

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

Present: Barbara Anderson, Valerie Barnett, Andrew Bennett, Don Crawford, Stu Duncan, Jessica Falcone, Laurel Littrell, Jackie Spears, Jeffrey Stevenson

Absent: Jack Ayres, Durant Bridges, Lynn Carlin (provost liaison), Byron Jones, Gary Leitnaker, and Jessica Meekins

1. Laurel Littrell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. The February 1, 2018 minutes were approved as

3. Old Business (updates)

A. Budget modernization update

Bennett described the basic Responsibility Centered Managed (RCM) hybrid model. A fraction of funds will be allocated for university needs to aid with subvention. The formula is mixed from student credit hour and major. Bennett provided an example for how this could look. He also provided background about how Iowa State introduced their RCM hybrid. No departments were lost in the transition; however, there were extenuating circumstances that provided benefit to that university during the transition. Discussion ensued. K-State will not be using a budget with a base. There was further discussion about how Iowa State implemented. They did this similar to how K-State is proposing to do so, by having the historic model continue, but running it in parallel to the proposed new model. The goal is to have the proposed formula in place to run at the start of the FY 18. The committee is not looking at Polytechnic campus or Vet Med at this time, as they have their own budgets. It was commented that the president has ultimate authority, but he is looking to these cost pool teams and steering committee for input and values their recommendations. Units that provide service to the entire campus, such as IT were discussed, and that is just one example. Instructional Technology personnel are split, almost 50/50. About half are central employees and the other half are personnel tied to a specific college. It was agreed that change can be difficult, but often is necessary and can be beneficial as well.

B. Library resolution status

Littrell updated members on the status of the resolution. Due to the open forum for one of the provost candidates on the same day and time as the March senate meeting it is possible this item may be moved to April Faculty Senate meeting agenda if there is not sufficient time to have a meaningful discussion on March 13.

C. Traffic study results

Littrell briefly discussed the traffic study. Duncan provided a handout with pictures of the lighting now installed on a pathway near campus. This was part of a previous year's recommended City/University projects and it has now been completed. As a reminder, crosswalk improvements and updates to the Campus Creek storm-water drainage were the two main proposals put forward this year. The City has not yet made their final decisions, but will soon. The question was raised about how to educate our students on crosswalk safety and safely crossing other streets off campus as well. Many agreed that a culture shift would have to occur. This is due to the belief, by many students, that they have the right away, whether there is a crosswalk or not. However, there is also concern that students do not learn that once they leave campus, they are no longer in any kind of protected state. A suggestion was made of having education during student orientation and visual signage of some sort. Again, as has been mentioned many times over the years, having delayed crosswalk lights so that a group crosses at once, instead of a steady stream, would be ideal. The consensus was to visit with our student senate representative to determine some possible solutions and to pass this along to Pat Bosco's area as well. Other suggestions were having police officers present one day a week on the busy times there so that some on-the-spot education can be given, or perhaps have SGA, as a campaign, provide peer-to-peer education. Student input will be asked for on this topic.

D. Campus building plans / renovation funds

A survey is being completed among students currently to determine which classrooms are most in need of improvements and what kind.

4. New Business

A. Review of University Handbook Section B95 concerning CCOPs

Members reviewed language in Section B95 of the University Handbook and discussed the role of CCOPs (College Committee on Planning). Committee members will track down their election procedures and gather other information about their college or unit planning committee. This is timely in view of the budget organization. Review of Section B95 would be appropriate also to determine if revisions are necessary. It was noted that CCOP involvement is also listed in parts of Appendix B, K, and N in the University Handbook.

5. Other

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018; 3:30 pm; 3046 Business Building