

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
October 5, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
Union Room 204

Present: Bennett, Cox, DeRouchey, Easton, Oliver, Roberts, Sachs, Spears, and Zajac

Absent: Baillargeon, Ganta, Hornsby, Moser

Guests: Nielsen

1. Kevin Roberts, chairing in place of Dan Moser, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The September 21, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted, with a correction to one typographical error.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education -

1. A motion was made by Sachs and seconded by Zajac to approve the following new minor and certificate programs as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on April 2, 2009 (these programs were sent back to the creator for further clarification and resubmission. All information has now been submitted):

Add:

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Arts and Sciences Dean's Office

AFRICAN STUDIES

Add:

- A new African Studies Minor (**see Attachment 1**)
- A new African Studies Certificate (**see Attachment 1**)

Easton had a few questions and the members discussed and answered them. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Spears and seconded by DeRouchey to approve the following course additions as approved by the College of Education on September 28, 2010 (see approval sheets for further detail):

COURSE CHANGES:

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Add:

EDSEC 530 Art Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 531 Art Methods Practicum
EDSEC 532 Business Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 533 Business Methods Practicum
EDSEC 534 Family and Consumer Science Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 535 Family and Consumer Science Methods Practicum
EDSEC 536 Language Arts Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 537 Language Arts Methods Practicum
EDSEC 538 Mathematics Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 539 Mathematics Methods Practicum
EDSEC 540 Modern Language Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 541 Modern Language Methods Practicum
EDSEC 542 Science Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 543 Science Methods Practicum
EDSEC 544 Social Studies Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
EDSEC 545 Social Studies Methods Practicum

Motion carried.

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

August 2008: Alicia Greene, Master of Science, Graduate School (Ms. Greene completed all requirements for the Master of Science degree to be awarded December 12, 2008 but was erroneously removed from the December 2008 graduation list due to a problem with the electronic submission of her thesis.)

August 2010:

Ketaki Ramachandra Kerur, Master of Science, Graduate School
Brooke Briand, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences
Kathleen Rivers, Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences

Motion carried.

5. Reports

- A. CAPP - No report; meets on the 13th.
- B. iSIS Task Force - No report; meets on the 13th.

6. Old Business

- A. Stand Alone Minor implementation

No new information.

- B. Honorary Degrees – proposal with revisions from September 21, 2010

Prior to the meeting today, it was suggested by a Graduate School member that it may be good to add the President of the Graduate Student Council to the membership of the committee who makes award recommendations to the university president. Discussion took place about the committee membership and whether the suggestion was valid and necessary. After this was thoroughly discussed by Academic Affairs, it was decided this position did not need to be added at this time. Easton mentioned concern about the second and third bullet underneath the Eligibility section which discussed retired faculty versus faculty who have been away from K-State for 5 years. This was discussed among committee members. Is there a conflict between these two? There was reluctance to not have bullet number two. It was decided there will be enough feedback in the coming years that edits can be made as they are deemed necessary. A couple editorial changes were made. Under Policies for Selection Process, bullet one, second sentence the first “A nomination ~~from~~ originate from” was changed to “A nomination may originate from”. On page 2, under Procedures for Selection of a Candidate, “Student ~~Senate~~ President” was changed to “Student Body President” to reflect the correct title. Spears motioned to approve the outlined procedures with the two changes made. Motion was seconded and carried.

- C. Appropriate use of Topics courses

This item was originally brought up because of RRES topics courses and use of them and these are being taken care of and will be submitted as new courses under the current course approval process. The question was raised however, whether a university policy should be created to address these types of courses. Could these lead to conflict between colleges? It is possible, but it wouldn't be a big issue. However, a brief policy to create clarification on how topics courses should be handled seems wise. Bennett offered to work with a couple others and craft language that would be available to use by colleges. Other course issues were touched on, for example problems courses. Bennett and Spears will work on language to bring back to Academic Affairs.

7. For the good of the University

State of University Address/Open Forum – Salina Campus will be Monday, October 11, 2010 at 9am. The Big 12 room is reserved for those at the Manhattan campus if they wish to observe and/or participate.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2010, Room TBA