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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, August 25, 2003 3:30 pm
K-State Union, Room 204

Present: Adams, Cochran, Cox, Dandu, Elder, Gehrt, McCulloh, Olsen, Prince, Ransom, Schumm, Spears, Zabel

Absent: Haddock, Jurich, Quaife, Rolley, Ross, Schlup Thompson

Visitors: Phil Anderson, John O'Hara

- I. President Bob Zabel called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the August 11, 2003 meeting were approved.
- III. Announcements
 - A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council
President Zabel announced that the Leadership Council met with President Wefald and his staff on August 20 and discussed the following items:
 1. Received an update on the state budget situation. There is a relatively optimistic view for the current budget continuing with no anticipation of any rescission. They are hopeful that the Governor may include some revenue enhancements for next year's budget along with some increased expenditures for education. Revenues are up so far this fiscal year.
 2. The Library funding task force will be appointed jointly by Faculty Senate and the Provost to re-visit the 1997 task force report and to outline future funding directions.
 3. The Compensation task force proposal from President Zabel received a cordial reception and interest from the administration. We are awaiting a reply from the Provost on this proposal.
 4. Discussed Steve Morris visit to campus on September 9.
 5. Briefly discussed the classroom space issues. The administration's primary concern is with space available for general use classrooms.
 6. The United Nations Flag is and has been flying in the Little Theater of the K-State Student Union.
 - B. Report from Student Senate
John O'Hara said that Student Senate has not yet met so there was no report.
 - C. Other - None

- IV. Legislative issues - Steve Morris, senator from 39th district of Kansas (at Faculty Senate) Steve Morris will spend most of the day on campus on September 9, meeting with the President's staff, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, selected Department Heads, Deans, and the full Faculty Senate.
- V. Honor System Report
Phil Anderson requested time on the agenda to present a short summarization of the annual Honor System Report and to answer questions. The most frequent violation is plagiarism with plagiarism from the internet the most common. Senator Spears moved to place the Honor System report on the Faculty Senate agenda. Motion was seconded and carried.
- VI. Calendar Issues
Al Cochran distributed draft operating procedures for the University Calendar Committee. John O'Hara discussed the need for more student input into the academic calendar and shared decision making. President Zabel commented that student input will come from the student members on the committee and that the academic calendar is a responsibility of faculty as an academic function.
- VII. Reports from Standing Committees
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee - Jackie Spears
Senator Spears announced that the first meeting will be September 2 and requested help from Executive Committee members in finding a chair for this committee.
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee - Roger Adams
Senator Adams reported that the first two topics of discussion will be the revised unclassified awards recommendation from the subcommittee on Faculty Salaries and Fringe Benefits and the ombudsperson case loads, funding and Salina campus representation.

Senator Adams thanked President Zabel for continuing to voice concerns about unclassified salaries at K-State.
 - C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning - Walter Schumm
Senator Schumm reported that the first meeting will be on September 4 and he intends to discuss feedback on continuing effects of budget reductions and unintended long-term consequences of program assessment.
 - D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology - Mike Haddock
No report
- VIII. Old Business - none
- IX. New Business
Al Cochran distributed and discussed the Post-Tenure Review/Chronic Low Achievement Policy report. He will ask Jane Rowlett if she would like to present the

report at the October Faculty Senate meeting.

- X. For the Good of the University
President Zabel mentioned that John Collison, Chairman of the KSU Child Development Center sent a letter of concern about on-going support of the center.

Senator Ransom requested clarification of the Spring 2004 start date, as erroneous dates have been reported. The first day of classes will be on Thursday, January 22, 2004. The academic calendar is available at:

<http://www.k-state.edu/cgi-bin/eventview/registrar/academic>.

- XI. Senator Ransom moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed and meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.