

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 3:30 pm
Business Building 4061

Present: Matt Basel, Kyle Bradley, Anthony Ferraro, Justin Kastner, Julia Keen, Marcus Kidd, Joann Kouba, Kimberly Kramer, Ryan Leimkuehler, Sara Luly, Colby Moorberg, Gina Nixon, Cassandra Olds, Susanne Renberg, Don Saucier, Brandon Savage, Gwen Sibley, Phil Vardiman, LaBarbara Wigfall

Zoom: Graciela Berumen, Brad Cunningham, Pamela Erickson, Deborah Kohl, Sujatha Prakash, Drew Smith, Mary Sullivan

Visitors on Zoom: Roger Adams, Kelley Brundage, Karen Goos, Candace LaBerge

- 1) **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment** (Sara Luly): The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- 2) **Approval of January 27 Executive Committee minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
- 3) **Reports from Standing Committees, Graduate Student Council, and Senates**
 - a) **Academic Affairs** – Joann Kouba presented:
 - i. Consent Agenda (p2-5): Motion to approve. Motion carries.
 - ii. Academic Calendar KBOR Timeline – Endorsement vote – **Attachment 1:** The academic calendars through 2031 are due Friday, February 27. In the interest of time, this is being expedited through as many committees possible. The Calendar Committee approved this. It was easier to include the PAWS days in what was being submitted rather than adding them later. Motion to approve. Motion carries.
 - b) **Faculty Affairs** – Brandon Savage presented: tenure review updates were discussed. A robust discussion occurred. Concerns were shared regarding the removal of Appendix W and how the process would be facilitated by the Provost’s Office. Concerns were shared regarding the rushed timeline. Clarifications regarding the process were discussed. Caucuses should send their sentiments in writing to the committee chairs so the feedback can be shared with the Provost’s Office. KBOR Faculty of the Year award process is going on right now. The procedure is the same as it was last year.
 - i. UHB F85 & F86 – **Attachment 4:** This is specifically looking at Progress Reports. Motion to approve. Motion carries.
 - ii. UHPC Membership Expansion - **Attachment 5:** FAC voted to expand the University Handbook and Policy Committee from 8 to 11 members. This opportunity is open to any faculty/staff person. This subcommittee is under the direction of the FAC and this change does not require a vote.
 - iii. UHB Section A-L Gender Neutral Pronouns Remediation – **Attachment 6 & 6a:** These changes ensure pronouns are gender neutral throughout the handbook. . Motion to approve. Motion carries.
 - iv. UHB Appendices A-Z – Gender Neutral Pronouns Remediation – **Attachments 7 & 7a:** These changes ensure pronouns are gender neutral throughout the handbook appendices. Motion to approve. Motion carries.

- c) **AWFS** –Gwen Sibley presented: Discussions regarding ICE’s presence on campus occurred. K-State Perks and Resources Showcase takes place on March 2 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM in 181 Hale Library. A current project includes creating an orientation process for new senators in Faculty Senate. The Caregiving Group for Aging Parents met, and now has a Microsoft Teams set up. Reach out to the committee chairs if there is a desire to join.
- d) **Professional Staff Affairs** –Gina Nixon presented: Kim LeCompte attended the last meeting to give an update on the Performance Management software that was purchased. The initiative will go into effect during the next academic year.
- e) **Technology** – Phil Vardiman presented: Cybersecurity training updates were requested. Updates for the IT survey were requested. Updates to the language regarding emeritus faculty and access to K-State systems were discussed. The definition of “emeritus faculty” in comparison to how it’s defined at other institutions was discussed.
- f) **University Planning** – Kimberly Kramer presented: a meeting will take place with the Provost’s Office to continue discussions related to Appendix N.
 - i. Appendix N Guidance Document & Checklist – vote to approve – **Attachments 2-3**: The goal is for Faculty Senate to adopt the document so it’s used during the Appendix N process. Motion to approve. Motion carries.
- g) **University Support Staff Senate** – Thomas Fish: no report.
- h) **Student Senate** – Evelyn Ediger: no report.
- i) **Graduate Student Council** – Aditya Jha: no report.

4) **Announcements**

- a) Provost Report – Budget: more will be discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- b) Election Committee: The Elections Committee held a meeting to discuss K-State Olathe senator representation. They will elect a caucus for this election cycle and relinquish their seat on the general caucus so they’re not on two different causes. Vet Med requested to reinstate three-year terms, reversing a previous decision of two-year terms for two senators, which was approved. Handbook changes were discussed that would allow for greater flexibility to avoid too many senators stepping off and stepping onto Faculty Senate at one time.
- c) Adrienne Tucker – Parking – Will give a New Fees report at the next Senate.
- d) Ashley Bourne – Digital Accessibility Task Force Report will be presented at the next Senate.
- e) Winter 2026 Open Forum – February 26, 2026, Alumni Center, 3:30pm
- f) KBOR Update – no report
- g) USCALE Update: The definition of “applied learning” has been discussed. The goal is that there are more collaborative efforts to keep this initiative moving forward. A survey will be distributed, but it may not occur before Spring Break.
- h) Elections: Please encourage participation in the elections.

5) **Open discussion period for senators** as needed (4:17 – 5:00 pm):

- a) Senators were requested to complete the Day of Giving survey from the Foundation when it’s distributed and encourage your constituents to complete the survey as well. The Day of Giving is on April 8.
- b) Concerns were discussed regarding the time shift in class start times on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- c) Wildcat Pause Day was discussed.

