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KSU Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 3:30 pm
K-State Student Union, Big 12 room
Zoom ID: 149 712 846; <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/149712846>

Present: Adams (Paige), Adams (Rebecca), Adams (Roger), Alford, Anderson, Bahadori, Baker, Bennett, Berumen, Bilgili, Blair, Blake, Blevins, Caldas, Clews, Craghead, Crawford, Crowell, Cunningham, DeRouchey, Disberger, Douthit, Durtschi, Falcone, Ferraro, Finkeldei, Genereux, Glymour, Gott, Hay McCammant, Hohenbary, Jackson, Jones (Cassie), Jones (Chris), Kastner, Kempton, Kiss, Kliewer, Kohl, Kohn, Korten, Kouba, Kramer, Launius, Leimkuehler, Liang, Luly, Lyon, Martinez (Yelland), Maseberg-Tomlinson, Mason, McCulloch, Moody, Moorberg, Nasser, Noll, Nutsch, Oetken, Olds, Olson, Rundus, Saucier, Scott, Scott-Hall, Shappee, Smith Caldas, Stout, Stroot, Sullivan (Bowen), Tatonetti, Thompson, Vardiman, Vipham, Von Bergen, Wanklyn, Warren, Wigfall, Wilken, Young, and Zecha

Absent: Berney, Brusk, Curnutt, Erickson, Gates, Gabbard, Higginbotham, Hiller, Krysko, Paulk, Perez, Rys, Schermerhorn, Thomas, and Van Nest

Proxies: Aakeroy, Baird, Bishop, Cassel, Higgins, Johnson, Keen, Prakash, Raine, Rubin, Sexton-Bowser, Smith, Wefald,

Guests/Visitors: Kelley Brundage, Tanya Gonzalez, Mindy Markham, Brandon Savage, Kristin Waller, and Brad Woods

Parliamentarian: Daniel Ireton

1. President Don Von Bergen called the meeting to order, and the Land Acknowledgement was played.
2. Approval of February 13th minutes
President Von Bergen inquired if there were any edits or corrections to the minutes. Seeing none, and with no objection, the minutes stood as approved.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda (pages 6-10) – Teresa Douthit
President Elect Douthit inquired if there were any items that needed to be moved to the discussion agenda. Seeing none, and with no objection, the consent agenda stood approved.
4. New Business
 - A. KBOR Faculty of the Year Award Criteria (for discussion - **Attachment 1**)
President Von Bergen referred to the documentation outlined in Attachment 1. This is on the agenda today solely for discussion. The council of Faculty Senate presidents worked on a document that would cover all regents' institutions and presented a draft to KBOR. They are supportive of this approach and reviewing the draft request.

Much conversation occurred, including such comments that a similar proposal was brought before senate in 2007-2008 and it was not supported, the fact that historically KBOR policies are at times not deemed to be in the best interest of faculty. Also, it was highlighted that even though there have been disagreements in the past with KBOR, it would be good to remember that there have also been regents that support the general notion of higher education across the state. Another suggestion was that staff need acknowledged too.

Clarification was requested on nomination materials requested and whether extension could be purposefully included in the language. A revision of the examples provided was also requested.

President Von Bergen shared that as the incoming chair of the council of faculty senate presidents for this year, he became aware of this award on the books, but not being utilized and the council has worked on a proposal that would be utilized across all regents' schools. He shared that KBOR guidelines were followed during the creation of this proposal and that the council of presidents agrees there is a need to recognize staff in the future with the hope that a similar recognition for staff will follow in the future, once this one for faculty is approved.

At the end of the discussion, Senator Adams requested that Faculty Affairs review this proposal. This will be done and will then come back to senate for action.

5. Report from Standing Committees, Graduate Student Council, and Senates

A. Academic Affairs – Andy Bennett/Brandon Kliewer

- Discussion agenda items (page 11)
- Proposed revision to University Handbook: Section F75 (Action item - **Attachment 2**)

Senator Bennett moved to approve the discussion agenda items. Motion carried.

Senator Bennett moved to approve the proposed change to University Handbook, Section F75. This came to Academic Affairs from CAPP and was discussed and approved by both Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs. Motion carried.

