

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, January 25, 2010 3:30 pm
Union Room 213

Present: Bontrager, Cauble, Fairchild, Gehrt, Guzek, Haub, Hoag, Holcombe, Hughey, King, Knopp, LeHew, Nichols, Ross, A. Schultz, Turnley, and Vontz

Absent: Allen, B. Schultz

Proxies: Dodd, Eckels

Visitor: Al Cochran

1. President LeHew called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
2. The January 4, 2010 Executive Committee minutes were approved.
3. Report from Standing Committees and Student Senate
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee – Barney King
 1. Items for February Faculty Senate consent agenda – page 2
King moved that the graduate list additions be added to the February consent agenda. Motion passed.
 2. Change to Undergraduate Academic Minors -
 - A. Rationale for Change – **Attachment 1**
 - B. Change to Undergraduate Catalog regarding minors – **Attachment 2**
 - C. Change to University Handbook Section F160 regarding minors – **Attachment 3**King moved to include the Rationale for Change, Change to Undergraduate Catalog Regarding Minors and Change to University Handbook Section F160 regarding minors (attachments 1 – 3) on the February discussion agenda for first reading. Holcombe noted that the College of Agriculture is opposed to the redefining of minors. Cauble asked if the College was opposed to any students or just students that were not graduates from K-State. Holcombe stated that her College was not supportive of non-K-State graduates taking courses for minors and receiving minors. Guzek asked if any research had occurred to check the impact this policy change would have on accreditation. Cochran stated that Wheatley thought it would not impact accreditation. Soldan stated that most engineering accreditation agencies only accredit undergraduate and graduate programs and do not consider minors. Fairchild asked if there was opposition to the engineering proposal. King stated the opponents to the policy change thought the minor should be awarded with the major. The policy change allows each minor the opportunity to apply for their minor to allow students who were not K-State graduates. The policy also provides for a five year review for continuation by Faculty Senate if non-K-State graduates are accepted. The non-K-State graduates will receive a notation on their transcript once the minor is completed. It was noted that it is important to receive feedback on this issue from the full body. Motion passed.
 - D. Change to the approval, routing, and notification procedures regarding minors - **Attachment 4**King included the changes to the approval, routing, and notification procedures regarding minors as an information item for executive committee so they could see the impact it would have on the process and know that academic affairs had considered the impact.

Hughey asked about the status of the questions submitted earlier from the College of Education regarding minors that don't have an academic home such as Entrepreneurship. King responded that this topic should be included as a discussion item with Provost Mason to address the questions.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Judy Hughey/Kaleen Knopp

1. Change to University Handbook, Section D12 – Reference to GGB – **Attachment 5**

Hughey moved to place the removal of Section D12 under the Academic Freedom and Conduct category in Section D of the University Handbook on the February discussion agenda. The General Grievance Board that is referenced in this section no longer exists therefore the language that described its' role is no longer needed. Cauble stated her concern that removing this language removed a reference to the grievance process in Appendix G. Hughey stated there are other areas that refer faculty in the handbook to the grievance policy in Appendix G. Motion passed.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Tweed Ross

Ross has nothing to report.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Tom Vontz

Vontz reported that FSCOUP has begun appointing members to the new subcommittee for Marketing and Communications. They are still waiting to hear from the following caucuses: Agriculture, Architecture, Business, Engineering, General University, Human Ecology, Library, Veterinary Medicine, Salina and Diversity. Steven Graham will be chairing the subcommittee. FSCOUP discussed the review of the budget initiative items at their last meeting. They are working on developing their recommendations to President Schulz. Everyone on FSCOUP is asked to provide a list of 5 items in three areas: specific ideas to implement now, general ideas that committee recommends to explore further, and ideas to avoid. Vontz will synthesize the lists provided by the committee members and will be forward them to the Budget Office by the end of this week.

