

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 3:30 pm
Zoom ID: 733 588 376
<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/733588376>

Present: Bach, Barnett, Beebe, Behnke, Bitsie-Baldwin, Bothwell, Buffington, Charland, DePaola, Durtschi, Ferguson, González, Hay-McCammant, Hosni, Hughey, Ireton, Kiss, Lehman, Littrell, Markham, Raine, Saucier, Schermerhorn, Vardiman, Von Bergen, and Zajac

Absent: McGlynn

Guests/Visitors: Claudia Petrescu, Michael Pritchard, Hannah Shear

1. President Mindy Markham called the meeting to order and showed the KSU Native American Student Body land acknowledgement video.
2. The January 26 Executive Committee minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Report from Standing Committees, Graduate Student Council, and Senates
 - A. Academic Affairs – Phil Vardiman/Don Von Bergen
 - Proposed items for consent agenda (page 4-5)
 - Proposed item for discussion agenda (page 6)

Vardiman moved to approve placing the items from the consent and discussion agendas on the March Faculty Senate agenda. Motion carried. No other report from Academic Affairs.

- B. Faculty Affairs – Kim Charland/Don Saucier
 - Status of Faculty Salaries Report – **Attachment 1**

Saucier moved to place the report on the March Faculty Senate agenda for receipt.

Note: Faculty Affairs canceled their last meeting due to the extreme weather and power outages. They will receive the Faculty Salary Report at their next meeting.

Motion carried. The report will be on the next Faculty Senate agenda for receipt.

- C. Graduate Student Council – Hannah Shear

The final round for the Three-Minute Thesis is this week. Shear also reported that the president elect, secretary, and treasurer positions are up for nominations.
 - D. Professional Staff Affairs – Maria Beebe/Mishelle Hay McCammant

No report
 - E. Student Senate – Nathan Bothwell

No report
 - F. Technology – Brett DePaola/Michael Raine

DePaola shared their committee also did not meet last week due to the extreme weather and power outages. Due to interest shown in the [Data Analytics Project](#), a time has been arranged, immediately prior to the March Faculty Senate meeting, for a short presentation and plenty of opportunity for Q&A. Not only will members of the work group for the Data Analytics Project be present, but also

several guests from Plante Moran, the consulting practice involved with this project. This will be from 2:30-3:20 pm on March 9th, using the same Zoom meeting ID as the Faculty Senate meeting. Please encourage your caucus and colleagues in Faculty Senate to attend.

G. University Planning – Brad Behnke/Dan Ireton

Behnke reported they had guests from the City of Manhattan who updated FSCOUP on the planned protected bike lane and foot traffic on N. Manhattan Ave. The CCOPs are still outdated, without FSCOUP as ex-officio representation. The program consolidation in Art & Sciences, between AES and GWSS, was discussed and it was determined that there is not a necessary role for FSCOUP, as it is in a single college and not across colleges.

H. University Support Staff Senate – Mary Oborny

No report

4. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate 2021 Elections – primary ballots beginning

Primary ballots are being sent out. If a delay is needed for any reason, please get in touch with Candace.

B. [KBOR meeting report](#)

President Markham provided an update on the KBOR policy regarding termination. KSU Faculty Senate approved the joint letter from the [Faculty Senate Presidents](#) to KBOR. Chair of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents provided a lengthy discussion outlining the concerns about the policy as it relates to faculty and staff. There was a discussion about the process for shared governance. The Chair for the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents made a request to have the policy tabled and introduced a proposal to have a committee come up with a way to have shared governance in this process. Blake Flanders has asked for a few points of clarification on the proposal. We hope there will be some movement towards a committee looking further in to this policy.

There was a motion made in the KBOR fiscal affairs committee. “I move that the Board commit that, beginning FY 2022 and for no less than 20 years, that the \$10.3 million in the Governor’s 2022 budget be set off for the exclusive use towards payment of debt incurred as part of the Deferred Maintenance Initiative.” The governor had proposed a 2.5% salary increase for state funded employees in higher education. The governor’s proposed budget included providing the amount needed to support the 2.5% salary increase for state funded employees to the Board of Regents to use at their discretion. There was not support within the legislature, however, to provide raises to state employees, while others are being laid off. The above motion was approved, 7-2, by the Regents, to present a plan to the legislature for using the \$10.3 M.

President Markham also shared that student representatives asked that November election days, in the even years, be student holidays, with no classes, in order to allow time for voting. This would be a Tuesday in 2022 and 2024. KSU will still meet the minimum required class days even with the two new holidays. Several questions and comments were raised, including whether this would be a University Holiday, so that Faculty and Staff will have the day to vote and if there would be a way to support transportation to polls. The consensus was that, in principle, this is a great idea. It was noted that this year ones voted early and through the mail. There was discussion that staff should have time off to vote. Conversation about instructional disruptions would be necessary. If the regents will allow a campus by campus rollout of this, there would need to be conversations on our campus. It was requested that members discuss this topic with their caucus before the FS meeting.

C. Spring 2021 virtual open form: [February 25, 2-3 pm](#)

President Markham received a good number of questions for the open forum in advance and shared those with the Provost and President. There will also still be time for other questions via the chat that day. Thank you for the variety of questions from each caucus.

