

**MINUTES**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
**Monday, November 24, 2008 3:30 pm**  
**Union Room 213**

Present: Arck, Beard, Bontrager, Carroll, Clark, Fairchild, Gehrt, Guzek, Holcombe, LeHew, Miller, Nechols, Nichols, Ross, Schultz, Smith, Spikes, and Vontz

Absent: Turnley

Proxies: Hosni

Visitors: Al Cochran

1. President Fred Fairchild called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. The October 27, 2008 minutes were approved.

3. Report from Standing Committees and Student Senate

A. Academic Affairs Committee – Doris Carroll

1. General Education Proposal update

Carroll reported the Academic Affairs committee voted to accept the General Education Proposal. They are considering two issues: 1) the proposal does not have an assessment component; and 2) the consideration of implementation resources. Brianna Goff has been invited to attend their next meeting to discuss these issues. They may decide to establish a subcommittee of Academic Affairs to address these issues. Clark inquired on what approach the committee will take about addressing the resource needs. Carroll said they do not know yet. The resource concerns are identifying the cost of beginning this new program, including the implementation in iSIS and time and resources to tag each of the courses within the colleges. LeHew indicated resources needed to implement the program in iSIS should not be considered when approving this proposal any different than any other course and curriculum change. Clark indicated that their caucus representative, Rintoul, has expressed concern about yet another program that is required with no resources to implement. One suggestion is a general education fee that would come back to the colleges for implementation support; particularly since the majority of general education courses are offered by the College of Arts & Sciences. LeHew indicated that the way the proposal is structured encourages all colleges to tag courses as general education.

2. Course and Curriculum Changes – See pages 3-4 for details

3. Graduation list changes and additions – See page 4 for details

4. Carroll reported that Barney King, College of Technology and Aviation, will chair the committee next year.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Jim Nechols

Nechols reported various subcommittees are working on several topics, including disability support and child care benefits. He reported the faculty evaluation subcommittee is near completion so this proposal should come forward next meeting. Another group is working on documentation supporting an increase of spouse/dependent tuition from three hours/semester to twelve hours/year. He reported that initially, the Salaries and Fringe Benefits subcommittee has not supported the concept of providing tuition benefits for classified and unclassified retiree dependents. He has now explained to them that Bruce Shubert has expressed initial support of this concept, so the subcommittee will re-visit this proposal. He also reported that Appendix G, General Faculty Grievance Procedures, of the University Handbook, is nearing completion.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Tom Vontz

Vontz reported the next meeting will focus on Appendix B, Financial Exigency, of the University Handbook. The committee is also discussing potential uses for the City/University Fund, including mass transit and recycling efforts.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Tweed Ross

Ross reported there is no progress on the approval to use iTunes U at K-State.

E. Report from Student Senate – Amy Schultz

Schultz reported the governmental relations committee has made their recommendations on the City/University Fund. The allocation committee has completed work with a balanced budget. The K-State Alerts test last week did not work well so they might consider a new vendor. The Athletic Financial Committee work is going well. The Recreation Center expansion architect was in last week for several days to discuss needs. The main topic they are working on is support (or not) of the university band. Spikes encouraged senators to participate in the voice messaging option of the K-State Alerts system. Discussion ensued on lack of participation by faculty and staff registering for the K-State Alerts system, consideration of requiring participation, and better communication methods about the program.

4. Announcements

A. Presidential announcements/Faculty Senate Leadership Council

Fairchild reported the FSLC will be meeting with the provost next Monday and with the president's staff next Thursday.

B. Kansas Board of Regents

Fairchild reported Duane Goossen, Kansas Budget Director, attended the last Board meeting to discuss the state budget problems. The recommendation from the Board is a 3% permanent budget cut for this fiscal year and an additional 4% cut for FY 2010. He reported there is a university budget committee meeting on a regular basis that includes the three university senate presidents, Duane Nellis, Bruce Shubert, Mike Holen, Pat Bosco, Cindy Bontrager, and Ruth Dyer. He reported the deferred maintenance additional funding will be stopped but we will continue with current funding. Carroll discussed the openness of the College of Education's strategy on the budget cuts; and their priority is to protect their junior faculty. She inquired on how strategies are communicated in other colleges. Fairchild indicated there appears to be no consistency across the university. He has strongly urged the provost to distribute an informational mailing to the campus community and that communication is now in draft form.