- d) The anti-tenure bill will not move forward through the legislature.
 - e) The data request related to faculty, staff, and administrator headcounts is still ongoing.
- 6) **Adjournment** - Next meeting: Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 3:30pm: The meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CONSENT AGENDA

PROPOSED ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Vote to send these items for final approval at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

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Agriculture

- AGRON - 930 - Quantitative Genetics
- AGRON - 960 - Predictive Modeling for Plant Breeding
- HORT - 501- Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture
- HORT - 502 - Therapeutic Horticulture for Youth
- HORT - 503 - Therapeutic Horticulture for Adults
- HORT - 504 - Therapeutic Gardens and Gardening
- HORT - 541 - Hydroponic Food Production
- HORT - 542 - Hydroponic Food Production Lab
- HORT - 565 - Indoor Vertical Farming Systems
- HORT - 566 – Indoor Vertical Farming Systems Lab
- HORT - 701 - Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture
- HORT - 702 - Therapeutic Horticulture for Youth
- HORT - 703 - Therapeutic Horticulture for Adults
- HORT - 704 - Therapeutic Gardens and Gardening
- HORT - 741 - Hydroponic Food Production
- HORT - 742 - Hydroponic Food Production Lab
- HORT - 765 - Indoor Vertical Farming Systems
- HORT - 766 - Indoor Vertical Farming Systems Lab

Arts & Sciences

- CRIM – 650 – Criminal Justice in Context
- GEOL – 680 – Applied Field Geology – *conditional approval pending*
- GEOL – 780 – Applied Field Geology – *conditional approval pending*

GEOL – 820 – Groundwater Modeling
HIST – 381 – The Soviet Union
MATH – 749 – Professional Development Seminar for Intelligence and Learning Practitioners
MATH – 751 – Linear Algebra for Data Science
MATH – 795 – Statistical and Mathematical Intelligence and Learning Capstone Experience
POLSC – 160 – The Origins and Evolution of American Democracy
SPAN – 765 – Bilingualism and Cognition
STAT – 795 – Statistical and Mathematical Artificial Intelligence and Learning Capstone Experience

Business

MANGT – 625 – Business Law II

Education

EDCI - 728 - Game-Based Learning
EDCI - 738 - Pedagogy of Game-Based Learning
EDCI - 748 - Design Principles of Game-Based Learning
EDCI - 750 - Roleplaying Games in Learning and Teaching
EDCI - 751 - Wargames in Learning and Teaching
EDCI - 752 - Card Games in Learning and Teaching
EDCI - 753 - Board Games in Learning and Teaching
EDCI - 754 - Simulations in Learning and Teaching

Engineering

BAE - 626 - Bioseparations
BME - 775 - Applications of Advanced Microscopy in BME
BME - 830 - Advanced Biomaterials
BME - 832 - Advanced Tissue Engineering
BME - 840 - Contemporary Molecular and Cellular Engineering
BME - 860 - Advanced Computer Vision with Biomedical Applications
BME - 890 - Topics in Biomedical Engineering
BME - 896 - Graduate Seminar in Biomedical Engineering
BME - 898 - Master's Report
BME - 899 - Master's Thesis
BME - 999 - Dissertation Research
CE - 775 - Traffic Engineering
CE - 862 - Sustainable Resource Recovery Technologies
CHE - 601 - Honors Research in Chemical Engineering
CHE - 626 - Bioseparations
CHE - 634 - Protein Engineering and Applications
CHE - 636 - AI Applications in Chemical and Bioengineering
CHE - 721 - Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics
CHE - 735 - Chemical Engineering Analysis
CHE - 822 - Advanced Chemical Reaction Engineering
CHE - 834 - Advanced Protein Engineering and Applications
CHE - 836 - Advanced AI Applications in Chemical and Bioengineering
CNS - 739 - Electrical Estimating

ECE - 694 - Optoelectronics
ECE - 773 - Bioinstrumentation Design Laboratory
ECE - 841 - Network Theory
NE - 735 - Advanced Nuclear Reactor Systems and Design

Health & Human Sciences

CFT - 824 - Parent-Child Interaction: Theory and Research
CFT - 865 - Human Sexuality
CNRES - 751 - Interpersonal Conflict Skills and Strategies
FASH - 350 - Our Sustainable World
FNDH - 645 - Professional Practice and Leadership in Dietetics
GERON - 610 - Healthcare Administration
HDFS - 654 - Death and the Family
HDFS - 770 - Program Development and Implementation
HDFS - 893 - Evaluation of Prevention Science Programs
HLTSC - 102 - First Aid/CPR/AED
HLTSC - 720 - Global Healthcare Systems and Public Health
HM - 230 - Issues in Tourism
PUBH - 618 - Seminar Public Health Practice
PUBH - 619 - Public Health Practicum
PUBH - 622 - Capstone Project in Public Health

Olathe - Applied Studies

AIT – 335 – Electronics Principles and Practices

Tech & Aviation – Salina

MET - 336 - Dynamics of Machines
MET - 353 - Fluid Mechanics

Vet Med

AP – 785 – Readings in Physiology

2) **PROGRAM PROPOSALS** - <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3112/form>

Agriculture

Extension and Non-Formal Education Undergraduate Certificate
General Agriculture (BS)
Horticultural Therapy Graduate Certificate
Master of Agribusiness (MAB)
Plant Pathology Graduate Certificate
Therapeutic Horticulture Graduate Certificate
Therapeutic Horticulture Undergraduate Certificate

Arts & Sciences

Professional Master's in Mineral Exploration for a Sustainable Future
Statistical and Mathematical Artificial Intelligence and Learning (Masters)

Education

Curriculum & Instruction (MS)

Engineering

Artificial Intelligence Systems and their Applications (MS)

Health & Human Sciences

Dual Degree: Master of Business Administration and MS in Hospitality

Tech & Aviation – Salina

Artificial Intelligence & Autonomous Systems (MS)