

**Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes
March 6, 2018**

3:45 p.m. – Business Building 2123

Attendance: Charlie Barden, Jason Bergtold, Amy Betz, Ethan Erickson, Troy Harding, Daniel Ireton, David Procter, Don Saucier, Charlotte Self, and Tendai Munyanyi

Guests: Dr. Beth Montelone and Cheryl Doerr

❖ **Call to Order Faculty Affairs**

The Faculty Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

❖ **Approve Minutes**

➤ **February 20, 2018 Minutes (Attachment with draft minutes)**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

❖ **Old Business**

➤ **Received updated version of Section E, Sabbatical Leave**

Dr. Ruth Dyer (Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs) sent a revised version of Section E. Daniel Ireton raised concerns about wording regarding the use of funds for faculty travel. The wording was modified slightly to include, “non-general use funds.” The revised version was sent back to Dr. Dyer for approval.

❖ **New Business**

➤ **Appendix O/Section G**

Dr. Beth Montelone (Senior Associate Vice President for Research) and Cheryl Doerr (Associate Vice President for Research Compliance) attended the meeting to discuss the updates to Appendix O and to Section G.

Dr. Montelone provided background on appendix O:

- It was last revised in 1991
- Contains structures/positions that no longer exist
- Cheryl Doerr has been researching best practices. The Federal Office of Research Integrity (ORI) updated its policy in 2010. ORI was used for updated language, the process was kept similar to previous versions of appendix O
- Research misconduct falls under three categories: falsification, fabrication, and plagiarism
- Section G of the Handbook is also outdated and has also been updated

A concern was raised regarding the use of the term “salami slicing.” Several committee members thought that this was a vague term. Different disciplines have expectations for what constitutes a novel publication. There was also concern raised about sending mixed messages, especially to new and young faculty, regarding increasing publication output. Cheryl Doerr agreed to remove this term.

A question was asked to define, “inadequate record keeping”? Dr. Montelone will follow up with the library and the University Archivist regarding new policies on record keeping.

A question was raised regarding the policy for graduate students? Dr. Montelone explained that the policy was for all student and faculty researchers. A follow-up question was asked regarding University Support Staff and

Dr. Montelone agreed to determine if the policy would be any different for USS. She will also check if the Graduate Handbook references Appendix O.

A concern was raised regarding the penalties for reporting “frivolous” claims. There was discussion for clarification on “frivolous” vs “malicious.” This also led to discussion regarding the appeals process and the process for investigation for frivolous/malicious reports. It was suggested that the language for frivolous reporting be changes to include “may” before “be subject to discipline.”

There was also a request for clarification on what constituted “timely” reporting. The timely refers to from the time misconduct is discovered not from when it occurred.

A question was raised about who uses the appeal process? The current appeal processes appears to be only for faculty. Dr. Montelone agreed to add language for a student appeal process.

A question was raised Section G (G54). Clarification is needed on what constitutes confidential and sensitive research

Dr. Montelone agreed to send us a revised version and thank the committee for their input.

➤ **Update on SGA Presidential Elections**

- Election for SGA president were moved to Thursday and Friday (from earlier in week)
- One campaign was disqualified
- However, disqualification was issued before a student tribunal
- The student tribunal found insufficient evidence to disqualify campaign and the campaign was reinstated.
- Election was moved to later in the week
- New student senators will be instated April 12th.

❖ **Next Meeting: April 3, 2018 (Business Building 2123) at 3:45PM.**

❖ **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.