5. New Business

A. Approve appointment of the Vice President of Classified Senate to serve as an ex-officio member of the Faculty Salaries and Fringe Benefits committee.

Fairchild reported that in discussions with the Classified Senate leadership it has been identified that there are consistencies in some of the benefits between classified and unclassified employees. Nichols moved to approve this ex-officio appointment. Motion was seconded. Nechols reported the Faculty Affairs committee agrees with this change. Motion passed.

6. For the Good of the University

Cochran thanked the senators for dealing with the battles that we all face on a day-to-day basis.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Gehrt, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: December 22, 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 course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Agriculture on October 29, 2008 on the Faculty Senate consent or discussion agenda:

#### **COURSE CHANGES**

##### *Horticulture, Forestry, and Recreation Resources*

Add:

- RRES 200. Bowhunting Equipment and Skills (Variable title course)
- RRES 200. Firearms and Firearms Maintenance
- RRES 200. Hunter Education Instructor
- RRES 200. Rifle and Handgun Range Design, Construction and Operations
- RRES 200. Sporting Clays Range Development and Operations
- RRES 200. Trap and Skeet Range Development and Operations
- RRES 200. Wildlife Habitat/Food Plot Installation and Maintenance
- RRES 250. Introduction to Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
- RRES 555. Principles and Practices of Big Game Hunting and Guiding
- RRES 560. Principles and Practices of Upland Gamebird, Turkey and Waterfowl Hunting
- RRES 565. Principles and Practices of Freshwater Fishing and Guiding
- RRES 570. Internship for Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
- RRES 595. Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management Senior Seminar

#### **CURRICULUM CHANGES**

##### *Agricultural Economics*

Changes to the Agricultural Economics/BS Agribusiness:

Add: ARCH 301 to Humanities Electives

Add: FSHS 350 to Social Science electives

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Add: FSHS 350 to Social Science electives

##### *Animal Sciences and Industry*

Changes to the Communications Option:

Replace MC 305 with choice of MC 120 or MC 180. Also add the following requirement to elective choices: 1 course must be 400-level or above in Mass Communications.

Add:

Undergraduate Beef Cattle Feedlot Management Certificate Program (**See attachment 1**)

Add:

Undergraduate Beef Cattle Ranch Management Certificate Program (**See attachment 2**)

##### *Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources*

Add:

Bachelor's of Science Degree in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management. (**See attachment 3**)

Guzek inquired on how the Bachelor's of Science Degree in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management degree differs from the Technology Management major offered by K-State Salina. Nichols indicated this issue was not discussed. Guzek stated that persons with this new major could also be close to completing a dual degree in Technology Management.

Motion carried. The above items will be included on the consent agenda with the exception of the two new certificate programs and the new bachelor's degree.

- B. Graduate Education – Carroll moved to place the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the Graduate Council on November 4, 2008 on the Faculty Senate consent or discussion agenda (All items are from the College of Arts and Sciences Oct. 2, 2008 approval sheets):

**COURSE CHANGES**

Change:

FREN 742 Literature for Second Language Acquisition

Add:

FREN 743 Culture for Second Language Acquisition

MATH 615 Introduction to Digital Image Processing

**CURRICULUM CHANGES**

Changes to Master of Science in Statistics report and non-report required courses (**See attachment 4**)

Add:

Modern Language Track: Second Language Acquisition/Teaching English as a Foreign Language  
(**See attachment 5**)

Motion carried. The above will be on the consent agenda except for the Modern Language Track addition which will be on the discussion agenda.

- C. General Education – (Informational item): The following courses were approved for continued UGE status by the UGE Council on September 30, 2008:

◆AGEC 120	◆ENGL 270	◆HIST 511	◆PSYCH 399
◆AGEC 420	◆ENGL 287	◆HIST 536	◆SPAN 161
◆GEN AG, DEN, DAS 582	◆ENGL 315	◆MC 110	◆THTRE 665
◆CHM 230	◆GEOG 300	◆PHYS 191	
◆ECON 523	◆GEOL 100	◆PSYCH 115	

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

- A. Approve the following additions to the May and August 2008 graduation list:

Alexandria Karas, Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, May 2008

Sean O'Brien, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences, August 2008

Rosa N. Odgers, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, College of Education, August 2008

Shaun Alden McDonald, Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management, College of Human Ecology, May 2009. Background: Shaun died of natural causes on June 15, 2008. At the time of his death, he was a junior in the Hotel and Restaurant Management program at Kansas State University.

Motion carried.