

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, August 27, 2007 3:30 pm
Union Room 213

Present: Arck, Bontrager, Carroll, Cauble, DeLuccie, Fairchild, Gehrt, Guzek, Eckels for Hosni, Kearns, Knapp, McCulloh, Miller, North, Piper, Smith, Spikes, Turnley
Absent: Adams

1. President Frank Spikes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. Center for Engagement – Dr. David Procter
Dr. David Procter, Director of the Center for Engagement and Community Development, discussed this relatively new center. Universities are beginning to be assessed by the extent of involvement in community development. They have a seed grant program with two calls for proposals per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. They have identified the major resources on campus that fall into seven major areas and have categorized these services. See their web page for specific information: <http://www.k-state.edu/cecd/>. After the Greensburg area tornado, the Center began to coordinate ideas on how KSU can assist in the recovery. Last week, the Center organized a meeting attended by 42 people representing seven K-State colleges to discuss how KSU may assist in the recovery. Greensburg will be hiring a full-time position to manage the offers of assistance from many different organizations. The Center staff will analyze the Greensburg recovery plan and then work with Greensburg residents to help determine the role that KSU may play in the recovery.
4. Announcements
 - A. Presidential announcements
 1. President Spikes reported that Prakash Krishnaswami has resigned as Ombudsperson for health reasons. He reported that he has appointed Warren White, a previous Ombudsperson, for at least this fall. The committee members agreed with this decision.
 2. President Spikes reported that the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) Environmental Impact Study Scoping Meeting will be held at K-State tomorrow and he plans to provide faculty comments at the meeting, focusing on the intellectual environment. He will not be speaking on behalf of the Faculty Senate because the Senate has not discussed this issue.
 3. President Spikes announced that six Professors of the Week to be recognized at home football games have been identified and communicated from Arts & Sciences, Agriculture, Human Ecology, Engineering, College of Technology and Aviation, and Veterinary Medicine.
 4. President Spikes announced that there are committee appointments needed for the Calendar, the Library and the reconstituted Campus Environmental Health and Safety Committee.
 5. President Spikes announced the appointment of David Griffin to chair the General Grievance Board.
 6. President Spikes announced that the upcoming Grievance hearing will be held on September 5 and 6; the Dismissal of a Tenured Faculty hearing will be held at the end of the month for the same individual. Both hearings are closed.
 7. The State of the University address is scheduled for September 14 in the Alumni Center at 3:00.
 8. The Faculty Senate Leadership Council will meet with the President's staff near the end of each month.
 9. President Spikes offered to speak to any caucus at the invitation of the caucus.
 10. President Spikes discussed activities that have occurred over the summer:
 - a. President Spikes routed the hand-out about Faculty Senate that was distributed at new Faculty Orientation.
 - b. Strategic Planning
 - c. General Education Task Force
 - d. Senator Carroll is a search committee member for the Interim Dean of the Graduate School.
 - e. Senator Carroll is also on the Educational Communications Center Blue Ribbon Task Force to determine the future direction for the Center.

- f. President Spikes has been meeting with the Continuing Education Working Group to discuss conceptual future direction for Continuing Education.
- g. Several FSLC members were involved with interviews for the World Bank Project in Afghanistan project manager and Julie Lebo was selected.
- h. Ken Holland met with the leadership group and he discussed the Strategic Theme #7 regarding International Programs in the current K-State Strategic Plan.
<http://www.k-state.edu/provost/planning/strategy/priority/figure1.htm>
- i. President Spikes met with Lynn Carlin, Interim Vice Provost for Information Technology Services, and James Lyall, Associate Vice President for Information Technology Services regarding future direction of timing of information technology initiatives.
- j. President Spikes will make available the schedule of meetings that he will have with the Provost and meetings that will occur with the Faculty Senate Leadership Council and the Provost.

B. Faculty Senate Leadership Council – see above

C. Kansas Board of Regents

President Spikes reported on the last Board of Regents meeting that was in June. He reported that there are three technical schools in Kansas that have been charged to 1) become accredited; 2) affiliate with another accredited college or 3) dissolve. K-State has proposed that Salina Area Technical School become part of K-State. Senator Fred Guzek reported that the North Central Technical College in Beloit and K-State Salina have proposed a partnership to the Salina school board.

D. Report from Student Senate

Senator Nick Piper reported that the Student Senate begins meetings today. Goals: 1) Creating an ambassador program to go to five student organizations per semester. 2) Community Service intensive program to occur in the spring semester. They plan to play a key role in the Good Neighbor program in Manhattan community. 3) Environment - related initiatives. 4) Involved with the NBAF EIS Scoping Meeting. 5) Beginning to work on a student voting referendum for recreation expansion.

5. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee – Doris Carroll

Senator Doris Carroll reported that the committee will see more curricula from the colleges regarding the Honors Program. The Provost had a General Education task force that will be re-charged to determine next actions for implementing changes in general education. They will be updating the Academic Affairs committee at their September 4 meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Betsy Cauble

Senator Betsy Cauble reported that their first meeting was held last week. She reported the progress on revisions to the General Grievance Appendix G. They are in the process of discussions with the administration, who have been very supportive and positive regarding proposed changes. The committee hopes to have this to Faculty Senate in October for further discussion. One proposal is to reduce the appeal time from one year to 10 days. The policy for Limited Health Insurance bridge that was passed by the Senate last spring is now under discussion by Regents staff and the Council of Chief Business Officers. She reported that the committee will begin reviewing graduate student grievance policy proposals. They are also working on revising the administrative review procedures. A newly emerging issue is environment impact on faculty and staff health. Looking at pro-family issues.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Roger Adams

No report

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Michael North

Senator Michael North reported that the committee first met last week. They will be working on the Data Security Classification policy.

6. Old Business

A. Faculty Senate Constitution

President Spikes will reconvene the initiative to review the Faculty Senate Constitution. Let him know if you have any interest or recommendations for membership.

7. New Business- none

8. For the Good of the University - none

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.