

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Student Union room 204 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson (chair), Jason Brody, Joel DeRouchey, John Devore, Diana Farmer, Gloria Holcombe, Reagan Kays, Heather Reed, Mark Weiss, and Spencer Wood

Absent: Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), Julia Keen, Drew Smith

Guest: Loleta Sump

1. Barbara Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. The October 16, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. New Business
 - A. Visit from Loleta Sump, Director, Facilities Customer Service Desk
Discussion of Campus classroom Scheduling
You might be interested in this document: http://www.k-state.edu/planning/master_plans/2025_plan/FinalPaulienReportSpaceNeeds.pdf
If possible additional data will be provided in advance of the meeting.

Anderson welcomed Loleta Sump and invited her to discuss the issues related to space and classroom scheduling. Sump distributed a handout to discuss general use classrooms. She discussed some of the frustrations as well as some of the victories. She provided an overview of how scheduling moves into facilities' hands. It begins in enrollment services and then moves on from there. Challenges vary, but one of the greater ones is that there are not enough rooms to accommodate classes with 50-90 students. Another frequent challenge is that of classes with smaller enrollments and not having enough class spaces available for this size. This results in these smaller-sized classes being scheduled in classrooms that hold more students and so on. Facilities plans to make more requests that classes of 1-2 students be held in offices or other departmental spaces to address some of this. Some concern was raised about the new business building, which has multiple classrooms that only hold 50 people, when there is a need for rooms that hold 50-90 students. It seems there should be a modification to the plans in order to allow these rooms to transform into larger classrooms by planning now during construction so that a future modification to convert two rooms to one classroom could be easily done. Anderson was asked to inquire about this. She will speak to Ryan Swanson. Discussion continued about room sizes. Shortage of right-sized classrooms is becoming more of an issue for evening classes as well. Committee members were reminded that the Director of Space Management will begin in December. Of course, this does not mean magical changes will take place, but it will be a good start to having a better management flow over this process.

In the upcoming months, there will be additional room shortages due to construction. It seems prudent to make more/better use of all department spaces. If off campus sites are used, fees will have to be paid, sometimes very high fees. Perhaps by paying a smaller fee, to departments that have usable space, this would give proper recognition to them for their efforts to improve a space, and then reduce the need to have meetings and classes held off campus. The University needs to promote a greater willingness to help each other out during what will prove to be, no doubt, a hectic time for those on campus.

There is a lot to mull over with this issue. Anderson would like to invite Loleta back to another meeting to discuss possible solutions.

Anderson will email Swanson about the College of Business and possibility of a modification to Business building. Also to be discussed next time is who may be interested in serving on the space committee when it is organized.

- B. Anderson asked for a representative to give the report at the Nov. 11 FS meeting as she will be out of town. DeRouchey will care for this.

4. Old Business

A. Update on City/University Fund Projects

Steven Graham was not able to attend today's meeting. He submitted a written report for committee members' convenience. Members discussed this information. Anderson's sincere desire was that Faculty Senate, Student Senate, and University Support Staff Senate would come together to create one common list of proposals. However, there was open conversation about the continued confusion on this process. On one side, there was belief that all three senate bodies were going to put together one joint recommendation of proposals; however, on the other side there was the belief that the three senate bodies were going to put together their own lists and then come together and see if they could agree on ones to move forward. In short, it seems there is still confusion. Anderson will talk to Steven Graham and Kays will speak with Sarah Haley to determine where things stand right now.

B. Lifeline 911

Student Body President Reagan Kays presented a resolution that Student Senate will be looking at tonight for a first reading and then voting on next week. They would appreciate support or endorsement from Faculty Senate for this proposed policy. Within the resolution the policy is listed in italicized formatting. This policy would be in the Policy and Procedures Manual, Residence Life Handbook and Office of Student Life Policies.

After discussion it was requested that an additional whereas clause would be included in the resolution about the services already provided by Kansas State University's Counseling Services and the Office of Student Life. This was in response to a questions

about what cost is associated with instituting of this policy. By addressing that topic within the resolution, it identifies the avenues already available to students and that would be used still and identifies no new resources are being requested.

There was extended conversation about the policy as well as the deeper issues raised by way of the policy such as sexual assault that is often directly related to overindulgence of alcohol. How do we as committee members, university employees, parents, and concerned citizens wish to address this more fundamental issue? As faculty and employees of a university, we need to do our part in educating students; however, it was also believed there is a need for policies to be in place to address the results of these problems when they do surface.

Kays will make an edit to the resolution to add the additional “whereas” clause that FSCOUP members requested. He will send the resolution, once approved by Student Senate, to Anderson for distribution to FSCOUP members for a vote of support of the resolution and policy.

Anderson and committee members thanked Kays for Student Senate’s work on this.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2014; 3:30 pm; Union room 204