

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
April 6, 2006 - 3:30 p.m., K-State Union Room 205**

Present: Behnke, Kearns, Schumm, Simon, Willbrant, Yahnke

Absent: Bloodgood, Burns, Gormely, Hassan, Oberst, Rowlett, Rys, Spears, Stadlander

1. Walter Schumm, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. The February 2, 2006 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements

Comments from the President's staff meeting: A Salary increase of about 2% for faculty and unclassified professionals is expected for next year. Classified employees can expect approximately 2.5% increase, part of that will be cost of living increase and part will be a step increase which has been lacking for several years. Senate bill 345 will add 1% for faculty salaries. There are also measures being taken to help in faculty retention. The average pay raise for next year is expected to be 4.5% for faculty and unclassified professionals.

Legislature may soon allow campuses to keep interest earned on tuition fees. Projected revenue is expected to increase for next year.

Schumm commented on the 5-year tuition plan. Student Senate will be giving a presentation on this at the April Faculty Senate meeting.

Jim Stack has accepted the position of Director of the Biosecurity research Institute at K-State.

A meeting was held on February 23, 2006 to discuss the Interdisciplinary Social Science program within the college of Arts & Sciences. The outcome was that this endeavor will not take place until at least 2010.

Schumm mentioned performance agreements. K-State did not receive any additional funding from this.

Appendix G grievance hearing took place in December 2005 and the decision made by the general grievance board panel was upheld by the President of the university. The decision was to deny tenure and promotion.

Schumm mentioned various projects being discussed within the Campus Development and Planning Policy Committee. Simon felt a better communication link with this committee would be beneficial to FSCOUP members, which is why Schumm was recently appointed to this committee as Chair of FSCOUP.

4. Old Business

A. Parking Garage

No further information on this. Approval from the Board of Regents has been given.

B. Strategic Planning – No report

C. High School Graduation Trends - No report

D. Housing for visiting Scholars

A study was done by the Department of Housing and Dining. During a five year period there was an average of 63% of their 23 units occupied by domestic and international scholars. Between Jan. 03-Dec. 04 a total of 4, 205 nights were used. Now, the situation is there are no rooms available to visiting students or scholars and there most likely will be nothing available until at least August 2008 and even then, the availability will be less and cost will be more. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this issue and also how to avoid these kinds of problems in the future. Housing and Dining has a video on the Jardine complex that Schumm offered to bring for the committee to review if they desired.

5. New Business

Schumm mentioned that nominations for a new chair of FSCOUP need to be starting. However, there is some confusion over what policy should be followed. In the past, the chair of FSCOUP has been elected by committee members; however, there was mention that the Past Faculty President should chair the committee. This matter will be discussed and verified by our next meeting.

6. For the Good of the University-none

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.