

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
May 4, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
K-State Student Union, Room 206

Present: Baillargeon, Bennett, Charney, Devore, Hornsby, King, Moser, Oliver, Roberts, Spears, Stewart
Absent: Ganta
Proxies: DeRouchey
Guests: Monty Nielsen

1. Barney King, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The April 20, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education –

1. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Spears to approve the following course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on April 15, 2010:

COURSE CHANGES:

American Ethnic Studies

Add:

AMETH 556 Multicultural Psychology

Department of History

Changes to:

HIST 588 ~~Rise and Fall of~~ Nazi Germany and the Holocaust

Add:

HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Thinking

HIST 559 History of Aztecs, Inca, and Maya

Women's Studies

Add:

WOMST 321 Latina's Life Stories

WOMST 345 Women & Aging: Looking at Multicultural Female Aging Through a Gendered Lens

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Department of History

Changes to History major:

Add HIST 300 to Professional courses. Change additional courses from 6 credits to 3 credits to accommodate for HIST 300 being added.

Department of Geography

Changes to the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Secondary Major:

Add GEOG 360 in list of available Social Sciences/Humanities courses.

Motion carried.

4. Graduation list items – A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Moser to approve the following graduation list additions:

December 2009

Abdul Said Herrera, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Motion carried.

5. Old Business

A. K-State 8 Course Tagging (and Assessment)

- Link to all college course lists: <http://www.k-state.edu/kstate8/CourseLists.htm>

In follow up to the last meeting King reported that requests have been sent to department heads to ask for their feedback on whether there are problems with any of the tagged courses. King asked if members have had a chance to look at the programs in each of their colleges. Devore and Bennett commented that the ability to meet the requirements for this program appear to be easier to meet. Discussion ensued about the details of the K-State 8 program and the differences between it and the current program. Charney noted that in the future it needs to be clearer how to add a tagged course to the system and also how to remove one. Capstone courses were discussed and their involvement in assessment of the K-State 8. Lengthy discussion continued regarding general education. Assessment was discussed in detail and Charney mentioned that the current system based its assessment on pieces which were laid out in the proposal for the program; therefore, it had clearer direction. It appears assessment will be harder with this program due to the vagueness. The HLC's visit 9 or 10 years ago, as some recollected, extolled the system at that time. It may be beneficial to recall what specifically was appreciated. It was noted though because that was some time ago the individuals on the HLC now may have differing views on a general education program.

6. Reports

A. Student Senate – Annie Oliver

Oliver reported the last student senate meeting of the semester was last Thursday. Their Exec committee will be meeting soon and also final committee assignments will be made for the upcoming year.

B. University Library – Tara Baillargeon

The library has a Collection Council that continually monitors the electronic journal usage. When journal usage is low through the year, they consider ending a subscription and using the funds on a different journal. Also, the shared facility K-State has been using at KU has indicated they will no longer allow additional storage usage by K-State. She will keep us up to date on what the solution will be for this.

7. Announcements

King took a moment and thanked committee members for their hard work and input this year. Moser, on behalf of committee members, thanked King for his leadership on the committee over the past year.

8. For the good of the University

9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08

Next meeting: May 18, 2010; 3:30 p.m.; Room – Union 204