Minutes Faculty Affairs Committee – Kansas State University May 15, 2007

Present: Chair – Betsy Cauble, Stacey Warner, Judy Hughey, Regina Beard and guests Faculty Senate president-elect, Fred Fairchild and Chris Feit from the Office of Planning and Analysis.

The minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

Continuing Business:

Chris Feit reviewed the recent Child Care Survey conducted by the Office of Planning and Analysis. Responses were received from 192 out of 446 surveys sent, for a 43% response rate. Surveys were sent to all faculty and staff with a Manhattan address who had children on their health insurance. Two thirds of those responding indicated they were happy with their current child care arrangements but two thirds also expressed interest in a new child care facility if one were to become available. Discussion on this issue will be continuing.

Betsy and Judy reported that as a follow-up to the last meeting, they had reviewed proposed handbook changes for the administrative evaluation procedures. Judy moved and Regina seconded to move the proposed changes forward for consideration by the Faculty Senate.

Betsy reported that the course accessibility policy was developed to meet current laws regarding the provision of accommodations. An implementation plan for K-State faculty will be developed as more information is available. Judy moved and Regina seconded to move the proposed changes forward for consideration by the Faculty Senate.

Discussion was held regarding the Limited Retirement Health Care Bridge. The proposal was passed out of Faculty Affairs on March 6.

New Business:

Faculty Affairs has been asked to review Appendix A, Section B – Graduate Student Academic Grievance Procedures. Copies were distributed to the committee. This will be a topic for discussion in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Warner