

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 27, 2010 3:30 pm
Union Room 213

Present: Blair, Bloodgood, Cauble, Devore, Dodd, Haub, Hughey, King, Knopp, LeHew, Moser, Reynolds, Rintoul, Sump, Urton, Van Horn, and Vontz

Absent: Reeck (in China)

Proxies: Anderson, Hoag, Ransom

Guests: Dr. Victoria Clegg, K-State 8 Provost Designate
Dr. Fred Burrack, Office of Assessment

1. The meeting was called to order by President Cauble at 3:31 p.m.
2. The August 30, 2010 Executive Committee minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Report from Standing Committees and Student Senate
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee – Daniel Moser
 - K-State 8 Assessment piece – **Attachment 1**
Moser reported the K-State 8 General Education plan was approved some time ago; however, it lacked the assessment portion. The K-State 8 assessment piece was on the Academic Affairs agenda for discussion. The proposal found in Attachment 1 was approved by Academic Affairs. Moser moved that the proposal be on the Faculty Senate agenda for a first reading. Devore shared a concern that the proposed plan does not have a direct assessment of student learning. His primary concern is that the HLC will find the assessment plan deficient without a direct assessment segment. Discussion included 1) Gen Ed is not a degree program; 2) HLC tagged us last time for having no assessment segment so this will raise us to a level higher than we were before; and 3) the assessment is assessing breadth of knowledge. Burrack responded that HLC does not look at the K-State 8 General Education program as our general education program. Rather, they look at the five established university outcomes we strive to achieve. The motion was passed with one abstention.
 - Items for Faculty Senate consent agenda (Page 3)
Moser moved to have the graduation list additions placed on the consent agenda for the October 12 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Judy Hughey/Kaleen Knopp
 - K-State Policymaking Flow
Knopp presented a summary of the recommended revisions to the K-State Policymaking Flow. Faculty Affairs requests that you review the proposal and forward your comments/recommendations to Candace by October 1, 2010. Faculty Affairs is striving to respond to this policy need quickly and efficiently and wants to include input from Faculty Senate Executive members. Cauble commented that she has met with University General Counsel and their concern is when an emergency policy needs to go into effect. Faculty Affairs feels the only reason for a policy being placed on an expedited track is to respond to BoR, State or Federal mandates.
 - Appendix G
Appendix G revisions are pending. No action items will be brought before Faculty Senate at the October 12 meeting.
 - C. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Dave Rintoul

No action items will be brought before Faculty Senate. iTunes U discussion continued with a consensus that the opportunity for benefit to K-State has passed us by. The two individuals who continue to express a need for it will be invited to the next FSCOT meeting. The iSIS upgrade will be completed during Thanksgiving week. A conversation has started about utilizing the ability within PeopleSoft to track grants, costs, etc. Hughey asked if the grade change button will be able to be used. A formal request will be made that this be explored. Cauble asked that the increased cost for purchasing SPSS licenses be brought to Ken Stafford's attention.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Tom Vontz

FSCOU will meet on October 21st with Casey Lauer and Bruce Shubert to discuss energy efficiency and the movement to implement an energy savings plans. Jeff Morris will meet with the committee again to discuss Communications and Marketing issues. They will be working with President Schulz regarding how Faculty Senate and FSCOU will be involved in the K-State 2025 Plan.

E. Student Senate – Kyle Reynolds

Jeff Morris spoke at the last Student Senate meeting. The first meeting of the Enhanced Classroom Experience Committee was held. Faculty Senate will be receiving a letter from the Student Senate Attorney General regarding the importance of having faculty representatives on Student Senate boards.

4. Announcements

A. President/Faculty Senate Leadership Council

- Donna Fullmer was approved, via electronic vote, to replace John Keller on Architecture (2010-2012)

B. Caucus Chair reports

No reports.

5. New Business

No new business.

6. For the Good of the University

Knopp stated that we are all glad to have Candace back. She also voiced a concern about the concurrent credit processes in Kansas, which may be State law. If a student has earned a minimum ACT score of 20, they can enroll in concurrent credit courses. The BoR might be moved by stories rather than data. There is a difference between concurrent courses and AP courses. Concurrent courses can be given at high schools and students can earn college credit. Some AP courses can also be taught as concurrent courses.

President Cauble reported that the BoR does not think remedial instruction should be offered. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents will be discussing this issue. She has also heard of a "Quick Start" program, perhaps connected with home schooling, where a student can take a week long course and it counts for a semester.

In connection with the conversation about concurrent courses, etc. discussion arose about student advisors encouraging their students to take "real" classes. It was suggested Provost Mason needs to send a memo to advisors soon regarding this matter.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, October 25, 2010; 3:30 p.m., Union room 213

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Proposed items for consent agenda:

1. Approve to place the following graduation list additions on the Faculty Senate consent agenda:

May 2009 – Brittany Danielle Weber, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

August 2009: Michael McCaffey Jr., Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences