MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
May 18, 2006 - 3:30 p.m., Bluemont Hall room 21

Present: Behnke, Herald, Kearns, McKinney, Wang, Yahnke
Absent: Bloodgood, Collins, Condia, Gormely, Maddy, Oberst, Rowlett, Shubert, Stokes

1. Tom Herald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. The May 4, 2006 minutes stood approved.

3. Announcements
Herald reviewed main points of the charge of FSCOUP (Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning) with its committee members. In part it states that FSCOUP participates, in an advisory capacity, in the process by which distribution of university appropriated resources in support of the academic, research, and service missions of the university is determined and when the university is experiencing exigency. It also works with other campus planning committees.

Herald requested that committee members think of ways to help FSCOUP become more active in university planning. He would like communication to be better between college planning committees and FSCOUP so there are no gaps in communication. It would also be beneficial for various campus planning committee chairs to come and visit FSCOUP in order to be more aware of their roles. In order to see whether a campus committee on planning is meeting within each college at K-State, Herald asked members to bring back information on their college’s campus committee on planning. A brief discussion came up regarding the parking garage and how it was felt that faculty were not in the loop as this was being planned. Also, Behnke mentioned an article in the Mercury about a new upscale hotel that is being planned in Manhattan that he believes this will affect the university.

A discussion arose about how to list items on the agenda of Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning. What should the focus of our committee be? As a committee we want to represent our colleagues more effectively. That means regular communication between other committees.

Kearns would like the Ft. Riley expansion to be discussed through FSCOUP. Members would like to have visitors during the fall semester to discuss this issue.

Behnke would like to have a visitor from the Housing Department to give FSCOUP information on what the plan is for Jardine Terrace as well as other campus housing that may affect visitors. Herald mentioned that Central Administration is proactive in finding guest housing for Fall 2006. Central Administration is hopeful that at least six apartments on or near campus will be allocated for guest housing. These will be used during the Jardine construction project, after which permanent apartments will be assigned.

FSCOUP members would like to see information from other committees on what they’re doing. This could lead to discovering whether there is an overlap in committee charges, if new committees need created, or if some need deleted.

A lengthy discussion came up regarding what the role and purpose of the Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning should be. In the University Handbook on page 94, Appendix B discusses part of the role of FSCOUP regarding financial exigency.

Roger Adams, President of Faculty Senate, thanked committee members for their time and efforts on Faculty Senate Committees.

Action items:
1. Committee members are to find out about the Campus Committee on Planning (CCOP) in their college and the contact person to find out how often they are meeting and report back to FSCOUP regarding their findings.
2. Herald will work over the summer on visitors for FSCOUP.

4. New Business

A. Meeting times and days
The committee decided to meet always on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month will be tentative depending on the agenda load.

Committee members felt it would be beneficial to have a meeting in each member’s college. To support this effort, the first September meeting will be hosted by Tom Herald, the first October meeting will be hosted by Keith Behnke, the first November meeting will be hosted by Weiqun “George” Wang, and the first December meeting will be hosted by Sara Kearns.

The tentative second meeting of each month will be scheduled in the K-State Student Union.

A more detailed meeting schedule will be sent out to committee members later on.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.