

Kansas State University Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes

March 27, 2012 – 3:30 Bluemont Hall 021

Present: Senators Hughey, Knopp, Anderson, Fullmer, Holcombe, Johannes, Davis and Associate Provost Brian Niehoff

1. Approval of March 6, 2012 minutes

- Senator Fullmer moved to approve the minutes; Senator Holcombe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. UH Sections

- Section A was sent back to Faculty Affairs Committee from Faculty Senate for further research and review about the legal name of the university. Senator Hughey stated that after researching, it was determined that the name is correct as is in Section A. However, this additional text that states: “hereafter known as Kansas State University”. Senator Hughey also reported that the language using “frontier” in Section A was deleted.
 - Senator Johannes moved to approve Section A as revised. Senator Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Section B will be voted on at the next Faculty Senate meeting (pending approval by Executive Committee this week). Senator Hughey reported that while revising Section C, the University Handbook Committee noticed that the language in Section C regarding election to Faculty Senate would be better placed within Section B under University Governance, making it numbered as B82.
 - FAC senators discussed the idea and decided to add in a reference to the Faculty Senate constitution with a hyperlink rather than restating detailed information.
 - Senator Johannes moved to approve Section B with the revision to be sent to Executive Committee. Senator Holcombe seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Section C revisions by the University Handbook were summarized by Senator Hughey. FAC senators discussed different uses of specific language, grammar, and clarity. Senator Hughey reported on recommended language additions given by Senior Vice Provost Dyer and Deans’ Council regarding subsection C113.4 that added clarification.
 - Senator Johannes moved to approve Section C and its revisions as it is today, knowing that there will be a few small changes made yet (e.g., renumbering of sections so that they are sequential). Senator Fullmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Section D revisions are still being finalized by the University Handbook Committee. Senator Hughey reviewed the revisions made at this point for FAC senators.

3. Workgroup Updates: Professional Titles

- Senator Knopp reported that workgroup being led by Senior Vice-Provost Dyer and Senator Clark is working with sections C11 – C13 to analyze and discuss possible professional titles. Senator Knopp reported that at this point, the workgroup had been researching and examining like-institutions for possible language and budgeting ideas. One institution that the group liked was Virginia Tech’s language regarding instructors: regular (full or part-time) instructors, advanced instructors, and senior instructors. The workgroup was also working with titles within extension and adding a professors of practice title which would require specific licensure or industry experience.

4. New Business

- Associate Provost Niehoff reminded FAC Senators of the upcoming HLC accreditation and gave the senators a “Quick Guide” handout with information summarized for university faculty, staff, and students. Associate Provost Niehoff also asked FAC senators to remind colleagues to attend the forum for faculty with the HLC members who will be visiting the campus the week of April 8-11 (the forum will be held at the same time as the Faculty Senate meeting that week).

5. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm