

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, June 1, 2009 3:30 pm
Union Room 213

Present: Allen, Bontrager, Cauble, Dodd, Eckels, Fairchild, Gehrt, Haub, Hoag, Holcombe, Hughey, King, LeHew, Nichols, Ross, A. Schultz, B. Schultz, and Vontz

Absent: Turnley

Proxies: Starkey for Guzek

Visitor: Al Cochran

1. President LeHew called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.
2. The April 23, 2009 minutes were approved.
3. Report from Student Senate and Standing Committees
 - A. Student Senate – Amy Schultz
Schultz reported no additional information to report since the last meeting.
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee – Barney King
 1. Course and Curriculum Changes – Pages 2-3 (**Attachments 1 and 2**)
All items, with the exception of the African Studies minor and certificate programs, were approved for placement on the June Faculty Senate consent or discussion agenda as noted.
 2. Graduation list and additions – Page 3
The graduation list and graduation additions were approved for placement on the June Faculty Senate consent agenda.
 - C. Faculty Affairs Committee – Judy Hughey
 1. University Handbook – Proposed changes to Section C, first reading (**Attachment 3**)
Hughey reported that the student representative brought to faculty affairs student concerns of insufficient time provided for faculty evaluations and concern by students with how the evaluations were utilized. The result is the proposed changes to Section C of the University Handbook regarding faculty evaluations. Lengthy discussion followed with concern expressed about the primary purpose of the faculty evaluations changing and concern if the current practice would change. The complete policy on faculty evaluation was not included and that also contributed to some of the confusion. So it was recommended that the attachment be sent back to faculty affairs for further revisions.
 2. University Handbook – Proposed changes to Appendix V, first reading (**Attachment 4**)
Hughey reported that there are conflicting grievance policies published in the online Graduate Handbook and the University Handbook. The Graduate School has a more recent grievance policy posted on its web page that is different from the policy posted in Appendix V. Hughey moved that the Appendix V changes be included on the discussion agenda for action.
Motion carried.
 3. Resolution regarding E-Portfolio taskforce, for endorsement (**Attachment 5**)
Hughey stated that Library staff asked faculty affairs to establish a task force with the purpose to investigate possible software and feasibility of electronic portfolios. After some discussion, Hughey moved to place the E-Portfolio task force resolution, with some editorial revisions, on the Faculty Senate discussion agenda. Motion carried.
 - D. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Tom Vontz
Vontz reported that FSCOUP had not met since the last executive meeting. But the committee had been working on a memo to the Provost in response to questions presented to FSCOUP

several months ago by the Provost. Vontz requested the executive committee contact him for suggestions or revisions to include in the memo before it is forwarded to the Provost.

- E. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Tweed Ross
FSCOT has not met since last executive meeting.

4. Announcements

- A. Presidential announcements/Faculty Senate Leadership Council

LeHew reported an inconsistency found in the faculty senate constitution related to the role of president-elect on executive committee. After discussion and review of the constitution, it seemed reasonable to the committee that the president-elect would not serve as the caucus representative, but rather an at-large member. It is President LeHew's hope that perhaps over the summer months some changes can be recommended to the senate constitution to clarify several questions that have come up in recent years. These would then, of course, come before the faculty for approval.

The new Athletic Director, John Currie, would like to visit the June faculty senate meeting as he hopes for there to be better communication between academics and athletics. In that same spirit, LeHew will attend one of the Athletic department staff meetings.

The university committee on governmental issues will be activated next year including Sue Peterson and representatives from faculty senate. It is important that K-State has a strong voice to legislators especially considering the state's failing economic situation.

- B. Kansas Board of Regents

The Board of Regents will meet on June 25th to determine the FY 2010 tuition rate increase. LeHew attended the May BOR meeting and thought some board members came with a preconceived plan to approve a 3% tuition increase to make up the shortfall (from 7% to 10% cuts). After listening to the 6 institution presentations it appeared several Regents were reconsidering and may be open to the tuition increases proposed or at least would consider a slightly higher tuition rate to assist the Universities in absorbing the additional reduction appropriated during the Omnibus session and to fund part of their unfunded mandated cost increases. Issue tabled until June.

Duane Goossen, Secretary of Administration and Budget Director, attended the May BOR meeting and provided an update of the state's revenue. Goossen predicted that based on estimates of state revenues, more reductions will be mandated in FY 2010.

5. Old Business

- A. Monthly Budget Update - Bruce Shubert to report at June Faculty Senate meeting
The committee agreed to invite Shubert to provide a budget report at the June Faculty Senate meeting.

6. New Business

- A. Professor of the week nominations for 2009 home football games
The Executive Committee reviewed names that were recommended from the Leadership Committee. Since there were more nominations than openings, the committee was in agreement in allowing LeHew to determine the final six faculty nominations for the 2009 home football games. She will notify the appropriate office of these nominations.
- B. Faculty Senate and Presidential Committee appointments and recommendations

Fairchild moved to accept the appointments and recommendations as presented for faculty senate and presidential committees, Cauble seconded and motion carried.

Concern was expressed that the various committee activities are not reported back to Faculty Senate. It was noted this will try to be addressed in the upcoming year.

C. Ombudsperson appointment (2009-2012)

This year, there is a need to appoint one faculty person for the 2009-2012 term. Since there were several faculty applications, the unclassified individuals who applied for the position will not be considered for this year. They were made aware of this possibility. The executive committee is requested to submit their recommendations to LeHew. Based on those recommendations, LeHew will submit three names for executive committee to choose for the ombudsperson appointment. There was a brief discussion about applications from the Salina campus and whether this would be practical or if funding would be provided for travel, etc. LeHew will discuss this with President Schulz when she meets with him on the 12th. It may be this has been discussed before; some research will be done.

