

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, February 1, 2018; 3:30 pm
Business Building, room 3046

Present: Barbara Anderson, Valerie Barnett, Andrew Bennett, Durant Bridges, Lynn Carlin (Provost Liaison), Byron Jones, Gary Leitnaker, Laurel Littrell, Jessica Meekins
Proxies: Jordan Kiehl for Jack Ayres
Absent: Don Crawford, Stu Duncan, Jessica Falcone, Jackie Spears, Jeffrey Stevenson

1. Laurel Littrell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
2. The December 7, 2017 minutes stood approved as submitted.
3. Library Resolution – review draft resolution (see attachment)
Littrell directed attention to the draft resolution and reminded members of how this came forward. She inquired if there were any suggested edits. A brief discussion occurred about the original resolution back in June. Much of that language is still included; however, this resolution includes other elements, such as teaching. There was concern about the first part of the last paragraph regarding funding. It was agreed that the Library should be able to continue providing services; however, that may not be through expanded funding.

There was concern over Faculty Senate approving a resolution of this nature. The fundamental purpose of or hopes for these resolutions was discussed. What is gained by passing resolutions such as these? There is great concern about faculty lines being left unfilled already and not having enough faculty to teach core courses.

It was inquired what percentage of the Library's budget goes to periodicals? About half. There was conversation about changing the culture about journal availability. Journals are often bundled in packages and K-State already cooperates with KU on many of them to have access. The cost of these are going up due to publishers increasing the price, many of them being European based. The big question is: are we going to do things the same way we've always done them, or are we going to rethink the process?

We should look to preserve and enhance finding ways to access to the journals. The consensus was there needs to be a change in approach about the current process for retaining these periodicals. When it comes down to it, many believed if the money was coming from a unit's budget to pay for a certain journal, they may choose not to have it.

Some edits were made to the final paragraph to change the wording. A motion was made to accept the resolution as amended. Anderson seconded. The motion carried.

It was acknowledged that input was provided by a variety of groups. This will be placed on February Executive committee agenda and will go to FS in March.

4. Budget reallocation update

Littrell reported on the various groups meeting to discuss cost pools. The groups are charged with identifying the cost drivers. There are about 41 people in these seven cost pool committees. Strategic discussion is ongoing and it is fair to say there is a learning curve. Hundreds of questions are being raised by these committees.

The April announcement date has been extended. However, the design will hopefully be announced and run in parallel for the next fiscal year.

5. Old Business (updates)

A. K-State 2025

It is possible that the update to K-State 2025 may be delayed slightly. The reason being that there are two large initiatives going on currently related to Strategic Enrollment management and the Budget modernization and this will very likely impact K-State 2025. Carlin reported there have been about 300 people involved with strategic enrollment management initiative.

B. Campus building plans / renovation funds

Littrell reminded members of the work being done by the Academic infrastructure fee committee. Littrell and President Lindshield are members of this committee. It was confirmed that a survey went out to students recently to inquire about their experience in the classroom; what kind of renovation they would like to see; and in what classrooms might they recommend updates be made. The survey went out on January 29.

C. Crosswalk safety issues

Littrell reported there was a student who was hit by a vehicle over winter break at a cross walk and later died. This only highlights the need for safety improvements at crosswalks. This was the last year we had the full amount of city/university funds to make recommendations for, which is roughly \$750,000. Recommendations for safety-related improvements were the top priority. For the next twenty years, \$500,000 of those funds has been committed to north campus planning. However, it should be noted that safety-related issues will be addressed with those funds as well. Littrell reported the consultant who came about the traffic study only highlighted the highest use crosswalks and the cost of putting in different versions of crosswalk lights. There were no recommendations provided at that time.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

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