

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
April 20, 2004 3:30 pm K-State Union, Room 204

Present: Ackerman, Fairchild, Grunewald, Hancock, Hedrick, Meier, Pacey, Simon, Stewart, Trussell

Guests: Lori Bergen, Teresa Casper, Gerald Hanna, Patricia Marsh

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pat Ackerman, Co-Chair, at 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes of April 20, 2004 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

Pacey moved the approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2004 meeting with one correction: In 3.a., change "if" to "is". Simon seconded. Motion passed.

III. Announcements

Ackerman expressed thanks to committee members for their support of the passage of several Academic Affairs items during the last Faculty Senate meeting.

A. Academic Affairs Chair election - at first May meeting

Ackerman announced that the election for a new Academic Affairs committee chair will be held at the next meeting.

B. Wait list task force report - David Pacey and Kathy Grunewald

Pacey reported that the Wait List Task Force is making progress. The procedure will be integrated into the new Laser software scheduled for implementation in spring 2006 enrollment (for Fall 2006 classes). As a high priority of the students on the task force, the task force is also working on changes to the present wait list procedures so that some improvement can be implemented in the interim, hopefully by Fall 2004. The task force has requested that the Provost ask departments to submit a statement that outlines their policy with the plan to make these policies available online.

IV. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education

1. A motion was made by Hedrick and seconded by Pacey to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences April 1, 2004.

Dean of Arts and Sciences

COURSE CHANGES:

ENGL 035 Special Studies in English to: DAS 135 Special Studies in English

ENGL 035 Beginning English I to: DAS 136 Beginning English I

ENGL 038 Beginning English II to: DAS 138 Beginning English II

ENGL 040 Intermediate English I to: DAS 140 Intermediate English I

ENGL 050 Intermediate English II to DAS 150 Intermediate English II

ENGL 052 Advanced English to: DAS 152 Advanced English

ENGL 076 Reading Skills to: DAS 176 Reading Skills

ENGL 077 Written Communication/Non-Native Speakers to: DAS 177 Written
Communication/Non-Native Speakers

ENGL 078 Oral Communication/Non-Native Speakers to: DAS 178 Oral
Communication/Non-Native Speakers

ENGL 079 Pronunciation/Speaking Skills to DAS 179 Pronunciation/Speaking Skills

CHANGE:

Geography (B.A or B.S)

Rationale: Changes to GEOG 221 and the addition of GEOG 321 reflect changes made to the two-course Environmental Geography sequence.

*See page 10 of white sheets for further details.

CHANGE:

University Undergraduate Studies

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CHANGE:

Geography Minor

*See page 11 of white sheets for details.

ADD:

University Undergraduate Studies

Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (18 hours)

*See page 12 of white sheets for details.

Motion passed.

2. A motion was made by Pacey and seconded by Fairchild to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Technology and Aviation April 6, 2004.

COURSE MODIFICATIONS:

MET 111 Technical Graphics

MET 117 Mechanical Detailing

CET 120 Materials Sampling and Testing

CMST 335 Web Development Programming I

PPIL 435 Air Transportation

Motion passed.

3. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Hancock to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences February 12, 2004. (This item was deleted from the April 13, 2004 Faculty Senate agenda due to changes being made to it after it was approved by Academic Affairs).

Department of Chemistry

CHANGE:

Under Chemistry curriculum for the BS degree

*See page 5 of white sheets for details (revised)

Motion passed.

B. Graduate Education

A motion was made by Pacey and seconded by Grunewald to approve course and curriculum changes approved by Graduate Council April 6, 2004.

CHANGE

AGRON 660 Range Research Techniques

AT 610 Computer-Aided Design of Apparel

AT 625 Apparel and Textile Store Planning

AT 645 Private Label Apparel Product Development

AT 655 Apparel Pattern Development I

AT 695 Apparel Pattern Development II

CIS 705 Programming Languages

EECE 631 Microcomputer Systems Design

EECE 684 Power Laboratory

ENTOM 875 Insect Physiology
IMSE 810 Industrial Logistics Engineering
MUSIC 614 Graduate Theory Review

DROP

ATM 703 Topics in Agricultural Technology Management

ADD

BAE 740 Biomaterials Processing
CIS 844 Agent-Oriented Software
EDCEP 752 College Student Athletes
EDCEP 761 Intercollegiate Athletics and the College Student Athlete
EECE 644 Parallel Computing Fundamentals
GRSC 740 Biomaterials Processing
MUSIC 618 Graduate History Review
PLPTH 768 Population Genetics

Motion passed.

