

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
November 21, 2000 3:30pm K-State Union, Room 204

Present: Herald, Molt, Mortensen, Peterson, Pesci, Selfridge, Yagerline

Absent: Chenoweth, Devault, Hopper, Sheu, Spears, Youngman

Visitors: Ray Hightower, Don Foster

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tom Herald, Chair, at 3:35 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes of November 7, 2000 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Selfridge to approve the minutes with the following corrections made by Peterson: under IX. B, change the second sentence to read "The committee did discuss the strategic plan for the Library and that some steps of the plan *may not be* done in the correct order.", and the fifth sentence should read "There will be eight computers placed in the 24 hour study area and the Library will be open until 2:00 a.m. during *finals* week. Motion passed with the amendments.

III. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IV. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education

1. Approve Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences November 9, 2000.

Herald reported that he received an e-mail from Dave Nichols from Animal Science saying there are issues with BIOL 510 and the new prerequisite for the course that need to be worked out. It will add more classes to ASI Pre-Veterinary Medicine students' schedules and they already have a full load, as well as affect ASI teaching assignments. The committee agreed that this item should be sent back to the Arts and Sciences Course and Curriculum Committee because they did not notify affected departments. A motion was made by Selfridge and seconded by Molt to table BIOL 510 and pass the rest of the changes. Motion passed.

ADD:

BIOL 585	Principles of Conservation Biology
FREN 215	Elementary French Conversation

DROP:

FREN 212	Elementary French Conversation IIIA
FREN 214	French Conversation IVA

CHANGE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG:

Biology--Microbiology Degree-- (p. 101) Addition of BIOL 705 and BIOL 707 to the Microbiology electives will give Microbiology majors additional appropriate options.

Speech, Communication, Theatre, and Dance--(p. 147) New requirement "Students must achieve a grade of "B" or better in the two foundational theory courses, SPCH 320 and SPCH 330, before they are permitted to enroll in SPCH 550, Senior Colloquium."

2. A motion was made by Selfridge and seconded by Mortensen to approve Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences April 13, 2000 (inadvertently left off the May 2, 2000 Academic Affairs agenda). Motion passed.

CHANGE:

PHYS 522	Mechanics
MSCI 402	Transition to Lieutenant

B. Graduate Education--none

C. General Education--none

V. Old Business

- A. A motion was made by Selfridge and seconded by Mortensen to approve the Associate of Applied Science degree and options in Applied Technologies under the Arts, Sciences, and Business Department approved by the College of Technology and Aviation April 27, 2000. Herald explained that the options were approved earlier under the Applied Science degree in Aviation. The Applied Science degree did not exist in the Arts, Sciences, and Business Department; this package creates the degree in Arts, Sciences, and Business and places the options under it. Motion passed.

Concern was raised about having KSU accepting very many more types of degrees in options like this as it may lessen the value of degrees offered at KSU. The courses taken at KSU-Salina will transfer to the main campus, but the courses taken at the Salina Area Technical School will not transfer.

B. Deadline for Secondary Majors and Minors

Ray Hightower, Assistant Dean of Engineering, explained that secondary majors and minors are complementary to degrees. Minors require 15 hours and classes are taken across departments. Secondary majors require 18 hours and are interdisciplinary in departments. It is difficult to get records from other departments because records are destroyed after four years, so it is hard to verify classes that students have taken in the past. In the future, DARS will provide a permanent record of students' classes. Hightower said that students can designate an area of expertise on their resume and can call it what ever they want and not have to designate a minor or secondary major. He explained that another problem is that students take courses at other institutions and then want to transfer them in, but they can only transfer one course for a minor or secondary major.

Don Foster, Registrar, said that minors are seen as part of the major program and it makes sense to complete the minor at the same time as the degree. Students may want it separate, but he believes it should not be. There was discussion about students taking breaks from school for employment, military duty, etc. Foster explained that they can take a break from their degrees, but they will have to fulfill the requirements of the degree at the time they return to school, not the ones in place when they left.

Selfridge mentioned that in Gerontology, an emphasis is offered in long-term care administration and that students need it if they want to take the professional exam, but don't always get it before they graduate. Out of one graduation list for Gerontology, two of the twelve came back to get the long-term care administration emphasis. Since KSU has gone to linear tuition, it is a drawback for students to take extra classes while attending school if they don't think they need them. Herald said he would invite Hightower and Foster back to discuss this issue and he would also invite someone from Gerontology to present their view on this subject.

A motion was made by Peterson and it was seconded to table this discussion of secondary majors and minors until a later meeting. Motion passed.

C. Accept Undergraduate General Education Assessment Report: Senior Interviews

See website: http://www.ksu.edu/apr/generaled_assess/InterviewReport00B.pdf

Herald reminded members that this report was the information that Amy Gross presented at the last Academic Affairs meeting. A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Selfridge to accepted the report. Selfridge mentioned that when you read the details of the report, it says that general education has not had any affect on students' performances in the senior interviews. Molt mentioned that her perception of the data was that it established a baseline and more data was needed to draw conclusions. The committee felt that in order to get a more random sample of students, they should pay more than twenty-five dollars but the project is strapped for money. Departments send their best students to be part of the study so it looks like general education is making a difference.

- D. Herald reported that BIOL 529 was passed at the November 7, 2000 Academic Affairs meeting, but Mickey Ransom sent him an e-mail informing him of concerns his department had with changes to the prerequisites for the class. The Agronomy Department was not notified of this proposed change and it could require additional hours for their students. Ransom told Herald he would try to reach a compromise with this situation. A motion was made by Peterson and it was seconded to have Herald take this item off of the November 27, 2000 Executive Committee agenda. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

- A. A motion was made by Selfridge and seconded by Molt to approve additions to the following Graduation Lists. Motion passed.

August 2000

Guy Abel Cognet II, A&S, BA-Social Science

LaToya Farris, A&S, BS-Social Work

May 2000

Jay Michael Neidl, Technology & Aviation, BS-Technology Management and Associate Degree in Civil Engineering Technology

Erika Helene Thiessen, A&S, BA-Fine Arts-GD

December 1995

Leo T. Walsh, A&S, BS-Anthropology

- B. Distance Learning--national model for Inter-Institutional Postbaccalaureate Distance Learning Programs
Herald reported that he received an e-mail from Dawn Anderson explaining that her office had received a large grant to work with different institutions regarding distance learning. John McCulloh will serve as a liaison for Graduate Council and Academic Affairs; he is a member of Faculty Senate.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Sheu report on General Education Implementation Task Force
Sheu was absent, but Pesci is also on the task force and reported that there are several proposals they are looking at. The task force is only meeting once a month so things are not moving as quickly as in the past.
- B. Yagerline/Peterson report on University Library Committee
Yagerline attend the last University Library Committee meeting, but was not able to stay for all of the Academic Affairs meeting. Peterson reported that Yagerline will give a report at the next Academic Affairs meeting and that the strategic plan and extended Library hours were topics of discussion.
- C. Chenoweth report on Academic Policy and Procedures Committee
Chenoweth was absent so there was no report on the Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures.

VIII. For the Good of the University

Herald reported that the Educational Objectives Committee met and they are looking at other universities' educational objectives. Pesci said he met with the group and they should have a draft to look at for their December 5th meeting. The document could be in place as early as next semester.

Herald also reported that the Evening Class/Exams Committee has met. They are looking at establishing an evening schedule with typical times between classes. They are also looking into prioritizing classes with sections. The committee will meet with CAPP on November 28 to set guidelines.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.