

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

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Approval of minutes, September 14, 2004
- III. University Grievance Board Report - Betsy Barrett
- IV. Reports from Standing Committees
  - A. Academic Affairs Committee - Fred Fairchild
    - 1. Course and Curriculum Changes
      - a. Undergraduate Education
        - 1. Approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Education May 18, 2004.  
  
*Secondary Education*  
MINOR MODIFICATIONS:  
EDSEC 405 Middle Level Education  
EDSEC 500 Content Area Methods in the Secondary School to: Content Area Methods in the Secondary and Middle Schools  
EDSEC 520 Block II Lab; Content and Reading Methods to: Block II Lab; Content Area Methods and Field Experience  
  
Minor Modifications:  
**Changes to the Secondary Education curriculum**  
\*See white pages for details.
      - b. General Education
        - 1. Approve general education course proposal approved by the General Education Council May 20, 2004.  
  
SPCH 535 Communication and Leadership
        - 2. Approve general education course proposal to change the number of MC 235 to MC 110 approved by the General Education Council August 26, 2004 (already offered as a UGE course - just changing the number of the class).  
  
FROM: MC 235 Mass Communication in Society TO: MC 110 Mass Communication in Society
    - 2. Approve graduation list and additions to graduation lists.
      - a. Approve the May 2004 Graduation List.

- b. Approve additions to graduation lists.

December 2002

Stephen Dvorak, Arts & Sciences - BS-Mass Communications-AD

August 2003

Katherine B. Ingersoll, Architecture, Planning and Design - Bachelor of Architecture

December 2003

Charles Bagby, Arts & Sciences - BS-Biology

May 2004

Kevin A. Steckley, Business Administration - BS-Marketing and International Business

Jennifer F. Ubel, Business Administration - BS-Marketing and International Business

James Bradley Weilert, Graduate School - Master of Science

- B. Faculty Affairs Committee - Roger Adams

- 1. University Distinguished Professor update

- C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning - Walter Schumm

- D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology - Tweed Ross

- V. Announcements

- A. Kansas Board of Regents meeting **ATTACHMENT 1**

- B. Faculty Senate Leadership Council **ATTACHMENT 2**

- C. Report from Student Senate

- D. Provost's Priorities **ATTACHMENT 3**

- E. Other

- VI. Old Business

- VII. New Business

- VIII. For the Good of the University

- IX. Adjournment

## ATTACHMENT 1

Board of Regents Report  
September 15-16, 2004  
(Selected Items of Interest)

### Items Passed Under Consent Agenda

Approval of Certificate and A.A.S. degrees from Butler County Community College for Realtime Reporting. Approval of Associate of General Studies (A.G.S.) degree from Johnson County Community College. Approval of Master of Science Degree in Nursing at Washburn University.

The Board policy on funding of capital improvements was amended to provide for notification of the KBOR President and CEO prior to an institution's announcing fund raising efforts for a privately funded capital improvement. Board policy is amended to bring both fees and tuition increases to the Board of Regents for approval at the same time.

### Items Considered Under Discussion Agenda

Dr. Stephen Spanghel, Higher Learning Commission, made a presentation on state's current performance agreement process. In general, he reported that the state's process was consistent with the process supported through the Higher Learning Commission. Emphasis needs to be placed on reasonable outcomes realizable in a reasonable time frame.

Adopted permanent regulations for Community Colleges and Washburn University. The regulations were generally consistent with the ways in which both the community colleges and Washburn University currently functioned.

Preliminary approval for a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Administration at the University of Kansas. The program is designed to be very small, requiring no faculty resources beyond what is already available.

Preliminary approval of proceeds from the "Crumbling Classrooms" bond refunding. KSU will receive a total of \$321,050. \$50,050 is allocated for university classroom improvements on the Manhattan campus and \$76,000 is allocated for the Salina Air Hangar Building repairs. The remainder of the funds go to Anderson Hall and more general infrastructure improvements.

### Other

Various committees reported on discussion of policies affecting concurrent enrollment. The BOR is anxious that this issue be resolved by December at the latest. The primary issue is how to preserve academic quality for the dispersed way in which university academic credit is granted to courses taken in high school.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

Faculty Senate Leadership Council/President's Staff  
September 23, 2004

### **Update on State Budget for FY06**

Vice-President Rawson reported to date state revenues have exceeded revenue estimates. If that trend persists, there should be no need for budget cutbacks. Early reports suggest funding of SB 345 and no BEST reductions. The employer's contribution of health insurance is not likely to increase, but that the employee's share will probably increase 8-9%.

### **Tuition Waivers/Tuition Assistance**

Efforts were made to address the issue of tuition waivers at the BOR level through the various coordinating committees. Tom Rawson reported that some business officers see efforts to secure tuition waivers from the state as competitive with efforts to secure faculty salary increases. The issue will be placed on the October agendas for the Council of Chief Academic Officers and Council of Faculty Senate Presidents. A preliminary estimate for the cost of tuition waivers for K-State faculty and staff dependents enrolled in 12 credit hours was just under \$800,000. It seems unlikely that the BOR will act. Efforts to develop alternatives within the institution, such as a tuition assistance plan or scholarship programs for K-State legacies will continue.

### **City/University Funds**

Faculty Senate Leadership Council is coordinating its recommendations with Classified Senate Leadership and Student Senate Leadership. Although most funding is committed to long-range projects, these groups will be recommending improved lighting on the streets adjacent to the dormitories on both the east and west sides of campus as the first priority. A second priority is either overpasses/underpasses along Claflin near the dormitories and along Anderson Avenue.

### **Concurrent Enrollment**

The current BOR policy affecting courses that are offered for both high school and university credit is being examined. Faculty Senate Presidents are recommending that policy changes focus on: (1) academic credentials of the instructor, (2) academic ability/achievement of the students, and (3) some sort of exit examination. President Spears suggested that the policy be more rigorous with regard to quality for those institutions offering a large number of concurrent enrollment courses and more flexible with regard to access for those institutions serving predominantly rural populations.

### **State of University Address**

It was agreed that future State of the University addresses would be video-taped or video streamed live in order to provide access to those who are unable to attend.

### **Status of Academic Courses for Athletic Participation**

There are discussions of the current policy of assigning grades for courses for participation in athletic teams. Current policy allows the faculty members who are the instructors of record to control the grading status of the courses. Given that the grades in these courses contribute to the grade point average required for eligibility set by the NCAA, there is concern that issuing grades would be seen as self-serving. Discussions are underway to shift to credit/no credit. At this stage, there is no reason for Faculty Senate to get involved.

## ATTACHMENT 3

Provost Nellis' Priorities:\*

### 1. Strengthening Support for Faculty

- ✓ Results of the faculty morale survey
- ✓ Tuition assistance
- ✓ Continuation of targeted faculty salary enhancements
- ✓ Professional development funds - too much variability among departments

### 2. Strengthening Students' Learning Environment

- ✓ Review of Undergraduate General Education (UGE ) Program
- ✓ Assessment of Student Learning/North Central Accreditation
- ✓ Effective Advising
- ✓ University-wide honors program

### 3. Strengthening Graduate Education/Research

- ✓ GTA/GRE Stipends (including GRE Tuition Waiver)
- ✓ GTA Training
- ✓ Targeted Excellence Program - emphasis on multidisciplinary, integrated projects

### 4. Strengthening Library Resources

- ✓ ARL status is a good target - we may not be able to do it but it is a good target to have.
- ✓ Digital Library Environment
- ✓ Electronic Theses and Dissertations - increases hit rate
- ✓ Electronic Backbone to the Campus

### 5. Enhance Diversity/Principles of Community

- ✓ Diversity of faculty
- ✓ Diversity of students (to respond to demographic profile of state)

### 6. Enhance International Programs

- ✓ Study Abroad Program
- ✓ Faculty-Led Tours

### 7. Enhance Capacity to Contribute to Environmental Health/Economic Development

- ✓ Economic development to help the health of the state economy
- ✓ Articulate role of KSU
- ✓ Bioscience Authority - excellent funding source
- ✓ Increase the number of out-of-state students

\* With thanks to Mo Hosni!