

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 26, 2011 3:30 pm
Union Room 213

Present: Anderson, Bennett, Bloodgood, Cauble, Condia, Hornsby, Hughey, Keen, Kellett, King, Knopp, Moser, Rauth, Rintoul, Sump, Vontz, Young

Absent: Baillargeon and Clark

Proxies: Johannes for Van Horn

1. Call to Order (President Tom Vontz)
President Vontz called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.
2. Approval of August 29, 2011 Executive Committee minutes
Senator Rauth moved to accept the minutes for the August 29, 2011 meeting as submitted. Senator Young seconded. Motion carried.
3. Report from Standing Committees and Student Senate
 - A. Student Senate – Natalie Rauth
Senator Rauth reported that the SGA In Touch program will launch in October. A poll that will be conducted in November will gather student feedback about city commission decisions and student priorities. T-shirts and nametags are being ordered now to wear, especially on Thursdays, so student senators will be more visible. Currently they are working on allocating university funds. State Relations is beginning discussions with other BoR schools regarding Keeping Kansans in Kansas and changing admission standards for KSU and KU. SGA is researching ways to stabilize advising that can connect the terms even though the leadership changes. Past President Cauble expressed Kent Kerby's appreciation for being on Student Senate.
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee – Andrew Bennett
 - Items for Faculty Senate consent agenda (Page 2)
Senator Bennett reported that the consent agenda contains several graduation lists and additions to lists. The consent agenda was approved to be placed on the agenda for the October 11, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Suggested Syllabus Language – **Attachment 1**
Academic Affairs approved suggested syllabus language for academic honesty and preservation of intellectual property on September 20, 2011. What constitutes unauthorized aid can differ from class to class which makes it difficult for students to understand what is and is not unauthorized aid. Five statements have been composed which faculty can edit to meet their needs. The language is only suggested and use is optional. The goal is to request the Provost to add these to the list of suggested language. A lengthy discussion of honor code language and legalities occurred. Senator Bennett moved to place the suggested syllabus language on the October 11, 2011 Faculty Senate agenda as a first reading. Motion carried.
 - C. Faculty Affairs Committee – Judy Hughey/Kaleen Knopp
Faculty Affairs did not meet last week because a number of members were unable to attend due to illness and conferences. The agenda was tabled until the next meeting. Senior Vice Provost Ruth Dyer and Cheryl Strecker, general counsel, as well as President Vontz and Past President Cauble will attend the meeting. Agenda items will include the anti-bullying policy, the revised affirmative action policy/Appendix J and Appendix G. Senator Hughey provided a brief history for each item. The new affirmative action policy now includes sexual violence. A supervisor or administrator is responsible for

reporting an offense if they are made aware of it even if the student does not want it investigated which raised the question about how this responsibility will be communicated to faculty/staff/students. While no definitive answer has been received regarding whether faculty also has this responsibility, the policy has major implications for faculty/students. All victims, male or female, are to be referred to the Women's Center. It is understood that this is federal law and has to be posted; however, no communication with Faculty Senate, except for a brief report to the Executive Committee, occurred prior to its being posted in the Policy and Procedure Manual Chapter 3010. Since it is posted, we are liable. Senator Cauble asked if anyone came away from the last FS Executive meeting realizing the sweeping impacts of the new affirmative action policy. The consensus was no one realized the issues and that we must be absolutely clear on who the mandated reporters are. The Office of General Counsel and the Provost have suggested inserting a section into Appendix G that would not allow faculty to grieve merit issues. They believe these issues can be resolved through an administrative hearing rather than grievance hearings. Faculty Affairs contends that so few hearings occur and faculty feel strongly about their right to grieve that it is better to leave the right in the Appendix. Senator Kellett inquired if there was a concern about the length of time it is taking to resolve issues between Senate and the Provost Office. President Vontz responded that FLSC has brought communication and response time to President Schulz's attention and both Administration and FLSC are working on the issues.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Dave Rintoul

Senator Rintoul reported that FSCOT has no action items to place on the Faculty Senate agenda. A representative from Varney's will attend the next meeting to discuss textbook reporting issues. Other agenda items will include an update on the transition to the new wireless network for campus and a report on the pilot program that addressed the advantages & disadvantages of allowing faculty investigators to access their grant accounting information. October 18, 2011 will be the second annual university shred day for university paper records.

E. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Bob Condia

Senator Condia reported that FSCOUUP has no action items to place on the Faculty Senate agenda. Vice President Shubert will attend the next meeting to discuss the budget. If you have any questions that you would like to have posed to Mr. Shubert, please send them to Senator Condia. FSCOUUP is recruiting for a representative to serve on the City/University Funds Committee. He will forward an electronic copy of the master plan to FS Executive Committee. The task force he is on is only updating the plan.

4. Announcements

President Vontz received a letter from the Student Government Attorney General regarding appointments of faculty to SGA judicial committees. He moved to have the FS Executive Committee act as a pool of candidates to serve on SGA committees as needed. Senator Hughey seconded. Senator Cauble reminded us that this was discussed last year. Some of the committees never meet so this method is efficient. Motion carried.

President Vontz reported that the Board of Regents (BoR) is advocating transfer and articulation agreements for general education classes and is moving forward with this. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents has conveyed the need for common learning outcomes and assessment vehicles and that faculty input should be sought. He received an email from Gary Alexander, BoR person responsible for academics, indicating they want to talk about faculty involvement.

Faculty Senate needs to submit 12 – 15 names for the faculty search focus groups. Spots are still available if you are interested.

5. New Business

None.

6. For the Good of the University

- State of the University Address, Manhattan – Friday, September 30, 2011, 3:30 p.m., Forum Hall

- State of the University Address, Salina – Thursday, October 6, 2011, 3:30 pm, College Center Conference Room

President Vontz encouraged everyone to attend and bring questions.

Past President Cauble congratulated Senator Keen on being one of 50 women selected to attend the Academic Leadership for Women in Engineering Workshop.

7. Senator Hornsby moved to adjourn. Motion seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Loleta Sump
Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, October 31, 2011; 3:30 p.m., Union room 213

REMINDER: FACULTY SENATE PHOTOS – OCTOBER 11, 3PM, FORUM HALL

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Proposed items for consent agenda:

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

December 2010, May 2011, and August 2011 Graduation lists as submitted by the Registrar's office

August 2011

Jenae Lynn Dalinghaus, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration

May 2011

James Russell Harris, Master of Science, Graduate School (clerical error)

Jacque D. Schultz, Master of Science, Graduate School (clerical error)

August 2010

Nathaniel Myers, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences (credit hour waived, degree approved by dean)

December 2010

Megan Chaffee, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences (application error – transfer work)

May 2008

Brandi N. Abel, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering (requirements were completed)

Wendy Idell Hanzlik, Master of Science, Graduate School (transfer course work submitted)

December 2004

Brandi Cantrell, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences (application error – technical)