Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association
December 3, 2013

Signed in as present:

I. Meeting called to order by D. Hanson at 11:08am
II. Approval of the minutes- with the addition of a link to the Evaluation committee information (provided by J.C. Sanders).
III. Treasurer’s report- $1001.81
IV. Committee reports
   a. Tenure & Promotion committee- met to plan for January. No business to report
   b. IDS- no business to report
   c. Resource- no business to report
   d. Curriculum- no business to report at this time. Meeting to consider two changes next week (Liberal Arts Minor, Education and Deaf Ed)
      i. K. Davis reminded everyone to get changes in early so they don’t get backlogged at the end of the term.
   e. Faculty Welcoming- no business to report
   f. Faculty Handbook- no business to report
   a. Ad Hoc Faculty Concerns- no business to report
   g. Ad Hoc Student Evaluations- no business to report
V. Old business
   a. D. Hanson attended the last Regents’ meeting and gave an overview of how their meetings run. The Regents will meet again next Tuesday.
   b. N. Warden asked about the work on Robertson Hall. This is part of the long-term plan with the Chickasha development council.
   c. D. Hanson stated there will be no Faculty Association meeting in January.
   d. Discussion about the installation date for the Te Ata statue. Several faculty have heard that it will be installed in January.
   e. D. Hanson described fundraising dinner held on November 18th. The remarks there were aimed primarily at the local community.
   f. D. Hanson told the faculty about the recent NBC news feature that highlighted Chickasha as part of the oil boom.
   g. S. Kelley asked about the status of the possible plan to build a road through the USAO Habitat Area. J. Shaw reports that administration is continuing to argue against the plan, and that it will be at least eight years before anything happens.
   h. D. Hanson reported that there were approximately 12 people at the last Faculty Forum. He encouraged the faculty to attend these meetings.
VI. New business  
a. None  

VII. Concerns, reminders, suggestions- none  

VIII. Announcements  
a. J. Mather- still collecting books and money for Books for Tots. The need is great this year.  
b. N. Warden- student Jake Rohrer was accepted to the Capital Research Day that will take place in April.  
c. N. Warden- Hypatia luncheon on Thursday  
d. S. Weber- the choir will perform at Epworth Church on Thursday night.  
e. S. Weber and C. Walker report that the Communications & Media office is seeking info on notable graduates for the departmental websites.  
f. J. Loutsch- alumnus Travis Bates was accepted to dental school at OU.  
g. J. Loutsch- Drovers Against Cancer blankets are still available (and make lovely Christmas gifts!).  
h. S. Rees- please remind students that the nominations for superior teacher are online this year. Encourage them to nominate their favorite teachers.  

IX. Move to adjourn- Z. Simpson; seconded by A. Karjala. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.  

Respectfully submitted,  

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Faculty Association secretary