D. General Grievance Chair position (Three-year term)

Todd Goodson agreed to serve as chair again for the next term. Fairchild moved and Vontz seconded, motion carried.

E. Parliamentarian 2009-2010 – discussion item

LeHew presented three options regarding the parliamentarian position for next term: 1) have no parliamentarian 2) have a past Faculty Senate president or 3) find a student well-versed in parliamentary procedures.

Mickey Ransom was recommended as a possible past faculty senate president that may consider serving. Ross moved and Hughey seconded to accept Ransom. LeHew will contact Ransom to confirm.

F. Resolution for placement on the June FS agenda – (**Attachment 6**)

The resolution with possible revisions will be placed on the June Faculty Senate agenda.

7. For the Good of the University

Tim Lindemuth was reappointed as a faculty representative to SGA.

8. Senator Brian Spooner recently was appointed as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Faculty Senate constitution procedures were followed and Aruna Michie agreed to fill out the remainder of his term on senate. Michie was confirmed by Executive committee members as the replacement through an electronic vote.

9. Adjournment at 5:43

Next meeting: Monday, August 31, 2009; 3:30 p.m., Union room 213

Submitted June 8, 2009 by Cindy Bontrager, Secretary of Faculty Senate

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Proposed consent agenda items:
 1. King moved to place the following course and curriculum items and graduation list items on the Faculty Senate consent agenda (refer to approval sheets and May 5, 2009 Graduate Council agenda for further details. The number in parentheses indicates the page number details can be found on the Grad Council agenda):

COURSE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:

Changes:

College of Arts and Sciences April 2, 2009 approval sheets

- ◆GEOG 201 Human Geography (Honors) – existing course approved for UGE status
- HIST 815 Research Design in Security Studies (96)
- POLSC 815 Research Design in Security Studies (98)

College of Human Ecology March 23, 2009 approval sheets

- HMD 895 Financial Management and Cost Controls for the Hospitality Industry (97)

Additions:

College of Architecture April 23, 2009 approval sheets

- ENVD 899 Problems in Environmental Design and Planning (100)

College of Arts and Sciences April 2, 2009 approval sheets

- ◆GEOG 350 Earth System Geography – new course approved as UGE (REMOVED)
- BIOL 734 Introduction to Genomics and Bioinformatics (99)
- BIOL 810 Analysis of Ecological Gradients (99)
- GEOG 808 Geocomputation (102)
- HIST 810 Security Studies Methodology (102)
- KIN 609 Environmental Physiology (103)
- KIN 610 Program Planning and Evaluation (103)
- KIN 612 Built Environment and Physical Activity (103)
- KIN 793 Internship/Public Health Physical Activity (103)
- KIN 840 Exercise Adherence (104)
- MLANG 779 Seminar in Modern Languages (104)
- MLANG 899 Research in Modern Languages (104)
- MUSIC 700 Literature Analysis (104)
- POLSC 810 Security Studies Methodology (104)

College of Education March 24, 2009 approval sheets

- EDCEP 830 Diversity in Higher Education (100)
- EDCEP 831 Current Issues in Higher Education (100)
- EDCEP 923 Higher Education Law (100)
- EDCEP 925 Higher Education Finance (100)
- EDCEP 926 Enrollment Management in Higher Education (100)

College of Education April 28, 2009 approval sheets

- EDCEP 836 Interpersonal Relations for Academic Advising (105)
- EDCEP 837 Administration of Academic Advising (105)
- EDCEP 853 College Students with Special Needs (105)

College of Engineering April 9, 2009 approval sheets

- ARE 711 Building Energy Codes and Standards (99)

CIS 753 Applied Cryptography (99)

College of Human Ecology March 23, 2009 approval sheets

FSHS 723 Practicum in Youth Development (101)

FSHS 801 Grant Development and Management (101)

FSHS 805 Brief Solution-Focused Therapy (101)

FSHS 823 Personal Integration (101)

FSHS 869 Systematic Treatment of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse (101)

FSHS 872 Principles of MFT II: Family (101)

FSHS 886 Principles of MFT III: Child and Adolescent Family Therapy (102)

FSHS 889 Clinical Project (102)

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

M.A. in Security Studies (106)

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies (107-110)

M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy (113-115)

M.S. in Foodservice and Hospitality Management and Dietetics Administration (116)

Motion carried.

GRADUATION LIST AND ADDITIONS:

King moved to place the graduation list and graduation additions to the June Faculty Senate consent agenda:

Graduation list: December 2008 graduation list as submitted by the Registrar's office

Graduation addition: May 2008, Brittany Dawn Trupka, Bachelor of Architecture, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design

Motion carried.

B. Proposed discussion agenda items:

1. King moved to place the concurrent B.S. and M.S. degree in Kinesiology (Attachment 1) on the Faculty Senate discussion agenda:

CURRICULUM ADDITIONS:

College of Arts and Sciences April 2, 2009 approval sheets

- Concurrent B.S. and M.S. degree in Kinesiology (**Attachment 1**)

Motion carried.

King moved to place the African Studies Minor and African Studies Certificate (Attachment 2) on the Faculty Senate discussion agenda:

- A new African Studies Minor (**see Attachment 2**)
- A new African Studies Certificate (**see Attachment 2**)

There were several questions regarding the programs. Concern was expressed if the original questions had been addressed from academic affairs. Candace noted she had hard copies of e-mails/letters from questions submitted to department heads and their replies. Concern was expressed if the right questions were asked of the department heads. More clarification is requested from academic affairs concerning the electives and the number of hours required. It was also recommended that the course instructor be contacted regarding the content of the course and the contact be documented. King withdrew his motion from the floor and will return the item to academic affairs for further review.