

Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes
April 16, 2013
2:30pm – Union 205

Present: Senators Fritch, Thompson, Kiefer, Anderson, Kingery-Page, Armbrust, Bormann

1. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Senator Fritch added two discussion items to the agenda: the creation of Professional Staff Affairs Committee and the Student Senate Resolution Regarding Campus Changes to Smoking Policies
2. Approval of April 2, 2013 Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - a. Update on Post-Tenure Review Committee – Senator Thompson shared with the FAC senators an update on the progress of the committee. He discussed the makeup of both the committee and the subcommittee/work groups and the work that has been completed thus far. Senator Thompson shared that the work of the committee was progressing successfully and the timeline recommended would be followed.
 - b. Update on Advisor vs Adviser Response – Senator Fritch shared the details of her phone call with Communications and Marketing and her request to have them consider allowing both adviser and advisor. As per the style guide available online (<http://www.k-state.edu/vpcm/styleguide/university-style-guide.html>), it now states that “Both *adviser* and *advisor* are acceptable.”
4. New Business
 - a. Upcoming Elections and New FAC Senators – Senator Fritch reminded FAC senators that FAC Chair elections would be held at the May 7th FAC meeting (in Union 226) and encouraged senators to consider running for election. Additionally, new FAC senators who will be joining after the May 14th changeover are welcome to attend the May 7th meeting to learn about the committee.
5. Professional Staff Affairs
 - a. Senator Fritch shared with FAC proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution that included creating a new committee titled Professional Staff Affairs. It would function in a similar way as Faculty Affairs Committee, but focusing more on the issues and topics related to Unclassified Professionals. Senators discussed the benefits of having such a committee and the history of both Unclassified Professionals and Faculty being a part of Senate together.
6. Student Senate Resolution Supporting Changes to the Campus Smoking Policy
 - a. Senator Nuss shared with the committee the process and history of the resolution from Student Senate and why it was written. FAC Senators discussed both the possible implications of the policy and how it might be responded to on campus.
7. Announcements
 - a. Senators were encouraged to attend the 2013 Faculty and Unclassified Professionals Retiree Ceremony at 4 p.m., at the Alumni Center.
8. Meeting adjourned.