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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, August 12, 2002 3:30 pm
K-State Union, Room 205

Present: Bradshaw, Cochran, Cox, Gehrt, Maatta, Mathews, Schumm, Smith, Spears, Thompson, Verschelden

Absent: Dandu, Haddock, Jurich, Krstic, McCulloh, Montelone, O'Hara, Prince, Ross, Zabel

Visitors: Tom Rawson, John Struve, Ruth Dyer, Michelle Hall

- I. President Al Cochran called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2002 meeting. Minutes were approved.
- III. Announcements
 - A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council - none
 - B. Kansas Board of Regents meeting - **ATTACHMENT 1**
 - C. Other - Ruth Dyer announced that the schedule is set for the 2002-2003 Provost Lecture series. The schedule is available at:
<http://www.ksu.edu/provost/2002-2003%20Provost%27s%20Lecture%20Series.htm>
The search for the Director of International Programs is on hold because of budget considerations.
- IV. Report from Tom Rawson and John Struve, Administration and Finance
Tom Rawson discussed the financial plight of K-State. Provost Coffman, John Struve, Sue Peterson and Tom Rawson will lead a series of meetings with deans, department heads, and faculty senators this fall to discuss what happened fiscally in FY 02, what is expected in FY 03, and what may happen in FY 04. He expects an announcement from Governor Graves within the next few days of further callbacks for FY 03. Specific kinds of reductions from the Governor are not expected, just a target reduction. There may be additional cuts later in the fiscal year. They will discuss how to get through FY 03 and how to deal with financial problems long-term.

In FY 03 there were obligations in the university budget that were not funded, such as the annualization of the second half of the FY 02 mid-year salary increases, an increase in health insurance rates and a utility shortfall. For example, K-State received a zero percent increase in our utility budget to fund utilities for the Ackert Hall addition, whereas, in the past, the state has funded increases in utilities for new construction. Although utility consumption is down on campus, rates have increased significantly, especially for natural gas. FY 03 also included global reductions for vehicles purchased from state general fund,

office furniture, computers, equipment, etc., totaling \$1.3 million for K-State. Agencies are not allowed to spend state appropriations to purchase these items in FY 03. The Controller's Office recently issued a memo detailing these restrictions, which will likely be permanent.

At K-State, we empower persons in units to manage their own resources, and decisions are made on a unit by unit basis, rather than through university-wide mandates. At K-State we started with a budget base of about 80% of what it should be in comparison to our peers.

When asked about the status of furloughs, Tom Rawson mentioned that the Council of Presidents will discuss this at the September meeting of the Board of Regents. When asked how budget reductions were imposed across the campus, Tom Rawson said that Utilities, a special Fire Contract, and GTA Tuition Waivers are exempted; otherwise reductions are made proportionally across the entire university budget.

V. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee - Jackie Spears

Spears announced that the Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP) is working on revisions to the University Catalogue for the increased number of total hours needed for graduation and the increased number of upper level credit hours mandated by recent changes in BOR policy. This will be discussed at the September meeting of CAPP. The Standard Class Meeting Times policy and the revised policy for Quizzes, Tests, and Exams Scheduled Outside of Regular Class time will be further discussed at the September Faculty Senate meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee - Eric Maatta - no action items

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning - Walter Schumm

Schumm met with the Schedule 25 committee. FSCOUP wants to make sure the College Committees on Planning are very involved in the budget discussions at the college level. He is looking at Targeted Excellence and related criteria.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology - Beth Montelone - no report

VI. Old Business

Cia Verschelden said the University Calendar committee is re-visiting the future calendars because they appear to have disparate, and negative, impact on Friday-only labs, seminars, or other classes.

VII. New Business - President Cochran discussed university committee assignments.

VIII. For the Good of the University - none

IX. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

Report of the June meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents

Topeka, KS 6/26-27/02

The agenda for this meeting is available at the BOR website, at
<http://www.kansasregents.org/board/meetings/index.html>.

1. Marvin Burrus, BOR V/P for Finance and Administration, presented the 2004 Unified Budget request, which was followed by questions from the board and discussion.
2. An announcement was made that Burrus will serve as interim chair for the BOR, effective 7-16-02, replacing Kim Wilcox who resigned his position to become Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at KU.
3. Final action was taken on the FY 2003 tuition proposals for the state universities, community colleges, and technical schools. These passed. Included was discussion, and approval, of KSU and KU's student financial aid proposals and linear fee proposal for the KSU Vet School. The BOR also considered requests from the regional institutions regarding differential tuition rates for certain non-resident students. Most, though not all, of these proposals were passed.
4. CEO salaries for the state universities were discussed. The BOR decided upon no increases in salaries for the CEOs.
5. Extended discussion of the state universities' credit card solicitation policy took place. Legal counsel from the Intrust Company voiced strenuous objection to the new proposal, saying that it is in conflict with contractual provisions relative to their established agreements with KSU, KU, and WSU. The BOR took the matter under consideration.
6. There was discussion of whether or not to continue to appoint a regent to be a member of the Washburn University board of directors. One of the primary objections was that there is an inherent conflict of interest involved. It may well be that the BOR has no choice in the matter, however.
7. A tuition waiver request by FHSU for faculty, staff, and dependents was tabled for further study. ESU expressed interest in possibly pursuing a similar plan, subject to BOR approval.