

Highlights from the February 13, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting

These are the highlights from the February 13, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. Minutes become available on the [Faculty Senate website](#) as they are approved.

Guest: Provost April Mason visited with senators regarding budget modernization, strategic enrollment management, and the 120 credit hour degree process. The 120 credit hour degree process is a change required by the Board. Units are currently submitting a request for degrees that they desire to remain above 120 credit hours. These requests, along with the justification, are being submitted to the Board.

Standing committee and Student Senate reports:

- Student Senate: Elections are ongoing. A report was given on the Tuitions and Fees Strategies committee's work.
- Academic Affairs: Revised wording to the undergraduate Retake Policy, as found in University Handbook, Section F65.1, was approved. A new Master of Science in Data Analytics was approved and will be submitted to Kansas Board of Regents for final approval.
- Faculty Affairs: The 2017 Report on Faculty Salaries was received. Proposed revisions to University Handbook, Section C162.3 and Appendix A will come to Faculty Senate next month. They're also discussing the recent changes to student organizations and how they are organized.
- Professional Staff Affairs (PSA): A taskforce is working on career ladder for academic advisors. Professional Staff Affairs continues their efforts to increase visibility and will be publishing an article in K-State Today soon.
- Technology (FSCOT): The committee met with K-State's Chief Information Officer, Gary Pratt, at their last meeting. He shared with them his vision for IT. The committee discussed their mission and composition and how they can be involved strategically with IT campus wide.
- University Planning (FSCOUP): The resolution regarding support of the Library, which came to Faculty Senate in June, was deferred to their committee. After discussion and revised a new resolution from this committee will come to Faculty Senate next month. Budget modernization continues as a topic of conversation for FSCOUP. Results from the traffic study done by the City of Manhattan were shared with FSCOUP this week.

Announcements

- President Lindshield provided a written report regarding the January KBOR meeting. Provost Mason reported that there will be faculty career development presentations at the KBOR meeting tomorrow.
- Faculty Senate will begin primary elections next week. President Lindshield encouraged participation in this process. There are many benefits in serving as a faculty senator.
- Open fora with President Myers will occur on each campus this spring:
 - The Manhattan campus forum will be on February 21, 2:30-3:20 pm, Alumni Center, main floor

- The Salina campus forum will be on February 26, 2:30-3:30 pm, College Center Conference room.
- The Olathe campus forum will be on March 7, 10:30-11:30 am, Forum Hall
- The annual Faculty and Professional Staff Retiree Ceremony will take place on April 17, 2018 at 4 pm in the Alumni Center.

Open discussion period

- A senator commented on salaries at K-State and that it is of high importance to work diligently on the revised budget model.
- In the College of Engineering, they will have a speaker and panel on diversity and inclusion next week. They are looking for persons to lead table discussions. Contact Amy Betz with questions.

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