Minutes Kansas State University Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Meeting

October 21, 2003

Members present: Roger Adams (chair), Kathy Brockway, Jim Dubois, Kathy Greene, Frank Spikes, Stacey Warner.

Meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm in Union 205. Minutes of the previous meeting were not distributed prior to this meeting and approval was postponed.

Roger opened the meeting with a brief report of items from the FS Leadership Committee.

The Board of Regents Faculty of the Year Awards policy was distributed electronically prior to this meeting. Discussion of this unpopular, mandated policy was brief following a short review of the requirements. Other BOR institutions' policies/procedures were discussed and Roger read an email statement from Elizabeth on the issue. Frank suggested that we draft a policy/procedure that forwards names of candidates from K-State to the BOR who have achieved the highest awards in their colleges, which are annually recognized at commencements. The committee highly favored this approach and Roger agreed to draft a document with Frank's assistance for consideration via email.

The committee briefly discussed the conversations with the Ombudspersons at our October 7 meeting. It was agreed that the current Ombudspersons are taking on many of the difficult issues that were discussed and finding solutions amongst themselves. We will continue to solicit input from the Ombudspersons and assist them with any requested changes that would require a vote from Faculty Senate.

An additional item was added to the agenda regarding the teaching scholar draft proposal. Copies of the proposal were distributed to members in attendance and distributed by campus mail to those who were not present. From the discussion about this proposal, it was determined that Jane Rowlett and Peter Sherwood would be invited to future Faculty Affairs meetings to present alternate views of the proposal. Roger noted that he would contact Jane and Peter and schedule them as their calendars permitted.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Adams