Senator Bennett reported that a recommendation from the university calendar committee was shared with academic affairs just last week regarding a proposed Wildcat Pause Day for students to potentially begin in Fall 2024. There was discussion in academic affairs about whether the 7th week is the best time to have the Pause Day and if there should perhaps be two days. They did not endorse the recommendation at that meeting but will take action on April 16th and in the meantime, the recommendation will come to FS in April for a first reading, and he hopes a vote of whether to endorse will occur at the Senate meeting in May. It is already late in the semester for this and so if this is to be implemented in Fall of 2024, they would like to act on it in May and not June.

Discussion ensued and ones wondered whether school districts have been polled about this. This is not done, as Registrar Kelley Brundage reminded the senate that, including extension, K-State services school districts from across the state. Also, there is just one day to let go of since there is only one cushion day. It was inquired how this proposal would affect the number of teaching days, which was discussed. Conversation continued and various senators recalled that there has been historically contention surrounding these types of proposals.

The university calendar committee was following the directive given by SGA and promoting overall health, including mental health, at our university. She invites all the experts to share any research that will aid them as they make their decision.

It was also highlighted that due to weather it is hard to predict how many contact days will be lost. This led a to lively discussion about how soon faculty would know the final decision, different models used across campus and the consequences of not having enough contact hours.

Brundage reported that starting in 2025 state institutions no longer have to report to KBOR any days off for students and that as an institution we must have them on books to show we are intentional about the make-up days. A senator shared that in the past USD 383 has extended class time by two minutes to meet the contact hours necessary. Other creative methods have been used to make up contact hours as well.

President Von Bergen shared the anticipated timeline: First reading April 9th, final vote May 14th, and the earliest KBOR would see it and approve it is June 18th.

B. Faculty Affairs – Brad Cunningham/Tareque Nasser

- Proposed revision to University Handbook: Section D40-41 (Action item - **Attachment 3**)
- Proposed revision to University Handbook: Appendix S (Action item - **Attachment 4 & clean version as edited**)

Senator Cunningham moved to approve the proposed change to University Handbook, Section D40-41. Motion carried.

Senator Cunningham moved to approve the proposed change to University Handbook, Appendix S. After the first reading last month a few edits were made, and these are included in the attachments for this proposal. Motion carried.

C. Graduate Student Council

No report. President Von Bergen shared that Senator Van Nest recently lost her father in death tragically and asked for all to keep her in mind.

D. Justice, Equity, Diversity, Access, Inclusion, and Identify – Graciela Berumen/Pamela Erickson

Nothing to report.

E. Professional Staff Affairs – Monica Curnutt/Renee Gates

Not present.

F. Student Senate – President Stout

President Stout updated senators regarding Student Senate elections and thanked the senate for the collaboration during his time as SGA president. The incoming president, Paige Vulgamore, will begin attending next month.

G. Technology – Michael Raine/Phil Vardiman

Senator Vardiman thanked IT personnel for all their continued hard work. He encouraged all remain vigilant and to send all suspicious emails to abuse@ksu.edu or to send a screen shot in Teams to security@ksu.edu

He also provided updates on Media Site, and conversations surrounding the creation of a generative AI policy. He also shared that 2167 presentations, 1.6 terabytes, have been uploaded, many from outside sources. Again, he thanked IT for working around the clock to keep K-State operational.

H. University Planning – Cassie Jones/Marianne Korten

Senator Jones shared that Interim Provost Debbie Mercer joined their latest meeting to share updates on the Campus Master Plan, which has hired SmithGroup and has 15 listening sessions with campus groups planned in May 2024. This plan will work on the creation of a prioritized list of infrastructures for future investments. The priorities have not been announced but Senator Jones encouraged

senators to be involved in these important discussions. She also described that each College and Unit has a reporting deadline for a plan to implement the K-State NextGen Strategic Plan at the College or Unit Level. These are due in three months, except for a few units. During the process it has been clear that there seems to be a broad interpretation, related to college committees on planning, of what it means to meet regularly. This will be worked on. Lastly, FSCOUP was notified from Health and Human Sciences of the move of Interior Design from that college to the College of Architecture, Planning and Design. They are making a formal request to move BS of Interior Design to Architecture. FSCOUP has acknowledged the receipt of this notification and looks forward to any changes impacting academic programs or degrees to come before Faculty Senate.

Discussion: Senator Craghead shared there will be pop-up activities in Bosco Plaza with the SmithGroup on March 26th.

