

Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes
February 18, 2014
3:30pm – 205 KSU Student Union

Attending: Jared Anderson, Laura Armbrust, Charlie Barden, Regina Beard, Andrea Blair, Eric Dover, Todd Easton, Katie Kingery-Page, Lotta Larson, Melinda Markham (filling in for Betsy Cauble), Brian Niehoff (Provost's Office), Esther Swilley

Guest: Greg Stevens, K-State Salina

❖ **Call to Order**

- Mindy Markham called meeting to order.

❖ **Approve Minutes**

- January meeting minutes approved.

❖ **Old Business**

➤ **Appendix G**

- Guest: Greg Stevens K-STATE Salina

- Discussion re: whether the defined list of grievable decisions is too limiting; concerns re: removal of academic freedom and other grounds for grievance
 - Why reduce opportunity to air grievance when excessive numbers of grievances is clearly NOT a problem
 - Implement a complaint process to handle lower level concerns?...if that volume is the issue
 - Rather than eliminate academic freedom from list of grievable decisions, chair of grievance committee should decide if academic freedom grievances are serious or capricious
 - Could we address the "narrowness of the list concern" by changing language from "ONLY complaints based on the following..." to "The primary complaints eligible for a grievance hearing are:..."? Or just remove ONLY.
 - We should add an amendment to the second reading of Appendix G changes.
 - PSAC passed
 - Small change for clarification purposes

❖ **New Business**

➤ **Section F: Instruction: Academic Procedures**

- Mindy double-checked websites included in Section F; added those needed for K-State Salina and checked to be sure Olathe not affected
- Suggested changes (noted in copy accompanying these minutes):
 - F25 should be deleted
 - F20: student access center URL should be included
 - F20: iTac should be included in list

- F20: academic assistance center
- Throughout: F122, 125.2, F125.5 (for example) Student access center name and links should be updated throughout
- Markham will email her updates to Kingery-Page; Kingery-Page will add suggestions from today

❖ **Professional Titles**

- Issues of title vs. financial implications
- This discussion is tabled until March meeting

❖ **Meeting adjourned.**