

Minutes
Kansas State University
Faculty Affairs Committee

May 2, 2006

Members present: Frank Spikes (Chair), Betsy Cauble, Gary Clark, Mark Haub, Dick Hoag, Fred Guzek, Beth Turtle

Meeting called to order at 3:35 pm

Minutes of April 18 will be distributed

Frank reviewed the 2006/07 FSFA Membership. The next FSFA meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18 at 3:30 pm. The 2006/07 FSFA meeting dates and times were discussed. Betsy Cauble will be the 2006/07 FSFA committee chair. It was decided to maintain the current FSFA meeting schedule; the first and third Tuesday of the month during the academic year at 3:30 pm.

Faculty Senate meeting on May 9, 2006. Orientation for new senators at 2:30 pm. A reception will follow at 3:00 pm. The current senate will convene at 3:30 pm to handle a few items, give thanks to some who have helped (for a long time), election of senate offices, then the current senate will be adjourned. The new senate will then convene.

Parking Council-Meeting was held in the Big 12 room. Meeting had 65 people – most were classified employees, followed by students and a few faculty. Frank passed around the new rate proposal for parking rates. The parking garage is to go forward. The bond authority has been approved by the regents. Union parking spots will disappear. Parking will be moved the Bramlage lot with a shuttle to go between there and campus.

Ancillary Faculty Appointment – To be discussed in FY07. Intent is to formalize the process by which faculty do work in other departments. Might need to find out what is driving this issue and why the Provost is pushing this. Need to ascertain the needs to develop this process.

Kansas Open Meetings Act – Sheryl Strecker (University Attorney Office) met with Jane Rowlett to discuss meetings associated with violations of the University Honor Council. These meetings may fall under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. This is associated with meetings of groups who make binding decisions. Grievance and similar panels make recommendations to the Provost and should not be subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Tom H. and Frank will meet on May 22, 2006 with Dick Seaton, Jane R. and the Provost to clear up this issue. However, results of these discussions may impact the App. G and other faculty boards of review (i.e. App. O).

Search for one ombudsperson is underway (7 to 9 applicants). The Provosts input will also be requested.

Still having discussion regarding the University Honors Program. Many issues exist regarding the current proposed program and how it works with existing honors programs in the different colleges. More discussion will follow.

Another issue is associated faculty who has been convicted of felonies. Current language indicates that the Regents can terminate a faculty member who has been convicted of a felony. An issue may be associated with the rights of a “dismissed” faculty member.

May 9, 2006 - breakfast meeting with classified senate leadership.

A lunch meeting on institutional change will also occur to discuss issues associated with the China distance ed. courses and similar future programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Gary Clark