

Here are the highlights from the September 10, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting. Meeting minutes will be available on the website as they are approved by faculty senate.

Faculty Senate minutes for the June 11, 2013 meeting have been posted to our website: <http://www.k-state.edu/facsen/facsenate/2013/minutes.html>

September 10, 2013:

Guests:

- Provost Mason was present and discussed the upcoming work on a Climate Survey to be distributed to faculty, unclassified professionals, and classified employees. She also announced the final Campus Master Plan was released this weekend. You can find more information at the following web page: [http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=9845&category=from_the_administration&referredBy=K-State Today Home](http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=9845&category=from_the_administration&referredBy=K-State%20Today%20Home).
- Annual reports were provided to Faculty Senate. These included a report from the Office of Affirmative Action, the general grievance chair, the mediation coordinator, the ombudspersons, and the Honor & Integrity System.

Consent Agenda:

- There was no consent agenda.

Standing committee and Student Senate reports:

- Academic Affairs: Senator Rick Zajac, on behalf of Senator Andrew Bennett, moved to approve the one discussion agenda item: a new BS in Personal Financial Planning. This was approved. He also updated senators on other committee work.
- Faculty Affairs: Senator Betsy Cauble related a large number of matters to Senate that the Faculty Affairs committee will be working on this year. There were several University Handbook items that will be worked on, such as language in Section B, Section C, Appendix M, and Appendix U. The committee will also be reviewing items that have come out of the Faculty Salaries and Fringe Benefits committee, as well as a number of other topics.
- FSCOT: Senator Don Crawford updated senators about transition to Microsoft Office 365 email system. Approximately 14,000 students have already been transitioned with the main issue being setting it up on mobile devices. The transition will take place in a tiered manner, with the goal being everyone will be transitioned by the end of the calendar year.
- FSCOUP: Senator Barbara Anderson reported on the FSCOUP meeting this month. Committee members discussed budget reallocation issues briefly and mainly focused on their plans for the year. She also requested faculty volunteers for the City/University Special Project Fund committee. They need to submit three faculty names to the City.
- Student Senate: Senator Eli Schooley reported that Student Senate began their meetings just last week. Main items for this year will be Student Union renovation plans, the desire to have revisions to the smoking policy on campus, and taking up the discussion once again of rental inspections and city transit with the new city commission this year.

Announcements:

- President Keen extended appreciation to all for their attendance at the General Faculty meeting held on September 5. The Faculty Senate Constitution revisions were approved unanimously.

These revisions included a new standing committee, Professional Staff Affairs, and various changes to outdated language and process.

- The newly approved Faculty Senate standing committee on Professional Staff Affairs will meet jointly with Faculty Affairs on October 15 to elect a chair and discuss agenda items for the year. They will then begin meeting individually beginning in November. An email with details regarding the selection of committee members was sent to caucus chairs yesterday.

For the Good of the University:

- She reminded senators of the upcoming State of the University Addresses in Manhattan and Salina on September 20 and October 3 respectively. This was announced in K-State Today: [http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=9756&category=events&referredBy=K-State Today](http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=9756&category=events&referredBy=K-State%20Today) Archive.

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