

Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes
March 1, 2016
4:00 – Union 205

In attendance: Charlie Barden, Betsy Cauble, Todd Gabbard, Christina Geuther, David Lehman, Ronaldo Maghirang, Mindy Markham, Jackie Spears, Jeff Stevenson, Jessica Van Ranken, Brian Niehoff (Provost Liaison)

- ❖ Betsy Cauble called the meeting to order
- ❖ David Lehman moved and Jeff Stevenson seconded the approval of the February 16, 2016 Minutes. Approved unanimously.
- ❖ New Business
 - TEVALs
 - Jackie Spears shared that there were concerns raised in the College of Education caucus meeting regarding TEVALs, particularly vicious comments on the open ended questions on TEVALs and students threatening faculty members with poor TEVAL ratings.
 - Issues were also raised regarding the norming of TEVALs, and it was discussed that TEVALs should be re-normed today.
 - Jackie asked for examples of TEVAL comments or at the College of Education meeting and no examples were submitted.
 - Other issues were raised, including: a) dissatisfaction with TEVALs in studio courses, b) adjusted scores, c) that TEVALs are customer satisfaction survey, d) they're being over relied upon in evaluations, and e) poor response rate with online TEVALs.
 - Training was suggested on TEVALs, IDEA, evaluation, etc. for both faculty, department heads, and students.
 - A suggestion was given that the timing of TEVALs should be standardized with training for the students.
 - Jessica Van Ranken said there's been discussion regarding adding a committee relating to Academic Affairs in SGA and that this is an issue that could be raised in that committee.
 - Brian Niehoff will talk with Jana Fallin to ask her to convene a focus group to examine issues relating to TEVALs.
 - Next meeting date
 - Instead of meeting 3/15, we'll meet on 3/22 at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ Old Business
 - Social Media Storm Policy MOU
 - The President's Office approved the suggested changes in the MOU and it was placed on the Faculty Senate agenda in Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
 - Amorous Relationship Policy
 - Betsy recommends that we read the amorous relationships document sent to us from Cheryl Strecker as it has implications for amorous relationship policies.
 - Section C
 - Mindy and Betsy will meet next week to discuss the comments from the General Counsel's Office and will bring Section C to the March 22nd meeting for our review.
 - Faculty Affairs Leadership
 - Cauble and Markham will not be here next year so we were challenged to consider leadership.
- ❖ From Committee Members:
- ❖ Next Meeting: March 22, 2016 Union 204 at 4:00