

**Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Affairs Committee
Agenda
February 4th, 2020**

3:30PM – Business Building, room 3042 then 2047

❖ **Joint Meeting with Academic Affairs**

- We will meet at 3:30 in room 3042 to discuss the **University Excused Absence Policy** (see email attachment)

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

❖ **Approve Minutes**

- January 21st, 2020 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

❖ **New(er) Business**

- **Optional Syllabus Statement on Mental Health** (see email attachment)
- Tenure & Promotion Review Updates
 - Creating a faculty-comprised University committee to be the last review (replacing Deans' Council)
- Department Head vs. Department Chair in Handbook
 - We need language in the Handbook to define what a DH versus a DS is
 - Also need language about Director as well
 - University Handbook and Policy Committee should assist
- Promotion and Tenure Document Sections for Community Engagement and Societal Benefit
 - Using engagement (e.g., external community engagement as well as internal service engagement) as a more explicit and larger component of P&T processes and documents
 - Possible revision to University Mission Statement to make it more explicit that this is something that the University values
 - See E-conversation between President Gonzalez and an interested faculty member at the end of this agenda

❖ **From Committee Members**

- **Upcoming: Continuation of the Annual "Budget Book"?**

❖ **Adjourn**

❖ **Next meeting: February 18th, 3:30PM, 2047 Business Building**