Minutes
Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Meeting

September 3, 2002 - 3:30 p.m. - Room 205, K-State Union
Members present: Roger Adams, Mike Dryden, Jim Dubois, Kevin Gwinner,
Eric Maatta, Barb Newhouse, John O'Hara, Gary Paulsen, John Schlup.

Guest: Al Cochran

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. in Union 205. After initial welcomes and
introductions, members were reminded about the forthcoming series of meetings
to be conducted for various units by the Provost and budgetary staff. A
schedule of the meetings was distributed.

Proposed changes to the Senate Constitution, to be voted on at the Senate
meeting of 9/10/02, were discussed. The most dramatic of these proposals would
cap Administration representation in the Senate at a level equal to fifteen
per cent of the total number of other senators. Barb reported that
Administration Caucus had discussed the plan and had no objections.

Brief discussions were held regarding the impending rise is health insurance
costs and the appearance in the Collegian (8/26) of a story concerning an
unflattering survey conducted by the "Princeton Review.

Members were encouraged to consider serving on the University Calendar
Committee. This committee meets infrequently (once or twice per semester), yet
has important duties in the establishment of our academic year calendars.

Members expressed a general mild displeasure over the Registrar's plan to
discontinue printed versions of line schedules in favor of an all-electronic
format. John O'H. and Al reported that a final decision to "go electronic"
apparently has been made, at least for the short term. Members stressed the
need for archival access, and Al informed us of Don Foster's assurance that
such would be provided.

The wisdom of an impending domain name change to "www.k-state.edu" was
questioned: no problems were noted with "www.ksu.edu" and the inclusion of a
hyphen was seen as a possible point of confusion.

Brief discussions were held regarding three likely topics of consideration for
the upcoming year: 1) examination of grievance procedures; 2) possible
improvements to the Intellectual Property Policy; and, 3) examination of
procedures used to evaluate Department Heads.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Eric Maatta