- I. University Support Staff Senate – Regina Crowell
Senator Crowell reported that on May 22nd at 11:00 am they will hold the University Support Staff Recognition Ceremony. She also requested supervisor support for anyone willing to be in University Support Staff Senate.

6. Announcements

A. [KBOR meeting report](#)

President Von Bergen shared that over 100 exceptions to the general education core have been received. KBOR has made it clear that all exceptions, except for engineering, will only be accepted for another year. They are limiting the number of exceptions to not erode the premise of having a general education core. Additionally, Dr. Flanders suggests doing away with all application fees for regional institutions. Institutions that rely on the revenue from the application fees have pushed back.

B. Faculty Senate 2024 elections / Faculty Senate Officer positions

President Von Bergen reminded all that the Faculty Senate elections are in process. Final ballots should be going out this week. As with each year, there are openings for officer positions, such as the president elect and secretary seats. Also, this year, various co-chairs of the standing committees will be rotating off, so if you are a member of one of our permanent committees and have an interest in serving as a co-chair, let your current leadership know of this.

C. Ombudsperson and Grievance Chair positions – Availability for Fall 2024

Each year one ombudsperson rotates off in the fall. This coming year it will be Tara Coleman. An announcement will be made in K-State Today for this vacancy in April. Additionally, the grievance chair position will be vacant starting in the fall. This is a three-year term.

D. Spring open forum – April 2nd, 3:30 pm, Alumni Center

President Von Bergen reminded all about the open forum in a couple of weeks. An email reminder was sent out about it yesterday as well. He requested that caucuses come up with one or two questions for the event, as needed. It will be an informal Q&A, much like the one in February, but it's always good to have questions in mind. Additionally, incoming Provost Mendez will speak briefly and there will be time to mingle with him and others at the reception to be held directly after the forum. All questions are welcome, but as a reminder, these will not be shared in advance with administrators.

- E. President Von Bergen shared that Interim Provost Mercer will be our guest speaker at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

F. Faculty and Professional Staff Retiree Ceremony, April 24th, 4:00 pm, Alumni Center

The annual retirement ceremony is coming up at the end of April. Please plan to celebrate and honor your colleagues at this event. An announcement will go out to K-State Today next week with the list of retirees on the program.

7. Open discussion period for senators | New Initiatives | For the Good of the University
President Von Bergen shared that after 20 years our brilliant Candace LaBerge has joined the Provost Office and will no longer be able to fulfill her role in Faculty Senate. She will be greatly missed.

Senator Tatonetti shared that an emeritus faculty member, who adopted their grandchild, would like an exemption for the employee dependent tuition benefit. It was noted that in the past there have been situations where a one-time exemption has been granted for the children of a faculty member who passed away unexpectedly, however, this is a different request. Another senator suggested that for the purpose of equity across campus, we pursue this as a permanent benefit for emeritus faculty and staff. Just for historical information, it was noted that the initial proposal for this dependent/spouse tuition benefit came from the salaries and fringe benefits committee, a subcommittee of Faculty Affairs and then it was approved by Faculty Senate and implemented by university administration. Therefore, a permanent change to the process may likely need to originate in that committee again. However, an exception would likely follow a different path. Our registrar also shared that Financial Aid is involved with these and is currently the administrator of those requests. President Von Bergen will follow up with this after the meeting. Senator Korten added her support for this proposal and agrees it should be a benefit that is also available to staff after they retire.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Graciela Berumen
Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024; 3:30 pm

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the following course and curriculum changes, graduation lists and retro conferrals:

A. COURSE AND CURRICULUM PROPOSALS:

To view the proposals in Curriculog,

First - Login to Curriculog using your K-State eID and password
<https://kstate.curriculog.com>

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In User Tracking, change "Show current" to "Show current with markup"
View the proposal
Use the browser back button to return to the agenda and select next proposal

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COURSES: *<https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2347/form> (*copy and paste the link into your browser if clicking on it gives you an error message)

