

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, March 7, 2019; 3:45 pm
Business Building, room 3046

Present: Valerie Barnett, Brad Behnke, Robert Hachiya, Keith Hohn, Jordan Kiehl, Katie Kingery-Page, Brian Lindshield, Laurel Littrell, Heather Reed, and Jeffrey Stevenson
Proxies: Jessica Meekins and Bob Weaber
Absent: Durant Bridges, Jess Falcone, Lynn Carlin (Provost Liaison)

1. Littrell called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm

2. Future agenda ideas

Discussed ideas for the rest of this semester and onward. A link to a thoughtful article was provided to members for their review from Past President Lindshield.

(<https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2019/02/14/colleges-need-rethink-strategic-planning-opinion>)

Littrell deferred to Lindshield for his thoughts. Discussion included the K-State 2025 strategic plan that started back in 2010. Part of the idea at that time was to put forward a plan, without reference to monies needed, etc. However, there are currently gaps of strategic planning. It was also recommended that CCOP activities be re-evaluated to make sure they're functioning as they should.

Members discussed what key objectives should be improved upon and how this body can be effective. There was some thought of having certain topics or issues come more into focus for this committee; one such issue is the Library serials crisis. FSCOUP should have input on key discussions. Another recommendation was made to look at the five-year reviews of other institutions that have instituted a full or hybrid RCM. It would seem prudent to get that information and identify what we could begin to institute here, rather than waiting. Transparency was discussed and how this committee may be the group that could share with our units what each may be doing to handle the transition to the new budget model. One idea brought up was to have a couple deans, or associate deans, as guests at the April meeting to have a better understanding of what is being planned for college strategy related to budget. A set group of questions should be addressed and provided to the dean in advance.

Some questions mentioned were: How are department heads being worked with? What training is being given to provide the best chance of success? What are the levels of information sharing and what is being shared with the Deans' Council?

Discussion veered into programs and approval of changes as well and the strategic planning of this. Again, transparency will be important and being aware of what is going on at the college level and above.

Members discussed having someone from a service-center side visit, perhaps in May. It would need to be decided what questions would be asked of these visitors. Lengthy conversation took place. The hope is to learn what plans are to change, how cost will be managed, and the like.

It was highlighted that as educators we all, at the heart of things, want to do the best for the University. The climate we find ourselves in makes it difficult at times. The help and assistance provided to students is key and vital.

This will be the plan for the April and May meetings to invite a couple deans and then those from service centers.

3. Ongoing Business

A. Budget Modernization - updates

No updates on this currently.

B. Multi-year City/University Fund proposals

A report of funded proposals was provided to members for FY2020.

C. Campus building plans / renovation funds

Laurel continues to sit on the Academic Infrastructure Fee committee. They've identified a number of classrooms to begin work on. Mainly medium-sized and small-sized classrooms will be worked on, along with one large classroom (114 Willard). They continue discussing what future styles of classrooms should be. They've looked at paint and carpet samples. There aren't enough funds to do work on the bigger classrooms right now, but the hope is in future these will be worked on.

D. University Handbook Section B95, CCOPs

Following up with a couple colleges on their election procedures.

4. Announcements / Other

Faculty Senate elections are going on currently; please encourage participation.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2019; 3:45 pm; 3046 Business Building