C. General Education - none

V. Old Business

A. General Education Steering Committee

The General Education Steering Committee has set up a forum for next Tuesday, April 27th, at 3:30 p.m., in Union 212. Academic Affairs is considered a co-sponsor and committee members are encouraged to attend the forum.

B. Standardization of certificates

No action was taken on this item. It will be deferred to a later date.

C. Standard Class Meeting Times Update

A meeting of representatives from CAPP, University Registrars and faculty members is scheduled for next Tuesday. It is expected that a revised policy will grow out of this meeting that can be submitted to Academic Affairs and to Faculty Senate.

D. Academic Definitions Update

No action has been taken, pending decisions related to Standard Class Meeting Times.

VI. New Business

A. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Pacey to approve additions to a graduation list.

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Angela Dikeman, Business Administration, BS-Marketing and International Business
Joel Scott, Arts and Sciences, BS-Geography

Motion passed.

B. Approve changes to the senior and alumni surveys - Patricia Marsh, Gerald Hanna, and Lori Bergen

Gerald Hanna and Lori Bergen gave some background on the Senior and Alumni Survey. It was begun in 1987 with the approval of Faculty Senate. It was the original work of Don Hoyt and Bill Pallett and was originally connected to the IDEA Center. It was then transferred to the Office of Planning and Analysis. The survey has value as data for student learning outcomes and program development, but it needs revision at this point. It was also reported that there is no survey for graduate students. Discussion then turned to how to organize a subcommittee to revise the survey. Marsh will submit a draft for a charge to the subcommittee and recommended membership at the next Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Hancock report on General Education Council

Hancock reported that the next meeting is set for Thursday to discuss results of the survey.

B. Trussell report on University Library Committee

Trussell reported that meetings with Dean of the Library candidates for second interviews are scheduled for next week.

C. Stewart report on Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP)

No report on CAPP. Stewart did report on Faculty Senate Leadership Committee. (1) The TEVAL Task Force is being formed, and Dave Rintoul will serve as chair. Howard Erickson from Academic Affairs has been recommended as a member of the task force from Vet Med. (2) A new proposal for the University Calendar will be submitted to Faculty Senate. The new proposal has a Monday start date, beginning in Fall 2005, but this will reduce fall break to one day. (3) The Kansas Board of Regents faculty morale survey reveals that morale at K-State is "significantly low." A total of 351 responded from K-State, out of a total of 1430 responses from all Regents' institutions. Respondents were either tenured or tenure track faculty. At K-State 37% are actively seeking placement outside K-State. The top four reasons cited for unhappiness at K-State are salary (68%), lack of tuition assistance (48%), benefits (38%) and lack of support for professional development (36%). (4) Committee members were invited to suggest colleagues or volunteer to be candidates for president-elect of Faculty Senate. Jennifer Gehrt has agreed to run again for secretary, but it is also appropriate to nominate others for that position. (5) Faculty Affairs Committee is submitting its own record of events that transpired in the deliberations on the "Teaching Scholar" appointments, since there are discrepancies with the report from the chemistry department.

D. Meier report on Student Senate

Meier reported that the new Student Senate committee appointments will be made tonight. He also reported that issues with the Collegian's reporting on diversity activities are still unresolved.

VIII. For the Good of the University

Fairchild reported that Fred Cholick will become the new Dean for Agriculture on August 9th.

Pacey commented that the Collegian article on the revised drop policy was in error. The Collegian reported the policy stated that students "will" be dropped rather than "may" be dropped, as the policy states. He sent a letter of response that has not been published by the Collegian to date. Pacey also reported that his review of drop policies at other universities state that students "will" be dropped for unexcused absence from the first class session.

Stewart reported that K-State received a Special Citation for the Virtual Commencement last week at the University Continuing Education Association annual meeting in San Antonio, TX. This is especially significant since the association cited the Virtual Commencement beyond its regular categories for annual awards.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.