

**MINUTES**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
**Monday, October 27, 2008 3:30 pm**  
**Union Room 213**

Present: Beard, Carroll, Fairchild, Gehrt, Guzek, Holcombe, Hosni, LeHew, Miller, Ross, Schultz, Smith, Spikes, Turnley  
Absent: Arck, Nechols, Nichols  
Proxies: Bontrager, Clark, Vontz  
Visitors: Juanita McGowan, JohnElla Holmes

1. President Fred Fairchild called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. The minutes of the September 29, 2008 meeting were approved.

Fairchild reminded senators that as we go through the agenda, this committee will determine if agenda items will be included on the consent or discussion agenda.

3. Report from Standing Committees and Student Senate

- A. Academic Affairs Committee – Doris Carroll
  1. Course and Curriculum Changes – See pages 2-3
  2. Graduation lists and additions – See page 3
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Jim Nechols – no report

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Keith Hohn

Hohn represented FSCOUP on behalf of Tom Vontz.

1. 2008-2012 Strategic Plan – **Attachment 4**

Hohn reported that an open forum was held with the Provost on October 2 to discuss the Strategic Plan. Spikes indicated the Strategic Plan has now been through a process where Faculty Senate has encouraged discussion. He said for what the plan is, it does a good job and keeps with the tradition of how strategic planning has been implemented at the university. The Provost and his staff have been very willing to discuss the strategic plan. Spikes said this plan should serve us until change is likely after the new president takes office next year. Hosni moved to place the Strategic Plan on the Faculty Senate agenda for endorsement. Carroll seconded the motion. Hohn stated that FSCOUP has unanimously approved endorsement of the strategic plan. Guzek would like to include that the Executive Committee endorsed the strategic plan.

Motion carried.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Tweed Ross

Ross reported the committee reviewed the IT Needs Assessment report and in principle approved the report. IT Policy issues are back on the front burner for this year and these will impact faculty. Ross said the Information Resource Management Council (IRMC) approves IT policies and the Faculty Senate President signs the policy changes without input other than FSCOT representation on the IRMC. Cauble, who also serves on the IRMC, indicated the policies related to IT are difficult. First there are policies impacted and mandated by state and other regulations and then there are some policies that are purely internal policies. There is confusion among the IRMC in how policy development is managed. Schultz inquired on the status of iTunes University. Ross indicated that he discussed this with Lynn Carlin and has requested a written response as to why there is no action on the university's ability to use iTunes.

E. Report from Student Senate – Amy Schultz

Schultz reported they had their very successful Big-12 Student Leader conference. One major topic was the Big-12 student leader visit to Washington DC. She reported the Rec expansion architects have been selected so meetings will now begin. They are beginning a campaign for the new Emergency Alert program. They have been successful with their Game Day recycling effort and their clean-up of Aggieville as part of the student

sustainability efforts. They are receiving concerns from International students who are feeling lost and confused and Student Senate is starting to address these needs. Hosni observed this a cultural difference and someone needs to educate students on these differences. We haven't created a place for International students to understand cultural issues. Spikes commented the charge to the Office of International Programs is not retention but rather admission. Cauble said they need a cultural coach. Schultz said there appears to be confusion on whether international students should go to the student life offices or the Office of International Programs for assistance. She announced that as member of Faculty Affairs she is putting together a task force of students and faculty to consider requiring faculty evaluations be completed in iSIS before a student can view grades. She is looking for interested faculty members to serve on this task force.

#### 4. Announcements

##### A. Presidential announcements/Faculty Senate Leadership Council

Fairchild announced we are in the process of accepting president applications and the link to the announcement is now available from the K-State website. The website will stay with the Board of Regents as it is their search, not the university's search. There have been some improvements to the Regents' website. The search committee's job is to recommend three or four solid candidates to the Board. The review of applicants will begin later in November. Nominations are given to John Hicks and he will then encourage the person to apply for the vacancy.

Fairchild reported the workload task force will be co-chaired by Jim Nechols and Suzanna Valdovinos. The FSLC met with the Provost and the President's staff last week with good discussion. He requested a couple of faculty names for a Sustainability committee, which will be the guidance group for the new Sustainability director, Ben Champion.

##### B. Kansas Board of Regents

Fairchild reported actions from the Board's October meeting:

- Approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the K-State Maintenance and Service Unit of KAPE.
- Approved the universities' background check policies.

The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents had breakfast and discussions with the Board of Regents with the main topic being recruitment and retention of faculty. They also discussed the tuition waiver proposals and the state requirement that all tuition be "paid."

#### 5. New Business - none

#### 6. For the Good of the University

Carroll announced that on Tuesday, November 4, at 3:30 in Room 206, K-State Student Union, Academic Affairs will meet jointly with the General Education Task Force. This is particularly important because of the many new Academic Affairs committee members who have not been briefed on the background of the task force recommendations.