D. Topics for Provost's visit to March Faculty Senate meeting

- Summer programs and Covid protocols related to summer classes?
- When will we revisit the modalities for the summer and Fall courses?
 - President Markham recommended checking tomorrow's K-State Today and emails as more information will be provided.
- What are enrollment projections and how does this effect the budget?
- There was a legislative update on a proposal in the KS House to provide half tuition back from Covid classes that went online and full day tuition back for class days that were missed due to Covid-19; how that will feed into the KSU budget issues?
 - The open forum will have a question on the tuition proposals and we can follow up at the March meeting with the Provost.
- Will there be an Open House and what would that look like?
 - Senator Bothwell noted that for open house, colleges and units usually receive funding from SGA, however, earlier in the year they cut that funding this year since there were so many unknowns at the time.

5. Open discussion period for senators as needed

A. Faculty Senate voting procedures

With the transition to virtual meetings and changes to zoom features, President Markham wanted to get committee members feedback on voting during meetings. A concern was sent to her that votes are essentially done by secret ballot when we use a poll. We can take this as a request to be consistent with our bylaws and if a need for a secret ballot occurs, either a poll or survey could be utilized. After discussion, it was determined that we will use the Zoom raised hand function in future Faculty Senate meeting votes.

6. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm. Go enjoy the sunshine today!!!

Respectfully submitted by:
LaVerne Bitsie-Baldwin,
Faculty Senate Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 30, 2021; 3:30 pm

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
PROPOSED ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve to place the following course and curriculum changes and degree requests on the upcoming Faculty Senate consent agenda:

A. COURSE AND CURRICULUM PROPOSALS:

To view the proposals in Curriculog,

First - Login to Curriculog using your K-State eID and password

<https://kstate.curriculog.com>

Second - Go to the course or curriculum agenda at links listed below.

From the list of proposals, hover over the proposal and click View/Edit Proposal Icon

In User Tracking, change "Show current" to "Show current with markup"

View the proposal

Use the browser back button to return to the agenda and select next proposal

For more information on viewing proposals, see:

<http://www.k-state.edu/curriculog/training/view/index.html>

COURSES:

<https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:1247/form>

Agriculture	AGED - 600 - Senior Seminar in Agricultural Education AGED - 625 - Inquiry-Based Curriculum in Agricultural STEM and Biotechnology Education AGRON - 845 - Reproducible Research and Scientific Computing
Arts and Sciences	ANTH - 316 - Engaged Anthropology MATH - 620 - Convex Optimization for Data Science MC - 280 - Advertising and PR Writing MC - 332 - Photography and Digital Storytelling Abroad MC - 370 - Social Media Strategy & Management MC - 485 - Media Practicum MUSIC - 173 - Music as Protest and Propaganda in the United States SOCIO - 363 - Global Problems SOCIO - 399 - Honors Seminar in Sociology SOCIO - 470 - The Criminal Justice System and Family Violence SOCIO - 480 - Prisons and Punishment
Health and Human Sciences	CNRES - 700 - Topics in Conflict Resolution and Trauma Studies CSD - 701 - Research Experience in Communication Sciences and Disorders CSD - 899 - MS Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders HDFS - 725 - Community Mental and Relationship Health Interventions HM - 650 - Senior Seminar in Hospitality Management
Technology & Aviation (Polytechnic) - New prefix	MLAS - 100 - Survey of Machine Learning and Autonomous Systems MLAS - 200 - Introduction to Automata and Cybernetic Systems Theory MLAS - 350 - Data Structures for Machine Learning

	MLAS - 390 - Unsupervised Learning in Autonomous Systems MLAS - 400 - Supervised learning in Autonomous Systems MLAS - 500 - Reinforcement Learning in Autonomous Systems MLAS - 501 - Artificial Intelligence Studio MLAS - 502 - Autonomous Systems Senior Capstone
Veterinary Medicine	AP - 838 - Anatomy 1 AP - 894 - Comparative Embryology DMP - 852 - Vaccinology VAP - 894 - Comparative Embryology

CURRICULUM: <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:1248/form>

Agriculture	Agricultural Education (B.S.) Agricultural Resources and Environmental Management Graduate Certificate
Arts and Sciences	History B.A./B.S. Social Work B.A./B.S.
Health and Human Sciences	Concurrent B.S./M.S. in Hospitality Administration Hospitality Administration (M.S.) Hospitality Management (B.S.)
Technology and Aviation (Polytechnic)	Engineering Technology (B.S.) Machine Learning and Autonomous Systems Option (new option)
University Honors Program	University Honors Program
Veterinary Medicine	Agricultural Biosecurity Research Graduate Certificate

B. Graduation list addition request:

Javier Kiyuna, Master of Science, Graduate School, Spring 2020

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
PROPOSED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AGENDA**

Approve to place the following new curriculum proposal on the upcoming Faculty Senate discussion agenda:

New curriculum:

To view full proposals, see the Curriculog Agenda: <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:1249/form>

Arts and Sciences	Undergraduate Certificate in Government and Political Communications
Veterinary Medicine	Shelter Medicine Veterinary Certificate