

Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee
Agenda
January 21st, 2020
3:30PM – Business Building, room 2047

❖ **Call to Order Faculty Affairs – Don Saucier and Annelise Nguyen Co-Chairs**

❖ **Announcement**

- We will meet in this room (CBA 2047) for the rest of the semester

❖ **Approve Minutes**

- December 17th, 2019 Minutes (see email attachment with draft minutes)

❖ **Old and Continuing Business**

- FAC Representative serving on subcommittee: Salaries and Fringe Benefits (report?)
- Ad-hoc member to assist FSCOT with the Union and Follet implementation
- Handbook vs. PPM vs. Provost's website
- Proposed University Excused Absence Policy (joint meeting with Academic Affairs TBD)
 - Issues/questions raised at Academic Affairs:
 - Are DSOs and ISOs treated differently? Is a DSO, sponsored by a department on campus, an "academic unit"? Is attending a national Block and Bridle conference excused? Block and Bridle is a DSO, so does that qualify as attending a professional conference as a representative of the university, since the club is sponsored by an academic unit? Or a cheerleader who misses class to compete in a national cheerleading competition excused? (I'm not 100% certain, but I think the cheer squad is an ISO because athletics cannot sponsor a DSO.) What about the student who qualifies for the national volleyball tournament through the volleyball club, which is an ISO? They're participating as a representative of the university, but not through the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics or any academic unit on campus. The last group of bullet points says "independent club activities" are at instructor's discretion, but I'm not entirely sure what that includes.
 - I also think it's a little gray about what constitutes "representation of the University" at an academic or professional conference. Does attendance, with registration affiliated with K-State, qualify? Or do they need to be presenting a poster or oral presentation?

❖ **New(er) Business**

- Tenure & Promotion Review Updates
- Department Head vs. Department Chair in Handbook
- Promotion and Tenure Document Sections for Community Engagement and Societal Benefit

❖ **From Committee Members**

❖ **Adjourn**

❖ **Next meeting: February 4th, 3:30PM, 2047 Business Building**