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**MINUTES - draft**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
**Monday, August 26, 2002 3:30 pm**  
**K-State Union, Room 205**

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Present: Cochran, Cox, Dandu, Gehrt, Haddock, Jurich, Krstic, Maatta, McCulloh, Prince, Ross, Rys, Ross, Schumm, Smith, Spears, Verschelden, Zabel

Absent: Bradshaw, O'Hara, Thompson

Visitors: Ruth Dyer, Jerry Frieman, 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 August 12, 2002 meeting. Minutes were approved.
- III. Announcements
  - A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council - none
  - B. Kansas Board of Regents meeting - none
  - C. Report from Student Senate - none
  - D. Other
    1. President Cochran mentioned that the Provost had contacted him regarding a faculty group at the University of Kansas Medical Center wanting to collaborate with other faculty regarding a response to the increase in medical insurance rates. He will provide a few suggestions to the Provost.
    2. The committee discussed today's Collegian article regarding the Princeton Review and ranking of K-State as "No. 7 for professors who make themselves scarce and No. 18 for teaching assistants teaching too many upper-level courses." President Cochran requested that Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs review the report and determine the accurate data and any response.
    3. Ruth Dyer reported that Eisenhower 21 and 226 and Thompson 101 are new technology classrooms. Several overhead projectors were purchased and deployed around campus at the end of the last fiscal year. These projectors are coordinated by the Information Technology Assistance Center.

IV. Invited guests to speak at Faculty Senate

President Cochran will invite Brice Hobrock, Dean of the Libraries, and Gary Hellebust, KSU Foundation, to speak at the September Faculty Senate meeting. The report by Jan Leach on the progress of the Targeted Excellence Working Group will be delayed until a later meeting.

V. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee - Jackie Spears

The committee will re-visit the Standard Class Meeting Times policy and the revised Policy for Quizzes, Tests, and Exams Scheduled Outside of Regular Class Time at the September Faculty Senate meeting.

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

Senator Krstic would like Faculty Affairs to look at standardization of the department head evaluation process across the university. He also expressed concern with the advisory committees on promotion and tenure becoming decision making committees rather than advisory to the Dean. Senator Jurich would like the committee to consider a morale survey of the faculty to gather data and provide information to the public and state government officials. Senator Krstic called for a unified effort with Faculty Senate and the university central administration in dealing with the budget crisis and on-going university-wide fiscal planning.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning - Walter Schumm - no action items

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology - Beth Montelone - no action items

VI. Old Business

A. Jerry Frieman discussed the report from the Task Force on the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate. The major thrust of the task force was to decide who is and who is not included in Faculty Senate. The full report is available at: <http://www.ksu.edu/facsen/reports/constitut.htm>. Cia Verschelden moved to have the task force review and possibly amend the last item on the list of Action items distributed by Senator Frieman. Motion was seconded and passed. Senator Jurich moved to place the “Action Items from the Report from the Task Force on the Constitution and By-Laws of Faculty Senate” on the Faculty Senate agenda. Senator Maata seconded, motion carried.

B. Cia Verschelden, chair of the University Calendar Committee, discussed the issues surrounding the attempt to respond to the students’ request for both a 2-day fall break and a stop date on the Friday before final week.

VII. New Business

- A. Line schedule issue - President Cochran will meet this week with Don Foster, the Registrar, to discuss the discontinuance of the printed line schedules. Concern was expressed about the discontinuance of printed versions and on the other hand there was recognition of the value of using the up-to-date on-line version. Faculty members want input in the revision and improvement of the on-line version.

VIII. For the Good of the University

Senator Jurich announced the first Lou Douglas Lecture of the fall semester will be held on September 9, "Dead Man Walking : The Journey Continues" presented by Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J., Nobel Peace Prize Nominee at 7:00 p.m., McCain Auditorium.

- IX. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.