March 4, 2016
Agenda

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Meetings (First Friday of Every Month): **February 5th, March 4th, April 1st and May 6th**
Location: SH 204, BABT 225, and SYN 141.
Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

I. Call to Order:
II. Quorum Check:
III. Approval of Minutes: Posted [http://offices.nsuok.edu/facultycouncil/FacultyCouncilHome.aspx](http://offices.nsuok.edu/facultycouncil/FacultyCouncilHome.aspx)

IV. Guests (Time is typically set aside for administrators who wish to address the council):
   - Dr. Mark Arant & Dr Tom Jackson (Collaboration with Faculty Council on Boyer Model Professional Devel)
   - Mark Paulissen - Undergraduate Research Day
   - Chris Owen - AAUP President - Budget Resolution

V. Old Business Items:
   A. Tenure and Promotion Task Force
   B. Grade Appeal Policy: What did your constituents say?
   C. Staff Appreciation Day (Need a Committee: day & amount?)

VI. New Business Items
   A. **Appellate Committee**: The committee shall not exceed nine (9) tenured faculty members, eight (8) of whom shall be nominated or elected by secret ballot by the tenured faculty of the faculty-governing body of the University (Faculty Association), and one member appointed by the president of the University. A quorum shall be five (5) members or a majority of qualified members of the committee.
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VII. Committee and Standing Reports:
A. Faculty Welfare Committee: (John, Ron, Mitch)
B. Academic Integrity Committee (Julie, Mercado, Darren)
C. Circle of Excellence Plaza Rededication Planning Committee (Pamela, John, Denise)
D. Budget Report (Bruce)
E. Academic Council Update
F. Executive Council Update
G. Budget Oversight Committee: No Report

VIII. Reminders and Announcements:
A. President’s Brown Bag March 3, 2016 (Muskogee) and March 7, 2016 (Broken Arrow) @ Noon
B. Centurion Luncheon - March 4, 2016
C. NORA Annual Education Summit - March 9, 2016 (Handout)
D. Oklahoma Research Day - March 11, 2016
E. Complete College America @ UCO March 24, 2016
F. 44th Annual Symposium on the American Indian - April 11-16, 2016
G. Circle of Excellence Honoree and RE-dedication of Plaza - April 22, 2016
H. Employee Recognition - April 28, 2016

Next Meeting: April 1, 2016
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I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Renee Cambiano in SH204 at 3:00PM. There was ITV access Broken Arrow and Tahlequah.

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

- Dr. Roger Collier (Grade Appeal Policy) - Dr. Collier presented a draft revision to grade change policy for the Council to discuss. Copies of this proposed revision was previously presented to all Council members. Dr. Collier reported that the NSU policy was compared to the policies at OU and OSU and similarities and differences were noted. The current policy at NSU follows the following “chain of command”: The initial request is forwarded to the faculty member involved. If the dispute is not resolved the dispute is forwarded to the Department Chair and then to the Associate Dean for resolution. If the dispute is still unresolved an Appeal Form will be completed and submitted to the Appeals Committee and finally to the Provost.

- Drs. Deason-Toyne, Bekkering, & Jones (Hawk Hatch and Essential Business Skill Courses) The EBS Seminar was then brought up and it was decided that NSU needs to review our position in industry, attempt to engage alumni, seek foundation support and presentation by business alumni.

- Erin Feller - Staff Council President- brought up several areas of concern from a survey. ASked for support from faculty council for employee appreciation week. Faculty Council decided they want to pick a day and honor staff (** need amount voted on for this day and a committee).
III. Approval of Minutes: Motion Passed

IV. Old Business Items: Medallions ordered and will be here March 1st, proposal for undergraduate research day was rejected and they will send a rep for the next meeting to discuss what we can do.

V. New Business Items
   A. NSU Strategic Plan:
   B. Faculty Council Mission alignment with overall Mission and values: The assembly recommended that they review the strategic plan, by-laws and mission statement to see if any changes are warranted. Also review the possibility of forming a committee to start these proceedings (**Need a committee**).
   C. Circle of Excellence Committee Selection: Kathy McDowell sent out an email and nominations are being received for the three recipients on next year’s committee.
   D. Faculty Engagement - Survey Faculty (time/day change and other)

VI. Committee and Standing Reports:
   A. Faculty Welfare Committee: No Report
   B. Academic Integrity Committee : No Report
   C. Circle of Excellence Plaza Re-dedication Planning Committee: Working a date
   D. Budget Report: No Report

VII. Reminders and Announcements:
   a. Fulbright Visiting Scholar (Dr Laura Harrison) - February 19th - 5:00pm BA 124
   b. Swansea, Wales - Deadline February 19, 2016 - (Stephanie Goad)
   c. Polar Plunge for Special Education - 11:00 - 1:00 - February 20, 2016
   d. President’s Brown Bag March 1, 2016 (Tahlequah), March 3, 2016 (Muskogee), and March 7, 2016 (Broken Arrow) @ Noon
   e. Centurion Luncheon - March 4, 2016
   f. NORA Annual Education Summit - March 9, 2016
   g. Oklahoma Research Day - March 11, 2016
   h. Higher Education Day at the Capitol - February 16, 2016
   i. Complete College America @ UCO March 24, 2016
   j. 44th Annual Symposium on the American Indian - April 11-16, 2016
   k. Employee Recognition - April 28, 2016
Regional summit in Pryor to address quality education needs

NORA works to strengthen Oklahoma’s workforce and future

WHAT: A summit to discuss the importance of quality education and to reinforce the significance of public education as we work to strengthen Oklahoma’s workforce.

WHEN: March 9, 2016, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: MidAmerica Industrial Park Expo Center
(Just east of Hwy 69, adjacent to MidAmerica Airport)

PRYOR, Okla.—Hundreds of the area’s business, industry and education leaders from throughout northeast Oklahoma are meeting during the Third Annual Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance to discuss the importance of quality education and to reinforce the impact of public education on strengthening Oklahoma’s workforce.

Featured speakers include Jonathan Catherman, senior consultant, Franklin Covey; Chuck Hoskin Jr., secretary of state, Cherokee Nation; and David Stewart, CEO, MidAmerica Industrial Park.

Participants will hear from business and workforce development representatives regarding the necessity of building a strong, educated workforce to retain current business and attract new business and industry.
Educators will focus on the importance of community involvement in education as they strive to keep Oklahoma competitive. Special emphasis will be given on the state of rural schools in Oklahoma and the effects impending cuts will have on the future of the children and the state. “State funding cuts over the past several years have created a critical problem in Oklahoma public education, and that affects the state’s economy and well-being,” said Jennifer Brittain, chair of the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce. “Oklahoma public education is economics. We cannot afford to continue to cripple our state’s education funding. Together we must work to save our schools.”

A special discussion will be held regarding the Pryor School District’s K-12 adoption of “The Leader in Me” program, based on the Stephen R. Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People.” Community leaders will relate how the program is not only impacting the schools, but also the entire city and its region.

The education summit is hosted by the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, MidAmerica Industrial Park and Pryor Public School District.

The lunch event is Wednesday, March 9, at Pryor’s MidAmerica Industrial Park Expo Center, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is $15 per person. To attend, register at www.pryorchamber.com.

The Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance is a not-for-profit, membership-driven organization that unifies a 14-county area, creating a regional network that shares resources and collaborates in order to create a better future for its members.

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