

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, November 3, 2016; 2:30 pm
Business Administration Building, room 3042

Present: Pat Ackerman, Barbara Anderson, Valerie Barnett, Don Crawford, Fred Guzek, Gloria Holcombe, Laurel Littrell, Jessica Van Ranken, Spencer Wood

Absent: Stewart Duncan, Judy Hughey, Byron Jones, Gary Leitnaker, and Jessica Meekins

Provost Liaison: Lynn Carlin (not present)

1. Spencer Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm

2. The October 6, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Old Business

A. City/University Fund project recommendations – finalize documentation

Wood shared a resolution with members that was passed by the Student Governing Association regarding recommendations for the disbursement of the city/university special projects fund. Wood directed attention to the recommended list within the resolution. The majority of the proposed recommendations this year have to do with walkways and lighting. A joint leadership meeting was held last week and another one will be held on November 9. At the meeting last week there was overall agreement on the items that should be on the joint recommendation list. A comment was made that the University can make recommendations, however, the city may also have their own list and, therefore, not all of the list may be approved.

Holcombe will draft a summarized proposal regarding the lights for the KSU garden for inclusion with the larger report that will go to administration. Anderson reported that future bus route planning is under discussion and planning by the Campus Planning and Development Advisory Committee. Among their considerations are the number of cross walks on Manhattan and Denison. All agreed the crosswalks on those two streets need to be improved. Not only do they cause traffic delays, but they are also unsafe.

Wood confirmed that members were in favor of this year's items moving forward.

B. Review of the Principles of Community - <http://www.k-state.edu/about/community.html>

Wood handed out two different statements on community principles for members to look over; one from UC Davis and the other from Missouri State.

It was noted the statements made in our current principles at K-State now says we affirm, they are all in the positive, not the negative. Members discussed having stronger language, but framing it within the format used and including it with the second affirmation statement regarding human diversity.

Members brainstormed a few possible statements. The discussion turned towards whether changing the Principles of Community language is enough. A real cultural change is needed. Student orientation could also provide more information about this kind of subject. It was voiced that changing the Principles of Community is important, however, it should be in addition to other steps being taken, such as changes that are made in a student's curriculum and the like. This kind of a change needs to be pervasive or cause saturation, so to speak.

How should we proceed to changing the language? The last time changes came about it was administration who took the lead and they would, no doubt, need to approve any modifications proposed to the Principles of Community. It was suggested that perhaps the joint leadership of the governance bodies (FS, SGA, and USSS) could have this on their next meeting agenda. FSCOUP could submit proposed language for their review and if they are in favor the revisions could be taken to all senate bodies for endorsement and submitted to administration for approval and action. It was suggested that a short turn-around time is desirable, perhaps in time for MLK day, however, that may be possible. Committee members continued to brainstorm some possible wording. Including phrases such as "K-State Family" and "stands firmly in the face of" were suggested.

Wood will work on some draft language to send to FSCOUP for their input in the next few days that could be discussed at the Joint Leadership Council on November 9.

C. Follow up on Furlough Policy (guidelines): Gary Leitnaker

Wood entertained feedback as to whether this item should be placed on the next agenda. Members agreed an additional conversation should take place. The salary tiers may need further discussion so that they don't use numbers, that could change from year to year based on the market, etc.

4. New Business

- A. City/University committee – three faculty nominations for service on the city's committee
Holcombe has agreed to serve again for this year, however, the city still requires three names. Wood requested two additional faculty members who are willing to apply. Barnett and Crawford also volunteered to submit their information and submit it.

5. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016; 2:30 pm; 3042 Business Administration Building