

Kansas State University
Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 4, 2005

Members present: Frank Spikes (chair), Gary Clark, Stacy Warner, Kathy Greene, Greg Grauer, Fred Guzek, Beth Turtle, Tyson Moore, Bill Turnley, Betsy Cauble, Mark Haub

Guests: Ruth Dyer, Tom Herald

Meeting called to order at 3:35 pm; Union Room 205

Study Abroad Compensation Proposal. Ruth Dyer reviewed language in Faculty Handbook; K-State would like to expand our study abroad program and encourage more KSU students to have an international experience. Funding of “summer” programs is an issue. All summer courses need to be self-sufficient. Also study abroad courses are coordinated through DCE. Several funding and incentive options were discussed (handout from July 11, 2005). Discussed types of study abroad courses, activities, costs, etc. One of the current issues is that many of these courses are not “high enrollment” courses and some may not cover the costs. Because courses will be run through DCE, several colleges can easily participate. In addition, costs are more uniform and at the same rate whether students are from Kansas or other states (no in-state/out-of-state cost issue.)

Motion to move the current study abroad compensation option package forward (memo dated July 11, 2005 from Ruth Dyer) made by Betsy Cauble, second by Fred Guzek. Some discussion followed. The currently proposed options provide a lot of flexibility. This should help to encourage more faculty to participate in study abroad programs. Minor editorial suggestions were made (Tyson). Call for question. Motion moved to vote by Frank with minor language modifications. Passed unanimously.

Tom Herald: Targeted Excellence - somewhere between 29 and 33 proposals. About 8 to 10 of these may be funded. Parking Garage- proposal will be going forward to the Regents along with the letter from Elizabeth Dodd. Funding of the garage is still in discussion. Betsy- There is a huge issue with handicap parking – some spots are limited. Some Faculty are unhappy with the parking garage proposal.

Tax Payers Bill of Rights (Tom), TABOR. This program has eroded higher education and other state programs (roads etc.). Some people in the state are trying to support this. This is something to watch and maintain awareness.

Frank will ask Dean Ron Trewyn to come to Faculty Affairs to discuss export of intellectual property. This session would be used to provide an update on “Homeland Security” rules and how those affect faculty and graduate students. A packet on Export Control Regulations was circulated.

Handbook language concerning the Professorial Performance Award is under discussion.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2005 in Bluemont Hall room 021.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

Minutes Submitted by Gary Clark