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Faculty Council

March 3, 2017 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 Bagley 121 at 3:00 p.m. on March 3, 2017. There was ITV access in Tahlequah, Broken Arrow and Muskogee.

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

Tonia Weavel addressed the Council about the Cherokee Heritage Center. She shared with the Council the history of the Heritage Center and its activities. It is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1961 before there was a modern Cherokee Nation. They also have the Ancient Village and an art gallery. There are two genealogists that work with the Cherokee Family Research Center. Their fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for non- members. Membership in the Historical Society is \$40 and brochures were passed out to Council delegates. They are governed by a Board of Trustees. Ron Cambiano is on the board. They encourage faculty to come visit the facility and consider becoming volunteers.

Pamela Christol from the Committee for Sustainability presented a Powerpoint about their Safety Initiative. They are encouraging faculty and students to install 911Shield on cellphones and to sign up for EAS alerts through text messaging. They also would like all faculty to get part 1 and 2 of the ALICE training from NSUPD. They presented ideas to increase participation in these safety measures and asked for input and other ideas to increase awareness.



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Katie Horn from Staff Council addressed the Council about the upcoming Employee Appreciation events. In the past, Faculty Council has helped with funding part of the events. They are planning for a luncheon. They also are planning Coffee breaks on all campuses. They are open to any help Faculty Council would like to provide. The day of the coffee break was discussed.

Sonia Tinsley, chair of the CTL Advisory Committee talked with Council. She presented several things that will be happening soon. The University is moving to Zoom from Collaborate. It will be available after spring break and we will migrate by summer. The Blackboard migration was mentioned. We are moving to Ultra from Learn. She recommended that faculty apply for funds that they are offering for TILT or Immersive Learning Projects. These requests are due by April 3rd. There will be an email next week with timelines for the Blackboard move and there is a workshop schedule coming. Training will be face to face and online. Faculty were again reminded to archive courses needed in the future and to backup course evaluations needed for future RTP reports. After the deletions, these will not be easily accessible.

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Quorum Check: There was a quorum present.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were approved with a correction.
- IV. Old Business Items:
 - A. Strategic Plan

Linda West presented the Faculty Council goals for 2017-2019. There are bullet point goals under each of the University strategic goals. The goals include communication, collaboration, support the RTP process and scholarly and creative activity of faculty. The document was presented as a motion from the Committee of Linda West, chair, Ron Cambiano and Rachel Green. The goals were accepted.
 - B. Delicious Dialogues

Pamela Louderback presented the Delicious Dialogue outline of procedures and guidelines that her committee developed in December. Forming an Advisory Committee would be the next step in starting the process. The document came as a motion from the Committee of Pamela Louderback, chair, Sharon Jones and Dimitri



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Plessas. The document was accepted.

C. Circle of Excellence Committee

1. COE Celebration

The Council was asked about preferences for a lunch or a cookies and punch reception. Discussion followed. The lunch would be a ticketed event. Suggestions about making the tickets less if purchased in advance were made. Last year's event felt like a community event and this idea was supported with a cake and the event taking place at the brick location on the south side of the Library. It was also suggested that we have a lunch and bring in a speaker. Faculty Council has funds for travel and an honorarium for a speaker. We could also get donors for the event or sponsors. In order to make decisions before our next meeting, any votes about expenditures will take place via email. Sharon Jones and Pamela Louderback volunteered to help with the event.

2. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee has been formed and nominations are closed. Nominated faculty will submit sometime in March and the Committee will meet in early April. The celebration is planned for April 20th.

V. New Business

A. Guns on Campus resolution

A small group rewrote a previous Faculty Council resolution. The main changes were to remove references to specific bills and make the resolution more generic. It was a basic restatement of a resolution passed before by Faculty Council. There was a lively debate about the resolution and the safety and wisdom and practicality of guns on campus. The discussion mainly centered around people who have concealed carry permits and whether we are safer with them in our classrooms with their guns. As there was no consensus and time was running out, the resolution was tabled to give delegates time to get feedback from their faculty groups.

B. Letter from the President

Everyone should be aware of the concerns about the Oklahoma



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budget situation. Please exercise your rights as citizens to speak with your representatives.

C. Policy (pre/post award and research)

These three policies are new and have never been written down in the past. Due to lack of time, the proposals were only briefly discussed. The vote in the Policy Committee is next week. Faculty Council delegates will be asked for feedback via email. It was noted that the amount of summer pay is under discussion and may need to be changed. Policy and procedure were not the same in this area. Council supports a 25% summer salary in the pre-award policy.

Meeting adjourned 5:26 pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda West, Secretary/Treasurer
March 7, 2017