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KSU Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 3:30 pm
K-State Union, Big 12 Room


Absent: Brigham, Charney, Easton, Ganta, Harper, Keller, Nagaraja, Reeck, Schermerhorn, Zhang

Proxies: Blair, Boyer, Diaz de Sabates, Fox, Goins, Haub, Henry, Hoag, Johannes, Potts, Rogers, Schapaugh, Van Horn

Visitors: Al Cochran, Ellen Reynolds

1. President LeHew called the meeting to order at 3:37pm.

2. The September 8, 2009 minutes were approved.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda – Betsy Cauble
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      President-elect Cauble asked if there were any items to be moved off the consent agenda to the discussion agenda. Hearing none, she moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

4. Report from Student Senate and Standing Committees
   A. Academic Affairs Committee – Barney King
      King announced that the graduation application process will not change until spring 2010 semester.
   B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Judy Hughey/Kaleen Knopp
      • Administrative Evaluations
         1. UH Change, Section B123 – Attachment 1 (action item)
         2. UH Change, Section C41 – Attachment 2 (action item)
         3. UH Change, Section C157 – Attachment 3 (action item)
         Knopp requested that the University Handbook administrative evaluations changes to Section B123, Section C41 and Section C157 be tabled and returned to faculty affairs committee for further revisions.

      • Faculty Evaluations
         1. UH Change, Section C30.1-C34.1 – Attachment 4 (action item)
         Knopp moved to approve the University Handbook faculty evaluation changes to section C30.1 – C34.1. Cox asked if this would require a change to the T-VAL form for faculty evaluations. It was noted that it would require no change. Motion passed.

         • UH Change, Section F14 – Attachment 5 (action item)
         Knopp moved to approve the University Handbook DCE fees change to Section F14. Motion passed.

         • UH Change, Section F52 – Attachment 6 (action item)
Knopp moved to approve the University Handbook Minimum class size change to section F52. Cauble asked at what point a class or section would be cancelled. It was stated that mostly the committee was correcting the language relating to the reference to the Board of Regents policy. It was questioned why the remaining sentences in Section F52 were being removed. Hughey stated it was at the request of the Provost Office. Concern was also expressed as to how Section F53 would be administered. Senator Bennett moved to return the policy change back to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Senator Frieman seconded the motion. The motion passed

Knopp stated that the University Policies and Handbook subcommittee is doing a thorough review of all policies and requests the help of Senators to notify the committee of language that is out of compliance or other issues that need to be addressed.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Tweed Ross
Ross reported that the FSCOT minutes are posted on the Faculty Senate web site and are available for Senators concerned with the domain issue of ksu.edu and k-state.edu. He noted that ITAC is committed to support both domains until directed otherwise. FSCOT has submitted some budget initiative ideas. FSCOT is also reviewing two policies that IRMC is reviewing dealing with web accessibility and high technology classrooms.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Tom Vontz
Vontz reported that FSCOUP forwarded an e-mail to President Schulz to ensure faculty involvement in the evaluation of the budget ideas. He promptly received a reply from President Schulz agreeing to clarify faculty involvement. Some form of faculty representation will be included to review all of the budget initiative suggestions. FSCOUP also created a list of criteria for evaluation of the budget reduction and revenue generation ideas and submitted them to President Schulz and Faculty Senate. FSCOUP decided to develop a short and broad criteria list and make sure that faculty interests are kept in mind. There was discussion regarding the criteria and their relevance in the evaluation of the budget suggestions. The taskforce on sustainability has completed its work and submitted a report. The report of sustainability will be reviewed at the next FSCOUP meeting along with the Energy Education Inc. report.

E. Student Senate – Amy Schultz
Schultz reported that the Student Recreation Expansion Committee met. They are in construction documentation phase now and plan to send the project out to bid this semester. She also expressed appreciation for the approval, at this meeting, of the faculty evaluation policy changes in Section C30.1-C34.1 in the University Handbook. The long-term tuition committee is finalizing their membership and plans to meet within the next two weeks. The students are also working with Deans who are interested in pursuing college fees. Safety testing will occur tomorrow with alarms, texts, phone calls and e-mails to evaluate how well the system works. Please respond to the survey requesting feedback from faculty and staff regarding the program. The Governmental Relations committee has begun working on identifying City/University projects for the 2011 request. Schultz noted that students are collaborating with faculty to meet with legislators in their home town regarding higher education issues. The students are also working with the Aggieville Association looking at safety issues in Aggieville such as lighting, installing cameras and the problem of over serving by serving more alcohol per drink or serving too many drinks to a customer. The SGA election system policy is being reworked with major changes to the system which will be considered at the Student Senate meeting this Thursday, October 15th. The mass transit committee has selected consultants and will begin development of the implementation plan. Meetings have been held to establish goals of what the system should look like and identify stakeholders. The students will try out on-line chats with President Schulz on Oct 27 and Nov 23 to determine if it’s a good way to communicate with the President. Student Senate is hosting K-State Salina SGA bringing their administration and student government leaders to Main Campus. Senator Nechols applauds the students’ efforts to meet with Legislators in their home towns to discuss higher education issues. Schultz also reported that student leaders have received e-mails from students indicating not all faculty have relieved them from class or homework when they are ill.

