

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, April 6, 2017; 2:30 pm
Business Administration Building, room 2046

Present: Jack Ayres, Barbara Anderson, Valerie Barnett, Don Crawford, Stu Duncan, Gloria Holcombe, Judy Hughey, Byron Jones, Gary Leitnaker, Laurel Littrell, Jessica Meekins, and Spencer Wood

Absent: Pat Ackerman, Lynn Carlin (Provost Liaison), and Fred Guzek

1. Spencer Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm
2. The March 2, 2017 minutes stood approved as submitted.
3. Unfinished Business
 - A. Furlough policy guidelines

Committee members reviewed the changes that were suggested to the emergency furlough guidelines. There was a comment made that perhaps language should simply say “living things” instead of referring only to plants or animals. Salary tiers were revisited and changes were made based on that discussion. What level of detail does there need to be? The intent is that individuals who make a lower wage would not be hit as hard by an administrative furlough. Another question was what are the implications of taking a furlough or temporary salary reduction? If someone chooses a furlough, no work can be done during the time of the furlough. Whereas taking a temporary salary reduction would not have that same result. Regardless, employee benefits would be impacted whether furlough or temporary salary reduction is taken. Members also discussed the research funding portion of the documentation. Leitnaker will relay feedback and work with suggested edits including a typo that will be corrected; the salary tier table will be removed, but an example will be provided; and there will be more review of the research portion to be sure the intent is conveyed accurately.
4. City/University ideas for upcoming year

Holcombe reported the city committee met Monday night regarding proposals. Everything on their list went forward except an item related to Colbert Hills. The final vote will be taken later this month. A FSCOUP member asked about the North Campus Corridor. It is being discussed. Construction to Kimball Ave. and Denison Ave. was talked about; however, things are in flux related to this.

Wood requested preliminary ideas for proposals to use the funds for this coming year. Ayres brought up public transportation, such as GPS tracking on the busses. Currently,

ridership is low but if action is taken perhaps this will allow the system to grow, which will benefit the university and city riders. There is more to this than just convenience, it has to do with the long-term health of transportation on the campus.

5. FSCOUP Chair for 2017-2018

Due to other roles he will likely be taking on, Wood will not be serving as chair next year. He wanted members to be considering the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

6. Other

A member brought up the teaching evaluation work group going on this year in Faculty Affairs. That committee has requested feedback from each caucus on the path forward. It is recognizably a complicated process and we want to make sure, as a University, we are handling this well. Input is being solicited from the units.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017; 2:30 pm; 2046 Business Administration Building