

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
October 7, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
K-State Student Union, Room 204

Present: Carroll, Charney, Chengappa, Devore, Hendrix, Huschka, King, Rintoul, Roberts, Rogers, Sump

Absent: Staggenborg, Turvey-Welch

Visitors: Monty Nielsen, Karen Myers-Bowman, Vicki Clegg, Melody LeHew

1. Doris Carroll, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The September 16, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. General Education Task Force – Proposal for “The K-State 8: General Education Program”
Carroll welcomed the visitors present from the General Education Task Force: Karen Myers-Bowman, Vicki Clegg, and Melody LeHew. Additional information was sent out to committee members addressing some of the questions raised at the previous meeting. Myers-Bowman began by addressing one item that was discussed at the last meeting and that was the issue of students taking a course and having it count for only one area. There were three main options for this that the task force discussed in great detail and the compromise they came to is outlined in the proposal. The floor was opened for discussion. Devore began by addressing the concern of *who* would tag courses for the specific areas they fit and the extra administrative work load. Both Myers-Bowman and LeHew responded to these questions. Carroll also suggested that in the future CAPP may aid in reviewing the concerns regarding resources.

Charney reported that he had met with Architecture faculty regarding this proposal. He brought three handouts; one compared K-State’s General Education draft proposal with Harvard University’s General Education categories. He outlined language similarities. Charney suggested that selected passages from the current draft proposal could have been plagiarized from the Harvard University description. Myers-Bowman and LeHew responded to these comments and relayed some history from the first task force surrounding what research was done in putting this document together. Chengappa questioned whether language can be altered in the document to address this concern.

Rintoul acknowledged this concern as presented by Charney, but expressed that he felt the overlap of content from the social sciences is still a concern. Rintoul indicated his interest in taking these concerns back to his college caucus.

An additional concern was raised again regarding whether or not the draft document reflected fully the mission of a land-grant university.

Carroll asked for feedback regarding how best to address the issue of the GE proposal language and concerns of plagiarism. A lengthy discussion followed. Rintoul mentioned the concern over potential budget cuts and felt the resource issue needs to be addressed in the discussion of general education. Chengappa commented that it’s not a bad idea to go ahead and have a plan in place. After lengthy discussion among committee members and visitors, a motion was made by Chengappa and seconded by Rintoul to request the General Education Task Force to review the proposal for plagiarism and to have a member of the academic affairs committee consult with the Honor and Integrity System. Motion carried. Carroll sincerely thanked committee members and the task force members for their participation.

4. Graduation additions approval process (found on page 6 of the Course and Curriculum procedures manual)
Carroll deferred to Candace Becker regarding this item. Ms. Becker reported that currently the Faculty Senate constitution states the senate gives approval of academic degrees, however, it was noted that the procedures manual was not consistent with that. The language needs to be adjusted in order for the manual to be in line. Committee members were in agreement with this being done. Ms. Becker will attend to this. Also, it was mentioned that President Fairchild, at the next senate meeting, will discuss having a consent agenda for items such as these and other course approvals. This was responded to favorably.
5. Graduation List and additions:

- A. A motion was made by Rintoul and seconded by Rogers to approve the August 2008 graduation list as submitted by the Registrar's office and the following additions to graduation lists.
Olusola Olagundoye, Associate Degree in CMST, College of Technology and Aviation, May 2006
Megan Kelli Lyons, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences, August 2008
Jessica L. Bruning, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, College of Education, August 2008

Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

- A. University Library Committee – No report
- B. Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP) – Doris Carroll
CAPP will meet tomorrow.
- C. Student Senate – Andrew Huschka

The Big 12 conference is coming up next week (Oct. 16-19). There will be 56 students attending. The Athletic Committees have begun to meet and Huschka did report back that no faculty member is needed at this time. Carroll thanked him for checking on that.

7. Old Business

- A. Representative for University Library Committee
A representative from Academic Affairs is still needed on this committee.
- B. 2008-2009 Co Chair for Academic Affairs
Carroll will continue to keep this an open item.

8. New Business

9. For the good of the University

King reported that Hawgsmoke is next week. This is a biennial worldwide A-10 bombing, missile, and tactical gunnery competition that is being held at the Salina Airport. The public is welcome to view the apron activity of Hawgsmoke 2008 during set viewing times and dates. Members of the public that would like to be admitted into the viewing area will need to pick up a pass at the M.J. Kennedy Air Terminal prior to Hawgsmoke, which begins Wednesday, October 15.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.