

**Kansas State University Faculty Senate  
Faculty Affairs Committee  
Minutes  
March 3, 2015  
3:30pm - 205 K-State Union**

Attending: Betsy Cauble, Gayle Doll, Eric Dover, Todd Easton, Mindy Markham, Jeff Stevenson, Christina Geuther, Charles Barden  
Provost Liaison: Brian Niehoff  
Human Capital Liaison: Gina Lowe

- ❖ Call to order by chair, Betsy Cauble
- ❖ February 17, 2015 Minutes were approved.
- ❖ Old Business
  - Professional Titles: Update
- ❖ New Business
  - Ombudsperson Program Discussion: We were visited by Rebecca Gould, Kelli Cox, Christy Craft and Scott Jones, all university Ombuds. They shared their experiences and ideas about how to improve upon the program.
    - The program is not well-known on campus and may need some type of advertising to get more people interested in becoming ombuds
    - Other models: KU has a fulltime person that handles students as well as faculty. Wisconsin hires retired faculty/staff on a .2 appointment—faculty/staff, no students
    - Biggest challenge is training: Feel that it takes most of the three years to get to know the job and the handbook.
    - Major benefit: you get to help people.
    - Compensation has been at \$5000 for nine months for quite a long time.
- ❖ Next Meeting: April 7, 2015 Union 205
- ❖ Meeting was adjourned.