

Minutes
Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning
December 7, 2023, 4:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Barbara Anderson, Erin Bishop, Jacob Brown, Regina Crowell, Cassie Jones, Elizabeth Kiss, Marianne Korten, Kimberly Kramer, Tom Misilo, Don Saucier, and Bently Taulbert.

Guests: Ethan Erickson, Casey Lauer, and Becca Zecha

1. Called to Order at 4:00 pm by Co-Chair and Senator Jones.
2. Welcome to Ethan Erickson Vice President of Administration and Finance
 - a. We started with a discussion of Faculty Senate engagement in decisions by administration to reorganize even when the decisions are not related to academic aspects of the organization. FSCOUP suggested Faculty Senators' knowledge of the university is diverse and could give insights to unintended consequences prior to finalizing decisions. Response was wide ranging. The President was responding to the Emergent Methods findings and recommendations. In addition, personnel decisions are confidential and not made through shared governance processes.
 - b. We asked about decision-making regarding demolishing buildings. We received explanations about the decisions regarding Edwards Hall, the historic greenhouse, a building on the Salina campus, Ahearn, and a portion of Weber Arena. As appropriate for some of the buildings, the process included review by the City of Manhattan's Historic Resources Board. You can read more about these plans [here](#).
 - c. We asked a question about recycling at K-State and the wide variety of variability in how it is accomplished. VP Erickson and Lauer assured us that K-State recycles at a cost that exceeds proceeds.
 - d. We asked a question about public-private partnerships (PPP) and VP Erickson responded that this is one way we are going to implement the Strategic Plan. Examples of PPP to benefit the College of Agriculture is [here](#).
 - e. We asked about changes to the RCM Model at K-State. The current budget model is focused on allocation of GU (State appropriation) and tuition revenue. The model needs to support implementation of the Strategic Plan. No details were shared, however, they indicated they want to correct inadvertent disincentives, minimize bad behavior, include an understanding of the roles of funded research and philanthropy. They reiterated that the budget model is not a substitute for leadership and reminded all that tuition is a big part of the university budget.
 - f. We asked about new Provost's influence on revising the budget and were assured that we go over the budget with provost candidates in the search process.
 - g. We asked about making interdisciplinarity possible with the new budget model and were assured that is being considered in the revision.
 - h. We asked how we could work with and support VP Erickson and his work. He asked us to bring a university-wide perspective to the issues and to bring solutions or a constructive dialog, rather than individual perspectives of what is needed.
 - i. Assistant VP Zecha presented information about the process of revising the budget model.

- a. January through March - Assemble data and seek stakeholder input (FSCOUP is a stakeholder)
 - b. April - Draft Recommendation completed.
 - c. May and June - Build the model.
 - d. FY25 - Shadow Year for new budget model
 - j. Associate VP Lauer presented information about developing the new Campus Master Plan. This new plan will include the Olathe and Salina campuses.
3. There were no announcements & items for the good of the cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.