Cauble inquired if the university is developing plans for the potential budget call backs. Fairchild said he will discuss this with the administration as he is meeting regularly with a small group of administrators to address the budget issues.

Carroll suggested that Faculty Senators take a steady leadership role in dealing with the significant changes in upper administration and the associated unrest.

Spikes announced that the Associate Provost for International Programs search will soon close and over 40 applications have been received to date.

#### 7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Gehrt, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: November 24, 2008; 3:30 p.m., Union room 213

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### 1. Course and Curriculum Changes

#### A. Undergraduate Education

1. Carroll moved to place the following curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts & Sciences on April 17 and October 2, 2008 on the Faculty Senate discussion agenda:

#### American Ethnic Studies Program

New Degree program:

BS and BA in American Ethnic Studies (see **attachment 1**)

Drop:

Secondary Major in American Ethnic Studies

#### Dean of Arts & Sciences

Change to Arts & Sciences Honors Program (see **attachment 2**)

#### Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Changes to the BS and BA (also see **attachment 3**):

Rationale: The proposed curriculum change:

- a) eliminates the Applied Anthropology option because the application of anthropological concepts is emphasized throughout much of our standard curriculum and there has been no demand for a specialization in Applied Anthropology for at least ten years;
- b) increases the total number of anthropology credit hours through the addition of three additional advanced anthropology hours in order to better prepare anthropology majors for future careers and advanced training in anthropology; and
- c) encourages students to include courses that specifically focus on methods of one or more of the subfields of anthropology that fit their anthropological interest(s).

#### Statistics

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts

Required courses:

**Change:** CIS 200. Fundamentals of Computer Programming (or acceptable substitute)

**To:** CIS 111. Fundamentals of Computer Programming or  
CIS 200. Fundamentals of Software Design (or acceptable substitute)

**RATIONALE:** Additional course selection. Description of CIS 200 has changed, CIS 111 is now slightly more appropriate

Motion carried.

Juanita McGowan discussed that American Ethnic Studies will be the only program in the state of Kansas that awards a bachelor's degree as Wichita State has dropped their degree. One of the strengths of the program is the faculty, including several interdisciplinary studies faculty. Spikes asked what a student graduating with a degree in American Ethnic Studies can do with that degree. She replied the skill set will prepare the student to work with diverse populations and communities in both non-profit and for profit organizations. He suggested that the Regents are concerned with workforce development and that it will be helpful to have some specificity as this proposal is presented to the Board of Regents for approval. Employers want to hire individuals who are able to work successfully in a diverse world. She stated that 97% of their students are not minorities. Cauble indicated that at least one individual was hired for a position over MBA students because of his diversity education background. Guzek suggested framing the degree as providing an advantage in the workplace rather than defending the degree. Smith inquired as to possible future direction for offering a graduate degree or certificate. McGowan suggested this may be another area of future direction but that nothing was being planned at this time. Cauble observed that this

major stands well on its own but also combined with other majors. Turnley inquired why Wichita State University dropped this major. McGowan said that the students and administrators did not support the program to the level required to maintain the program. Schultz inquired on why the secondary major was dropped. McGowan wants to entice students to take the major instead.

2. Carroll moved to place the following course changes as approved by the College of Arts & Sciences on October 2, 2008 on the Faculty Senate consent agenda:

*Communication Studies, Theatre, and Dance*

Add:

DANCE 181 Tap I  
DANCE 381 Tap II  
DANCE 382 Tap III

*Women's Studies*

Add:

WOMST 300 Selected Studies of Women and Gender

Motion carried.

- B. Graduate Education – Carroll moved to place the following course changes as approved by the Graduate Council on October 7, 2008 on the Faculty Senate consent agenda:

Add:

*College of Veterinary Medicine*

CS 772 Equine Field Service  
CS 773 Introduction to Veterinary Phytotherapy  
CS 774 Advanced Rural Food Animal Business Management  
CS 775 Primary Care Externship  
CS 879 Applied Production Medicine

Motion carried.

- C. General Education – Carroll moved to place the following course for UGE status as approved by the UGE Council on September 25, 2008 on the Faculty Senate consent agenda:

◆AGEC 202 Small Business Operations

Motion carried.

2. Graduation Additions – Carroll moved to place the following graduation list and additions on the Faculty Senate consent agenda:

- August 2008 Graduation list, as submitted by the Registrar's office.
- Olusola Olagundoye, Associate Degree in CMST, College of Technology and Aviation, May 2006
- Megan Kelli Lyons, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences, August 2008
- Jessica L. Bruning, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, College of Education, August 2008
- David Hoskins, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences, August 2008
- Justin David Heeke, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences, August 2008

Motion carried.