

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, May 7, 2015
Student Union room 204 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson (chair), Jason Brody, Brad Burenheide, Joel DeRouchey, Gloria Holcombe, Andy Hurtig, Julia Keen, Drew Smith, and Spencer Wood
Proxies: Casey Hoeve for Diana Farmer
Absent: Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), John Devore, Heather Reed, and Mark Weiss

1. Barbara Anderson, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. The April 2, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
 - A. City/University Fund
 - a) Update: Three Senate Agreement (see attached)
Anderson directed members' attention to the signed agreement from all three senates to work together in a more united way for future years. It calls for a majority report of recommendations from all three senate bodies, with the allowance for minority report(s) if necessary. A new development in this process as well, is that the city has reported they will put forward their suggested recommendations by November 1.
 - b) Ideas to pursue for coming proposal:
 - i. Bus stop shelters
 - ii. Better/more busses
 - iii. Marlatt barn and house condition/feasibility study
 - iv. Partnership on parking garage that Aggieville
 - v. *Watershed issue (added from discussion)*

Anderson reported that a group of three individuals (Barbara Anderson, Joel DeRouchey, and Steven Graham) met before the last meeting to identify the above stated ideas. Anderson went through the items above in further detail. It was inquired whether members felt any items needed added or removed, which resulted in the addition of beginning to tackle the watershed issue that will be made more challenging with the continued development of north campus.

These recommendations were discussed by committee members in relation to the campus master plan. Water permeable paving materials were talked about. Water drainage issues were raised, especially in light of the flash flooding that took place earlier this week. Committee members were reminded that any recommendations that go forward will need cost analysis tied to them. If recommendations are to end up on the majority list, they will need to be agreeable to all three senate bodies. It appears watershed issues need to be put back on this list. The idea is to move forward toward the solution, cost, etc. This should be done over the summer so that the list and cost analyses are ready for early fall. Each senate will have a list, justification, and cost analyses available for the meeting where the majority list will be created. Anderson asked for volunteers to begin work on these over the summer. Bus routes

and schedules were discussed in more detail. Holcombe will check on bus stop shelters. Watershed pre-proposal would likely involve talking to Mark Taussig to find out what the planning is for that issue on our campus. Implementation of a system is what has failed to take place, due to various issues, but predominantly it is that the solutions are costly to both the University and City. Wood will take on the watershed item. It was recommended to speak with Stacy Hutchinson about the watershed issue as well as Mark Taussig. Jim Sherow will be asked to work on the Marlatt property. More/better busses (how many do we have currently, how many ride them, do we expect growth). Hurtig will begin work on this, as it may likely be of interest to students as well. Extended hours for rides to Jardine were mentioned as one need. The transportation study should be coming out soon which would give added information. Anderson thanked members for being willing to work on this important task.

B. University Budget and Seaton funding proposal's potential impact on funding for future campus building repair projects.

There is a current legislative proposal that if passed would provide for the issuance of bonds for Seaton hall's remodel and partial new construction. However, according to the campus planning and development advisory committee, this would be a 3.75 million yearly repayment amount paid out for 25 years, which would come from the monies K-State receives from the Educational Building Fund. This is the funding used for maintenance of K-State buildings. The amount that would be taken out each year for the Seaton hall project would be about half of what K-State gets annually. Anderson wanted to inform committee members about the situation and its potential impact. Members also talked about the current state of bonded indebtedness. As an institution, we are moving into a precarious place financially. Lengthy discussion occurred about the state of our budget. A suggestion was made about adding a small fee to athletic tickets, \$5 for example, that would be pooled and then used for contributing toward a scholarship fund or a flexible account for other agreed upon items. Members were pointed about the funds being used for something agreed to. A good portion of the budget is used for salaries; therefore, if cuts are made, this will have a deep impact on our university family. Thoughtful conversation took place among committee members about the budget, financial exigency, and the role of Faculty Senate and particularly FSCOUP. Discussion of budget concerns led to a discussion about the Climate Survey results. It was suggested that the next time the survey is run, in 2 ½ years, additional questions *need* to be addressed and perhaps FSCOUP could take a lead in coming up with those questions. This may be an agenda item for this fall.

4. New Business

A. Election of Chair for 2015-2016 academic year

Spencer Wood was nominated, the nomination was seconded by Brody. The vote was unanimous to elect Spencer Wood.

5. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm

A meeting in June is a possibility depending on budget issues.