Agriculture	AGED - 880 - Portfolio Development in Agricultural Education and Communications AGRON - 120 - Crop Science AGRON - 121 - Crop Science Laboratory AGRON - 775 - Advanced Nutrient Cycling and Fertilizer Management ASI - 108 - Poultry Lab ASI - 109 - Horse Lab ASI - 150 - Anatomy & Physiology of Domestic Animals ASI - 202 - Domestic Animal Nutrition ASI - 301 - Transfer Foundations in ASI ASI - 302 - Advanced Animal Nutrition ASI - 501 - Principles of Animal Breeding ASI - 511 - Applied Animal Breeding and Genetics ENTOM - 675 - Introduction to Insect Physiology ENTOM - 732 - Introduction to Plant Resistance to Pests FDSCI - 625 - Food Analysis FDSCI - 627 - Chemical Methods of Food Analysis FDSCI - 628 - Physical Methods of Food Analysis FDSCI - 640 - Research and Development of Food Products HORT - 551 - Landscape Contracting and Construction
Arts and Sciences	ANTH - 312 - Museums, Cultures, and Collaborations ANTH - 319 - Food and Culture ANTH - 353 - Museum Collections Management ANTH - 552 - Topics in Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies ART - 105 - A&D: Career & Creative Industry Seminar

ART - 180 - A&D: Color, Light, and Perception Lab
 ART - 200 - A&D: Visual Representation and Fabrication
 ART - 205 - Portfolio Review
 ART - 285 - Visual Communication Design Fundamentals
 ART - 290 - Visual Communication Design I: Typography and Design Principles
 ART - 303 - Visual Communication Design Techniques I
 ART - 311 - Drawing II
 ART - 320 - Water Media
 ART - 325 - Figure Drawing
 ART - 331 - Introduction to Digital and Expanded Media
 ART - 335 - Introduction to Printmaking Techniques
 ART - 345 - Introduction to Oil Painting
 ART - 355 - Introduction to 3D Modeling for Jewelry, Ceramics & Design
 ART - 380 - Introduction to Sound Art
 ART - 395 - Introduction to Digital Photography
 ART - 405 - A and D: Undergraduate Research Studio
 ART - 503 - Visual Communication Design Techniques II
 ART - 505 - A and D: Senior Research Studio
 ART - 510 - Advanced Techniques in Jewelry and Metal Design
 ART - 523 - Digital and Expanded Media Special Topics
 ART - 560 - Advanced Independent Study
 ART - 561 - Painting Theme and Variation
 ART - 565 - Wheel Thrown Ceramics Studio
 ART - 572 - Drawing Methods-Contemporary Approaches
 ART - 575 - Web Art
 ART - 599 - Drawing Methods – Thematic Approaches
 BIOL - 440 - Introduction to Histology
 BIOL - 831 - Host-Pathogen Interactions
 CHINE - 301 - Chinese IV
 CHINE - 501 - Chinese V
 CHINE - 502 - Chinese VI
 DAS - 101 - Discover, Create, and Thrive: Arts and Sciences Orientation
 GEOL - 120 - Age of Dinosaurs
 GEOL - 305 - Sustainable Earth Resources
 GEOL - 315 - Geology of the National Parks
 GEOL - 360 - Quantitative Methods in Geoscience
 GEOL - 502 – Mineralogy
 GEOL - 503 - Petrology
 GEOL - 510 - Geology of Planets
 GEOL - 512 - Earth Science
 GEOL - 530 - Structural Geology
 GEOL - 540 - Geologic Record of Climate Change
 GEOL - 560 - Field Methods
 GEOL - 581 - Principles of Paleontology
 GEOL - 740 - Regional Geology
 GEOL - 742 - Seismic Data Interpretation
 GEOL - 745 - Exploration Geophysics
 GEOL - 804 - Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology
 GEOL - 810 - Isotope Geology

