

Faculty Council April 1, 2016 Minutes

The mission of the Northeastern State University Faculty Council is to promote communication and cooperation among the faculty and between the faculty and the administration. The Council serves as the faculty's collective voice in shared governance in order to achieve excellence in the academic endeavors of the university. Toward this goal the Council seeks to enhance the university's pursuit and dissemination of knowledge by promoting and preserving academic freedom and integrity, encouraging creative inquiry, and recognizing scholarly achievement. The Council further serves to foster the professional development and economic well-being of the faculty ~ Adopted by the Council, February 6, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by President Renee Cambiano in SH204 at 3:00PM. There was ITV access to Broken Arrow and Tahlequah.

Guests (Time is typically set aside for administrators who wish to address the council):

Dr. Chavez informed the Council of the availability of Camp Riverhawk for seminars, retreats, and classes at the newly renovated facility. It is approximately 25 minutes from Tahlequah and open for NSU use with proper notification.

Dr. Vasser informed the Council that there are Fulbright faculty awards for study abroad for the next academic year. August 1 is the application deadline. This is available to US citizens only and is awarded for a 1 year term.

Dr. Carey and Ms. Goad informed the Council of the possibility for a program for students to study abroad in foreign countries. The student will receive a letter grade and participate in up to a 15 hour program.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Renee Cambiano in SH204 at 3:00PM. There was ITV access to Broken Arrow and Muskogee.
- II. Quorum Check
- III. Minutes: The minutes of the March 4 meeting were presented and approved.



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IV. Old Business/Pending issues:

Discussion was made pertaining to the formation of an appellate committee of tenured faculty in order for non-tenured faculty an opportunity to appeal tenure denials. A memo was sent to Deans with an April 8 response date.

A memo was received in response to the donation to buy medallions limiting the Council's contribution to the appreciation week. The memo stated that the donation will be accepted if the donation is general and not specific in nature. It was determined that the donation not be restricted and donations in the future be made for faculty enrichment. The Council will fund this year \$250 to spend as they wish. Passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Standing Committee Selection: An email will be sent to faculty soliciting volunteers for the Standby Committee. This committee will review the Council Mission Statement.

VI. Committee and Standing Reports: None Announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT 5:00 PM

NEXT MEETING May 6th 2016

Respectfully submitted, Bruce McDaniel