E. Student Senate – Amy Schultz

Schultz reported that the first interviews have been held for the stakeholders of the mass transit plan. There was good discussion on proposed routes with the student and administrative stakeholders. She asked for input from Senators of the routes they think are important for the mass transit system. The first student senate meeting will be held this Thursday, January 28th. Schulz noted that there was an issue with a large class that did not get grades reported timely this past semester. She asks faculty to make sure the grades are posted by the deadline.

4. Announcements

LeHew distributed a draft of the Principles of Community. LeHew wanted to make sure that faculty and unclassified staff was aware of the new item added that deals with honesty and integrity. The document will be brought forward to faculty senate to reaffirm our endorsement of the principles of community. After some discussion the statement was amended to read: "We affirm that members of the university community will operate with honesty and integrity." (Note: After the meeting, LeHew with the assistance of Dodd made additional changes to the statement that was amended at the meeting. The new version reads: "We affirm the value of honor and integrity. We will operate with honesty in all our professional endeavors and expect the same from our colleagues." The revised version was e-mailed to the executive committee for their approval. Most of the Senators approved the new revision, therefore the revised statement will be brought forward with the Principles of Community for the endorsement of Faculty Senate.)

LeHew invited Currie and Shields to attend an executive and faculty senate meeting. They both are available to attend the executive meeting on February 22nd. Shields plans to attend the faculty senate meeting on February 9th to discuss issues such as time commitments and academic requirements of student athletes.

LeHew distributed the faculty and unclassified staff position statement and will try to incorporate the suggestions submitted at the leadership council meeting. The Board of Regents is encouraging

universities to be active in their community and advocate for higher education. It was recommended that a resolution be developed including the rationale and purpose of the faculty and unclassified staff purpose statement for faculty senate to endorse. LeHew and leadership council will draft the resolution and will distribute through e-mail to executive committee to receive their approval before it is placed on the February 9th faculty senate agenda. It was noted that there is a student services for intercollegiate athletics review committee that works with Athletics for the benefit of students and for protection of university. An annual report from this committee is provided to the Provost each year.

LeHew reported that the Committee on Governmental Issues went to Topeka to deliver limestone name plates for all legislators that are K-State alumni. In addition to the name plates each legislator received a certificate. This was a great opportunity to share with them what is happening at K-State and express our appreciation for what they do. 29 name plates were delivered. The legislators were very appreciative. LeHew also reported that a memo was distributed to each college Dean requesting them to report the top ten accomplishments in the college history, most recent accomplishments and name the top ten influential graduate students and describe their noteworthiness. They also asked for the top ten research and extension accomplishments from the appropriate colleges. The committee is using the information to develop handouts to distribute to legislators with the leading statement; "Did you Know: (list accomplishment) about K-State".

LeHew stated that the Board of Regents reported at their December meeting about their participation in roundtable discussions with business leaders. A survey was completed by business leaders that showed they are very supportive of higher education.

A. President/Faculty Senate Leadership Council

Cauble announced that she is a member of the research infrastructure committee and they are looking for any suggestions or problems that may be shared with Cauble or anyone on the committee. President Schulz did add an arts and humanities person to the committee. Cauble also shared that Rintoul has been very ill but thankfully he is doing better and has returned to campus doing light duty.

Fairchild reported he is a member of the Policy and Procedures Manual Committee that is working to develop a central library for all university policies and procedures. The committee plans to meet with faculty affairs committee soon.

B. Caucus Chair reports

LeHew announced that she may be looking for a possible replacement for a faculty senator to serve on the Vice President for Administration and Finance search committee. If you have a suggestion, please send the name to LeHew soon.

5. For the Good of the University

Hughey announced they are still looking for a chair of the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee. Knopp requested caucus chairs to ask members of their caucus to volunteer.

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Bontrager, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, February 22, 2010; 3:30 p.m., Union room 213

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Graduation List Additions:

December 2007

Bridget Fleming, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Jesse D. Thompson, Associate of Technology, College of Technology and Aviation