

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
December 15, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
K-State Student Union, room 204

Present: Baillargeon, Bennett, DeRouche, Devore, Hornsby, King, Roberts, Spears, Stewart
Absent: Charney and Ganta
Proxy: Moser, Stoskopf
Visitors: Monty Nielsen, Mo Hosni, Allison Wheatley

1. Barney King, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
2. A motion was made by Spears and seconded by Roberts to approve the November 17, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education –
 1. A motion was made by DeRouche and seconded by Spears to approve the following course changes approved by the College of Technology and Aviation on December 7, 2009 (see approval sheets for complete details):

COURSE CHANGES

Department of Aviation

Add:

AVT 360 Airport Law
AVT 361 Airport Environmental Studies
AVT 560 Airport Master Planning and Design
PPIL 210 Aviation Safety
PPIL 387 Crew Resource Management

Department of Engineering Technology

Add:

CMST 355 Network Programming

Motion carried.

- B. Graduate Education – A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Spears to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the Graduate Council on December 1, 2009 (see pages 26-29 of grad council agenda for complete details-page number listed below in parentheses):

COURSE CHANGES

Add:

IMSE 866 Applied Stochastic Processes and Theoretical Simulation (26)
ECON 910 Topics in Macroeconomics (26)
ECON 935 Time Series Econometrics (26)
ECON 938 Microeconometrics (26)
GEOG 701 Seminar in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (26)
POLSC 628 Civic Engagement (27)
POLSC 712 Game Theory for Political Scientists (27)
PSYCH 850 Current Issues in Health Psychology (27)

Change:

ECON 805 Macroeconomic Theory I (28)
ECON 905 Macroeconomic Theory II (28)

CURRICULUM CHANGE:

Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders Graduate Certificate (29)

Motion carried.

- C. General Education – A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Spears to approve the following course change as approved by the UGE Council:

College of Agriculture (10-19-09 approval sheets)

Add: ♦PLPTH 300 Microbes, Plants, and the Human Perspective

Motion carried.

4. Reports

- A. CAPP – Andrew Bennett
No report
- B. iSIS Steering Committee – Dan Moser
No report
- C. Student Senate – Dena Bunnell
No report

5. Old Business

- A. Stand alone minor

Spears presented information regarding the stand alone minor that the sub groups discussed. It seems, for the majority, all are supportive of a stand alone minor being offered with the thought of K-State graduates coming back to get a minor, but the issue became having students with degrees outside of K-State coming to get a stand alone minor. They discussed having minor programs request approval by Faculty Senate to offer their program as a stand alone minor to non k-state graduates. Those colleges who would want to allow individuals to have a minor outside their other degree, whether undergrad or advanced, there would be an approval process they would follow. Spears recommended that a rationale be provided to senate when this comes through for a vote to provide answers prior to its presentation. She walked committee members through the three documents handed out. The first piece was wording for the undergraduate catalog and the University Handbook. Then there was wording for the approval process and the third piece was a draft rationale to be presented along with the proposed changes.

Questions: Questions were addressed such as what if someone who went to k-state, and had the required courses, forgot to declare the minor, could they apply for it afterwards. With the approval of this proposal, they could now apply for that degree that they had done the work for. There are advantages and disadvantages to both sides of it. Perhaps a fee could be assessed or a time limit could be set to give some structure to the process. It was commented that wording should be addressed so it is clear what will be allowed and not. The time line was discussed; what if a student came back several years later to get a minor and had courses out there, would they still apply in order to receive the minor? Are the credit hours ever out-of-date and would not be allowed to apply to the minor? What about a non-degree student, would the student have to be screened by the program? It seems this would be more of an admissions program procedure. The student could begin taking classes as a non-degree seeking student and then make the decision to declare the minor. It seems appropriate that we could encourage k-state students to take advantage of this process if they are eligible for it and if a fee needs to be assessed to it, so be it.

Wheatley commented that there were a couple other changes that CAPP had suggested be made to the undergraduate catalog language and those were verbally presented. A consensus was reached and a few other wording changes were addressed and placing of language. Next discussed was the language to the approval, routing, and notification procedures for course and curriculum changes. Also discussed was the draft rationale to be brought forward along with the proposed changes. Many suggestions were made by

committee members to each of the three documents and a revised draft will be brought to the January 5th Academic Affairs meeting.

Mo Hosni asked if he could get a sense of where the committee stands on this proposal since he will be visiting with the industry in the near future. Bennett made a motion that a resolution be approved by Academic Affairs to convey that it is the sense of the Academic Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate that the proposal Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering has made is valuable and we will work to fit it into the University structure. Hornsby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lengthy discussion also took place about the approval process of interdisciplinary minors, majors, etc.

6. New Business

- A. HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Accreditation committee – Academic Affairs representative
King requested a volunteer to represent Academic Affairs on one of their committees. Several present were already involved in one of the other HLC committees. King will check with a few of the others to see if there is someone available.

7. For the good of the University

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Next meeting: January 5, 2010; 3:30 p.m.; Room – Union 204