

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, December 11, 2014
Student Union Konza room at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson (chair), Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), Gloria Holcombe, Reagan Kays, Julia Keen, Drew Smith, and Spencer Wood

Absent: Jason Brody, Joel DeRouchey, John Devore, Diana Farmer, Heather Reed, Mark Weiss

Guest: Sue Peterson

1. Barbara Anderson, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm
2. The November 6, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. New Business
 - A. Visit from Sue Peterson, Assistant to the President and Director of Governmental Relations
Chair Anderson welcomed Sue and thanked her for visiting. Members hoped to understand a little more about the budget situation, as it currently stands, and receive some information about what may be expected in the upcoming legislative session.

Budget

The discussion began with the Policy Brief from the Kansas Policy Institute. Unfortunately, these papers are written without the benefit of inside information and the context of what is going on in a given week. Rather, the numbers provided reflect a snap shot of information about an account that are made available to the authors through open records requests. Members discussed the obvious issues this raises and the possible scenarios involved with the numbers shown.

Peterson went on to discuss the budget with regard to cuts. She has been informed there are no cuts planned for the current FY 15 budget, which had been an area of concern. The hope is the budget will remain flat. However, it was noted by committee members that even to remain flat will be difficult on universities. Peterson reported we can likely expect the budget to be announced sometime mid-January. Committee members also briefly discussed previous years' budgets and the various cuts that were made.

The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) was briefly discussed as well in relation to University Support Staff employees. Future discussion of this may occur as the University's compensation philosophies are created.

Legislation

Peterson discussed several legislative items with members at their request including the concealed carry gun legislation; any legislation on sustainability; and the bills that are influenced by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

- Regarding the concealed carry legislation - there is one more year on our university's exemption status, after which it seems concealed carry will be allowed on campus unless the exemption status is continued. Some members recalled the discussion with Don Stubbings, Assistant Director of the KSU Police Department, a couple years ago regarding guns on campus. In a high anxiety situation where an active shooter is on campus, the ability for someone to have a concealed weapon does not lessen the potential for injuries to by-standers. Even someone who is trained in using a gun can miss a target in this kind of situation and injure a by-stander. Members discussed what preparation should be taken in response to the possible future reality of having guns on our campus. It may be prudent to have wide-spread training, such as how to handle a situation involving an active shooter.
- A Senate Bill regarding sustainability was briefly discussed from last year that will likely not return.
- The American Legislative Exchange Council proposed a bill which involved a four-year, \$10,000 baccalaureate degree. Members agreed this was highly unrealistic in our current structure. This bill does not currently have traction.
- Performance measures are a hot topic right now. Criteria would be set and dollars would be associated with this. It seems the base allocations would not be affected, but universities would receive additional dollars if performance measures were met.

Peterson and committee members discussed the federal budget briefly, which is to be voted on by midnight tonight. There was conversation about the CROmnibus and why it is given that title.

Members inquired what they could do to assist Sue in her efforts. Sharing with others the information we are provided here and giving her feedback is important. She also thanked FSCOUP for having her as a guest and is willing to come back again should members desire another update. There was conversation about what methods to use to reach out to legislators. Sue also sends a newsletter to policy makers that she would be happy to share with FSCOUP members if they desire. Peterson noted that the K-State Governmental Relations website is also a great place for members and others to visit to keep up to date.

4. Old Business

A. Update on City/University Fund Projects

Anderson updated members on the recommended projects being put forward this year and noted these were recommendations developed by student senate. The hoped for outcome of having Faculty Senate, Student Senate, and University Support Staff Senate put forward a combined recommended list did not come to fruition this year. In order to have this work for next year, it was suggested that faculty, students, and university support staff begin discussion this spring of possible projects to support. Kays suggested having FSCOUP, or just a few members of the committee, serve as the faculty members who would work on and identify proposals for the faculty by May so that over the summer figures could be worked on and then the three senate bodies – Faculty Senate, Student Senate, and University Support Staff Senate – could put a priority list together to be submitted to the president by late October or early November next year. It appears the consensus is to have the three senate bodies create

their own recommended projects and then come together to organize one prioritized list to be submitted.

B. Lifeline 911 – status update

Faculty Senate voted in favor of supporting the LifeLine 911 policy proposal, which was initiated by the Student Senate.

C. Anderson would like committee members to begin thinking about an appropriate faculty member to nominate for the Space Planning Committee, whatever it is titled, when it is formed. The Space Management Director is to begin her position this month and it was hoped a space planning committee would be created shortly after that.

D. Anderson briefly discussed the North Campus planning stakeholders meetings that occurred on Monday and Tuesday of this week. She reported that the conversation was quite interesting. There were a lot of diverse opinions conveyed. The consultants will be back in January to continue gathering input from campus constituents.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Discuss next meeting: *Thursday, January 8, 2015; 3:30 pm; Union room 204*
Ryan Swanson may be the guest at this meeting.