of Education. Other colleges collect this data yearly for annual reports. Perhaps there is some way to collect all of these. Edscorn will talk to Deans about the idea. It was noted that the Library hosts a few online bibliographies of faculty publications dated 1990-2008 from the Honor NSU Authors events.

<http://library.nsuok.edu/events/honor/>

**C. Coach/Faculty Sponsor for NSU College Bowl quiz team.**

A new coach is needed for the team. There was discussion of whether this a recognized student group. Hasselman is going to talk with Dr. Keller and report back.

**D. Ideas needed to raise emergency fund of \$125,000 for helping students to stay in school. What can Faculty Council do?**

Send ideas to a Faculty Council officer and they will be compiled. We will then send them to the administration.

**E. List of Colleges needing to elect delegates this fall; and list of committees needing filled this fall. Also colleges need to hold an election for the Grievance Committee at the same time as the delegate elections.**

Submit names for committees by the next meeting.

There was a question about whether others have heard of colleges, such as TU, not accepting credit for three and four week classes?

## News

Upcoming event reminders are on the agenda.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting May 2, 2014

Submitted by Linda West, Secretary-Treasurer  
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