	<p> GEOL - 880 - Clay Mineralogy GEOL - 890 - Advanced Seismology HIST - 350 - Hollywood and the Military JAPAN - 301 - Japanese IV JAPAN - 501 - Japanese V JAPAN - 502 - Japanese VI PHILO - 180 - Introduction to Philosophy of Race PHILO - 295 - Introduction to Environmental Ethics PHYS - 213 - Engineering Physics I PHYS - 214 - Engineering Physics II PHYS - 325 - Physics III, Relativity, and Quantum Physics PHYS - 522 - Mechanics PHYS - 532 - Electromagnetic Fields I PHYS - 636 - Physical Measurements Instrumentation POLSC - 330 - Global Environmental Politics PSYCH - 584 - Group Psychotherapy PSYCH - 598 - Research in Neuroscience SOCWK - 611 - Social Welfare as a Social Institution SOCWK - 630 - Social Work Research Methods and Analysis II SOCWK - 660 - Social Work Practice I SOCWK - 661 - Social Work Practice II SOCWK - 662 - Field Experience SOCWK - 668 - Macro Practice and Theory SOCWK - 670 - Social Work with Groups STAT - 150 - Statistics and Data Science: Introductory Seminar for Majors STAT - 450 - Special Topics for Undergraduates in Statistics and Data Science THTRE - 201 - Drugs and Alcohol in Theatre and Film THTRE - 202 - Taboo! Transgression and Censorship in Theatre and Film THTRE - 203 - Stage to Screen: Theatre into Film THTRE - 205 - Contemporary American Theatre THTRE - 220 - Musical Theatre History THTRE - 503 - Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) in Production THTRE - 763 - Advanced Acting: Consent and Intimacy in Performance </p>
Business Administration	<p> MANGT - 610 - Managing for Sustainability: Strategy, Investing, and Impact </p>
Engineering	<p> CE - 743 - Advanced Reinforced Concrete Design CIS - 737 - Advanced Computer Vision CNS - 110 - History of Building and Construction ECE - 645 - Digital Electronics NE - 761 - Radiation Measurement Systems NE - 861 - Advanced Radiation Measurement Systems </p>
Health and Human Sciences	<p> HDFS - 893 - Evaluation of Prevention Science Programs KIN - 230 - Introduction to Public Health KIN - 550 - Health Promotion Practice Methods KIN - 601 - Cardiorespiratory Physiology KIN - 603 - Cardiovascular Physiology KIN - 700 - Interpersonal Aspects of Physical Activity KIN - 701 - Cardiorespiratory Physiology </p>

	KIN - 703 - Cardiovascular Physiology KIN - 707 - Muscle Physiology KIN - 709 - Environmental Physiology KIN - 710 - Program Planning and Evaluation KIN - 711 - Autonomic Neurophysiology KIN - 712 - Policy, Built Environment and Physical Activity KIN - 715 - Cardiorespiratory/Comparative Physiology in Health and Disease KIN - 716 - Obesity and Physical Activity: Behavioral, Environment, and Policy Influences KIN - 755 - Individual Physical Activity Promotion
Leadership Studies	LEAD – 515 – Teaching Leadership
Veterinary Medicine	VCS - 819 - Veterinary Medicine in a Foreign Context VCS - 821 - International Vet Study Tours

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Agriculture	Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Animal Products Option Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Bioscience/Biotechnology Option Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Business Option Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Communications & Marketing Option
Arts and Sciences	Biology - Animal Biology option (BS) Biology - Cellular and Molecular Biology option (BS) Biology - Computational Biology option (BS) Biology - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology option (BS) Biology - Human Health Biology option (BS) Biology - Integrative Biology option (BS) Biology - Plant Biology option (BS) Chinese Studies (Minor) Criminology (BA) Criminology (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology (BA) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Conservation Biology option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Environmental Biology option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Fisheries Ecology and Management option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Wildlife Ecology and Management option (BS) Jazz Studies (Minor) Microbiology (BA) Microbiology - General Microbiology option (BS) Microbiology - Medical Microbiology option (BS) Music Performance (Minor) Musical Theatre (Minor) Visual Communication Design Minor
Business Administration	Professional Strategic Selling Certificate

Engineering	Accelerated B.S in Computer Science and Master of Business Administration
Health and Human Sciences	Apparel and Textiles (B.S.) Public Health (BS)

B. Graduation list(s), retro conferral(s) and/or posthumous degree requests:

- Summer 2023 graduation list – as submitted by the Registrar’s office.
- Fall 2023 graduation list – as submitted by the Registrar’s office.
- Retro conferral graduation list – as submitted by the Registrar’s office.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
DISCUSSION AGENDA**

Approve the following new curriculum proposal(s):

New:

To view full proposals, see the Curriculog Agenda: *<https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2349/form>
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Arts and Sciences	General Music Studies (Minor) Neuroscience (Minor) Popular Music Studies (Minor) Sacred Music Undergraduate Certificate
Education	College Athlete Development (Graduate Certificate)
Health and Human Sciences	Child Welfare (Undergraduate Certificate)