

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, March 25, 2013 3:30 pm
Union room 226

Present: Bennett, Bloodgood, Clark, Condia, Fees, Guzek, Holcombe, Keen, Knackendoffel, Rintoul, Sachs, Schultz, Sump, Taylor, and Van Horn

Absent: Thompson and Vontz

Proxies: Arthaud-Day, Fritch, and Gehrt

1. President Jim Bloodgood called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
2. The February 25, 2013 Executive Committee minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Report from Standing Committees and Student Senate

A. Academic Affairs Committee – Andy Bennett

- Items for Faculty Senate consent agenda (Page 4) (Supplemental information in **Attachment 1**)
Senator Bennett moved to place the items on the consent agenda on the agenda for the April 9, 2013 FS meeting. No discussion. Motion carried.

Senator Bennett reported that he had an inquiry from the graduate school dean regarding any rules pertaining to massive open online courses (MOOCs); for example, 60,000 students taking an online circuit course at MIT. Most MOOCs are non-credit options. K-State supports the free flow of information so non-credit options do not seem problematic. However, if the course was for credit, then AAC would want to review those on a case-by-case basis. Discussion included what the motivation was behind the inquiry, the fact that most MOOCs are non-credit, and none have been graduate courses. One senator commented that information from an article indicated faculty felt MOOCs infringed on their time for regular teaching and research. It seems there is a need to be better informed on this subject. Senator Laura Bonella, representing Senator Fritch, reported that the K-State Libraries is hosting an online webinar through ELI entitled “Learning and the MOOCs” on April 3 & 4, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you want more information, contact Laura at laurab@ksu.edu or 532-2835.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee

- Resolution in regard to Campus Climate Survey (**Attachment 2**)
President Elect Keen, on behalf of Senator Fritch who could not be present, presented Attachment 2, a Resolution for a Campus Climate Survey to be conducted, and moved to have it placed on the April 9, 2013 FS agenda. Bennett seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
- Proposed changes to University Handbook – C157 (**Attachment 3**)
President Elect Keen moved to have proposed changes to C157 of the University Handbook placed on the April 9, 2013 FS agenda for a first reading. Bennett seconded. Keen reported the provost’s office has seen this draft. Also, discussion may arise about changes to the section with regard to the survey and how comments are provided to the deans. Motion carried.

Senator Clark brought forward questions regarding a new position in the Affirmative Action office for an investigator with the overall concern pertaining to recruitment restrictions put forward a couple of years ago. Discussion included an inquiry as to whether FSLC knew of this position, comments regarding the information from upper administration which indicated the Human Capital assessment report was to address reorganization of these areas and now they are filling another new

administrative position, and the fact that FSLC has expressed concerns about new administrative positions in light of the faculty salary compensation report, unclassified, and classified salaries.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Dave Rintoul

Senator Rintoul is in receipt of the annual Data Access security report which will be attached to the April 9, 2013 FS agenda as a handout with a note to send any questions to Senator Rintoul at drintoul@ksu.edu.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Bob Condia

Senator Condia reported that the master plan may become available prior to the April 9, 2013 FS meeting. Student Senate President Nate Spriggs is to bring the KSSU master plan to their next meeting. The Sustainability Task Force has not progressed. FSCOUP hopes to have a survey instrument out soon regarding a university club.

E. Student Senate – Emilee Taylor

Senator Taylor gave a report on the KSSU master plan which can be found at <http://www.k-state.edu/yourunion/>. This will be a \$25M project which equates to a \$20 fee increase in tuition. There will be a tuition strategies meeting on March 28, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the Big XII room of the KSSU. Questions regarding the current smoking policy were placed on the student election ballot. The “do not like” results were overwhelming. Student Senate is moving forward with a resolution to establish smoking in designated areas. Voting on the resolution will occur next Thursday.

4. Announcements

- 2013 Faculty Senate election update: Final ballots have been sent out

President Bloodgood reported that the major topic at the Government Relations meeting was the state budget cuts. The Senate is pushing for a 2% cut to higher education while the House has proposed a 4% cut with a possible additional 4%. This translates to about \$6M for K-State. Possible strategic cuts were discussed, rather than across the board, but this may be politically impossible to do. We may have to wait until mid to late May to hear more.

5. New Business

A. Approval of the following guests for a 10-minute presentation to Faculty Senate on April 9, 2013: Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Steve Dandaneau and Vice President for Student Life Pat Bosco regarding the K-State 2025 DRAFT Undergraduate Studies and Student Life Theme II Implementation Plan

A motion was made by Senator Bennett and seconded by Senator Taylor to approve having Vice Provost Dandaneau and Vice President Bosco give the 10-minute presentation at the April 9, 2013 FS meeting. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the following senator replacement on Faculty Senate:

Frank Spikes for David Thompson beginning in May 2013 thru May 2015

A motion was made by Senator Schultz and seconded by Senator Taylor to approve the replacement of David Thompson by Frank Spikes for Faculty Senate. Motion carried.

President Bloodgood has also had a request from Tim Lindemuth to be placed on the April 9, 2013 FS agenda to inform senators of the Guides for Personal Success (GPS) for students. This is an existing program, separate from academic advisors. Senator Taylor explained the GPS program. Lindemuth stated that he would take no longer than five minutes with a one minute YouTube video. Senator Clark moved to invite Lindemuth and Van Horn seconded. Motion carried.

6. For the Good of the University

K-State Today had an article regarding the Faculty Salary Compensation Report comments. In April, we should have a plan from President Schulz. FSLC continues to generate interest in cost cutting ideas, etc.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Loleta Sump, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, April 29, 2013; 3:30 p.m., Union room 226

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Proposed items for consent agenda:

1. Approve to place the following undergraduate curriculum changes and graduation list correction on the April Faculty Senate consent agenda (see attachment 1 for supplemental information):

UNDERGRADUATE

College of Human Ecology (approved by college on February 12, 2013)

CURRICULUM CHANGES

College of Human Ecology

Change to the college's general requirements regarding Math options. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

Changes to the Bachelor of Science within the Natural and Physical Sciences section. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

School of Family Studies and Human Services

Changes to the Conflict Analysis and Trauma Studies Minor. Request to offer this minor as a post-baccalaureate minor to non-K-State graduates. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Department of Human Nutrition & Department of Kinesiology

Changes in the dual degree for BS in Human Nutrition/BS in Kinesiology. Total credit hours for graduation are decreasing. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Department of Kinesiology

Drop:

Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Graduation list correction

August 2012

Jatin Allen, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering

Background: Jatin has completed all requirements for his degree.