5. New Business
   No new business.

6. Announcements
A. President/Faculty Senate Leadership Council

- Kansas Board of Regents
  LeHew reported that the Regents Faculty Senate Presidents have been discussing the Board of Regents Faculty of the Year Award to determine its future. So far it has not been awarded. The executive committee has recommended retaining the award and pursuing changes to the current policy. LeHew also reported that the System Council of Presidents discussed a strategy of consistent messages from universities going to legislators regarding the impact of budget reductions. They also discussed the FY 2011 request and beyond that would focus on recovery, restoration and rebuilding. The FY 2011 request of $17 million focused on recovering cost increases and future request of new funds in 2012 and 2013 would focus on restoration of the past reductions.

- Olathe Campus
  Central administration is looking for faculty senate input regarding the future of the Olathe campus. Faculty Senate leadership plans to develop a fact sheet to share with the standing committees for them to begin discussing the programs to offer on the Olathe campus.

- Principles of Community (www.k-state.edu/welcome/community.html)
  The Provost office is asking for faculty and staff input to review and reaffirm the Principles of Community. It has been over five years since they were first established. President LeHew requested each of the caucus chairs to review the Principles of Community with their faculty and unclassified professionals to discuss if there are revisions, additions or deletions that need to be made.

President LeHew made the following announcements:

An open Appendix G grievance hearing is scheduled for October 19th in the purple pride room in the Alumni Center.

The tuition waiver taskforce has been established with co-chairs Brian Niehoff and Marcia Stockham. The committee plans to begin meeting soon.

President LeHew requested project ideas from Senators for the city/university 2011 request by Monday, October 19th at noon with leadership reviewing and developing the proposal during their Monday afternoon meeting.

We are still working with the Athletics department to plan for a tour possibly in the spring. Please notify Candace if you are interested in participating.

Rebecca Gould has been appointed ombudsperson to complete the one year term recently vacated by Christy Crenshaw.

Fairchild reported that the University Committee on Governmental Issues is being revitalized and will begin meeting this week. He noted that there is a committee that is looking to organize all of the handbooks together into one document and correlate it by subject. The Exit Audit Oversight Committee established by President Schulz has been meeting regularly and will be preparing a report to submit to President Schulz soon. He also reminded faculty that the General Education tagging is due this week.

7. For the Good of the University
K-State Salina has two ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled; the Unmanned Aerial Systems Laboratory on October 21st at 10 am and the Student Life Center late afternoon on November 5th.

Askey inquired who the individuals were who were responsible in moving forward the construction of the new Child Development Center and noted that they should be commended. Several commented that it was a group effort from resolutions passed by Faculty and Student Senates and hard working individuals.
Reminder that Thursday, October 15th is the deadline for budget initiatives to be submitted through the survey.

Al Cochran shared the sad news that Jim Ragan, Professor of Economics had passed away this morning.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Submitted by Cindy Bontrager, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2009; 3:30 p.m., Big 12 room
CONSENT AGENDA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. General Education course addition approved by the UGE Council 9-10-09:

   Add (College of Arts & Sciences):
   ♦ GEOG 350 Earth System Geography (Approved by A&S 4-2-09)

2. Graduation list and additions:

   • Graduation list: May 2009 graduation list as submitted by the Registrar’s office
   • Graduation additions:

   **May 2003**
   Dustin Ray Bell, Associate of Technology, College of Technology and Aviation (completed all requirements)

   **August 2008**
   Vinton W. Puckett, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration
   Bryan Justin Whitehill, Bachelor of Science and Associate of Technology, College of Technology & Aviation (completed all requirements)
   Joshua J Stuchlik, Bachelor of Science, College of Technology & Aviation (completed all requirements)

   **December 2008**
   Erica N. Stirn, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences (all requirements were completed during Fall 2008 semester – did not need to complete class with incomplete)
   Sylvia A. Reaser, Associate of Technology, College of Technology & Aviation (completed all requirements)
   Ryan M Reid, Bachelor of Science, College of Technology & Aviation (completed all requirements)
   Tyler Beau Yeik, Bachelor of Science, College of Technology & Aviation (completed all requirements)

   **May 2009**
   Kassandra Buss, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences
   Belinda Post, Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts & Sciences
   Maxwell Wright, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences
   Keaton Brewer, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration
   Jessica Anne Kolde, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration
   Ryan E. Steen, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration
   Tyler Krehbiel, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, College of Engineering
   Wayne Messbarger, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering
   James Seely, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering