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Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting August 17, 2004 3:30 p.m. Big 12 Room, K-State Union

Present: Ackerman, Adams, Anderson, Behnke, Blythe, Bontrager, Brigham, Cauble, Chang, Clegg, Collins, Cox, Dubois, Eckels, Erickson, Fairchild, Gehrt, Gormely, Greene, Gwinner, Hamilton, Herald, Hohenbary, Holcombe, Hosni, Johnston, Jones, Jurich, Knapp, Lehew, Lynch, Maatta, Maes, Marr, McHaney, Nafziger, Nichols, Prince, Ransom, Reeck, Reynolds, Rietcheck, Rolley, Roozeboom, Ross, Sachs, Schultz, Schumm, Shubert, Shultis, Simon, Spears, Spikes, Stadlander, Stewart, Stockham, Stokes, Trussell, Turtle, Wilkie, Willbrant, Zabel

Proxies: R. Clark, Michie

Absent: Arck, Baker, Bhadriraju, Bloomquist, Brockway, G. Clark, DeLuccie, Dhuyvetter, Dryden, Fallin, Fick Fritz, Grauer, Griffin, Hedrick, Jackson, Lee, Nagaraja, Rahman, Rintoul, Rys, Smith, Spooner, Thompson, Urkevich, Warner, Yahnke

Parliamentarian: Jerry Frieman

Visitors: Alfred Cochran, Duane Nellis

- I. President Jackie Spears called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. Senator Hosni moved for approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2004 meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.
- III. Guest - Provost Duane Nellis
Provost Nellis addressed the Faculty Senate and expressed his delight to be back at K-State. He discussed his high regard for shared governance at KSU. Faculty participation in moving the university forward is critical. He is committed to the Principles of Community. It is a time for many changes in higher education and as we look to the future we will have to watch the level of federal support for higher education and federal regulations over international students. The state budget certainly has an effect on the university. About 27% of our total budget is now funded by the state, down from 40% a few years ago. At the same time that the state is lowering their budget commitment the university is dealing with additional accountability. His vision for K-State is to become one of the premier, top-tier land grant universities at the same time that we re-invent ourselves as a student-centered university. He is getting out to the units meeting with the deans, faculty and staff in order to absorb and learn what he can do to go forward.

Travel funds inconsistently allocated across the university is an issue. He says that we need to enhance diversity in both faculty and students. Enhancing the quality of our graduate and research programs and support is important. We have topped the \$100 million mark on annual research funds. We need to move toward ARL status for the Library. We must continue to enhance the information technology structure. Strengthening the learning environment for all of our students including a university-wide honors program is another priority. Environmental health and economic development in our region is important. He will be aggressive in identifying resource potentials. We need to look at alumni relations and corporate sponsorship. We are in the silent

stage of a fundraising campaign. Biosecurity programs will move us forward in many ways. K-State is in a stage of transition for learning objectives for general education curriculum, both for now and in the future. We will need a collaborative process to move the university forward.

Senator Hosni asked him to prioritize his goals. Provost Nellis stated:

- 1) Faculty support and student centered initiatives - faculty salaries, tuition assistance, benefits, professional development opportunities.
- 2) Outcomes based student assessment
- 3) Planning for a comprehensive honors program.

Senator Hamilton encouraged him to include the graduate program as one of Provost Nellis' top priorities. Provost Nellis acknowledged that we need to be creative in supporting our graduate programs.

IV. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee - Fred Fairchild

Senator Fairchild announced that on-line evaluations and student ratings will be an important topic. Vicki Clegg will attend an early meeting. Jennifer Gehrt will be discussing the LASER project and prerequisites. They will be discussing assessment and working with Ruth Dyer. Senior and Alumni surveys are now being revised which will include a review by this committee. Class meeting times is being discussed in CAPP for some additional tweaking. They will review the Honors recognition program (cum laude, summa cum laude and magna cum laude) to make the recognitions more meaningful. They are working with both of the UGE committees. President Spears reiterated the importance of determining actual course pre-requisites and how the LASER system should be implemented.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee - Roger Adams

Senator Adams announced that the first three items the committee will look at is 1) the Chronic Low Achievement policy; 2) the selection process for the University Distinguished Professors; and 3) they will continue to work on tuition discounts for faculty dependents.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning - Walter Schumm

See his **ATTACHMENT 1**. Senator Schumm reported that the committee will continue to look at the results of the Faculty Morale Survey conducted last spring.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology - Tweed Ross

Senator Ross announced that their committee has already held an organizational meeting. Vicki Clegg visited with them about the plans to move the TEVALS to an on-line system. They have noticed that Information Technology issues tend to overlap in many areas. There are at least 22 different agencies/committees that are involved in information technology at the university. Some of the opportunities that the committee has identified to look at are: e-mail clients, university enterprise portal, on-line plagiarism, wireless networking at the university, personal digital devices, common university specifications for computing, target dates and changes for the

IT structures. They will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Senator Anderson asked about the personal electronic devices and inquired on his opinion on whether or not students are must more technologically savvy than faculty. Senator Ross agreed. Senator Simon observed that the spending programs for technology upgrades in buildings are outdated by the time the upgrades are completed. For example, Ethernet wiring was completed about the same time the building was going wireless.

V. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council

President Spears announced that the council has met once this fall and will meet with the Presidents staff next week.

B. Kansas Board of Regents meeting

See **ATTACHMENT 2**. Most notable was the funding request for FY 2006. This is a middle of the road request for the Regents. The Regents that voted against the budget proposal did so because they believe that the comprehensive institutions are under-funded in relation to the community colleges and regional colleges.

C. Report from Student Senate

Senator Reynolds announced that the Student Senate is looking forward to working with the Faculty Senate and encouraged dialogue between the two Senates.

D. Other - none

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business - none

VIII. For the Good of the University

A. President Spears acknowledged the article in today's Collegian regarding dropping of students. If faculty desire to drop students who are not in class on the first day, they may do so by lining through that student's name on the class roster. This is not a requirement but it is an option to be used for the best use of our resources.

B. Senator Ransom announced the death of Ray Lamond as follows:

I am sorry to report the passing of our friend and colleague, Dr. Ray E. Lamond, on July 24 at his home in Wamego. At the time of his death, Ray was Professor of Agronomy and State Agronomy Extension Leader. Ray was born September 8, 1951 in Emporia. He graduated from Osage City High School and received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agronomy from Kansas State University. Ray started his professional career with Kansas State University at the Southeast Kansas Experiment Station in Parsons in 1979. In 1982, he was appointed Northeast Area Extension Specialist, Crops and Soils, in Manhattan. He was promoted to Extension Specialist, Soil Fertility and Management, in the Department of Agronomy in 1985. Ray was also Director of the Soil Testing Laboratory and assumed the position of State Agronomy Extension Leader in 2003.

He was a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, Sigma Xi, and the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan. Ray gave freely of his time in service activities at Kansas State University. He served as a Faculty Senator representing Extension from 1992-98.

Ray married Rebecca Davis in 1973 in Osage City. Survivors include Becky, their two sons, his parents, one brother, two sisters, and one grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Ray E. Lamond Memorial Scholarship Fund for Agronomy Students and sent to the Department of Agronomy.

- C. Senator Fairchild announced that he met with a group of Iraqi colleagues from Baghdad today who discussed their restrictions that they worked under before the war. After the looting at the break out of the war they had no instructional and research materials left such as chemicals, research papers, etc., so they are in no position to begin teaching students. However, they did indicate that the US military is assisting them in this process.

IX Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 2

Board of Regents Report June 23-24, 2004 (Selected Items of Interest)

Items Passed Under Consent Agenda

Approval of B.S. degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at ESU. Approval of B.S. degree in Finance at KU. Approval of Ph.D. program in Audiology at KUMC. Approval of Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology at PSU.

Approval of \$2.6 M for capital outlay for Technical Schools and Colleges. Approval of \$424,077 for technology grants at Community Colleges and Washburn University. Approval of FY 2005 Operating Budgets for Technical Schools and Colleges, including a 3.9% increase.

Items Considered Under Discussion Agenda

The First Annual Proprietary School Activity report was submitted. The report showed that in Calendar Year 2003, 35,458 students were served, the majority of who were enrolled in computer only, continuing education, and real estate classes. Among those seeking certificates or associate degrees, 45% are still enrolled. Of the 32% who are available for graduation, 1236 (94%) have graduated.

Performance Agreements: The first performance agreements cover the period of July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. The final report on these outcomes is due March 1, 2005. Funding attached to these performance agreements will be integrated into the FY06 budget. All Regents institutions' agreements were approved, with minor comments. The next performance agreements are due July 15, 2004. Institutions are encouraged to build on the agreements already approved.

FY 2006 Unified Budget Request: BOR voted (6-3) to support a funding increase of \$145.2 M, including full funding of SB 345 (\$79.4 M), 2% performance grants (\$13.7M), and full funding for the one-time appropriation of the 27th payroll (\$17.5 M). For state universities, this includes a 6% increase, a 2% percent increase to KSU ESARP, and new building support. For the BOR it included a 17.9% increase, including 6% increase for salaries and additional infrastructure support of \$350,000. This represents a 20.3% in BOR request.