

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
April 4, 2002 3:30 PM Room 204, K-State Union

Present: Brigham, Hancock, Hassan, Johnson, Oberst, Ransom, Schumm

Absent: Barker, Doan, Dubois, Hartman, Lynch, Rowlett, Rys, Turnley

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by John Johnson, Chair, at 3:35 pm.

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Announcements/Questions

A. Faculty Senate Leadership

Johnson announced that the sale of the Bluemont College will continue to go through the approval process, but a substantial monument will be added to the property. The long range plan does not include any of the land Foundation owns.

Johnson reported that the 54 hour rule that the BOR was looking into is on hold, but they are seriously talking about a 45 hour compromise. The current policy is that students take 40 hours of upper level courses. There is not complete agreement among universities, Faculty Senates, and administrative officers. Wichita State is behind the 54 hour rule because they have higher course numbers than other colleges.

Johnson said what will happen to the budget is still unknown. The cuts could be anywhere from 4.5 - 11.6%. We will have to wait to see what happens in the legislature.

Johnson reported that President Wefald, Provost Coffman, and Vice President Rawson met with the Deans of Business and Engineering to discuss salary increases for their colleges through tuition ownership. The other colleges would not get any salary increases. A compromise was reached that students would pay \$5 extra per credit hour rather than \$10 extra and this money would go towards salaries in these two colleges.

Kansas State University received accreditation from North Central Accreditation for another ten years, but they will have a site visit during 2004 - 2005 to review assessment. This issue should come through the curriculum process.

B. Kansas Board of Regents

Johnson said this item was handled in the FSLC announcements.

C. Other - none

IV. Old Business

A. Budget

There is nothing new to report on budget, but this item will stay on the agenda and hopefully more information will be available later.

B. Campus Development Plan

Johnson said that HNTB is making progress on the master plan and may be running a broadsheet in the Collegian that will be nine pages front and back with a summary of the plan. The main issues were vehicular and pedestrian traffic, parking, and building space questions. The most controversial item is closing Claflin Road on campus.

C. Classroom Scheduling

Schumm distributed two handouts on classroom scheduling. The first handout was the Classroom Committee Report. Their charge was to explore and examine the assignment, ownership, and environmental conditions of classrooms, teaching labs, and studio space at KSU and make recommendations for how these issues should be addressed to improve the learning environment at KSU. The committee found that the scheduling system is not robust in terms of capability to handle unexpected situations or in terms of available space for classrooms. Also, the loss of Denison Hall will have a substantial impact with a loss of 553 seats and 60% of the classrooms on campus that seat 87-90 students.

The other handout was the KSU General Classroom Report. Facilities conducted an assessment of classroom conditions and found that classrooms need over a million dollars worth of renovations and some rooms remain inaccessible to the handicapped. Schumm will check to see if this document will be put on web so all faculty can have access to the report.

FSCOU members discussed how well they thought Schedule 25 worked. Ransom said that the system is working much better now than it did three years ago. They manually fixed problems based on experience. Johnson expressed concern over the distance faculty need to walk from their offices to teach classes. Brigham said if the room that is first assigned to you does not meet your needs, you usually end up walking farther to a room that does work for you. There was discussion about whether technology classrooms are scheduled as much as non-technology classrooms, and if not, then non-technology classes are being deprived of classroom space.

Johnson asked Schumm to work on a questionnaire to send to department heads and the people who handle room scheduling for departments. Johnson asked FSCOU members to get names of the room scheduling people in their colleges. Schumm

will give a report on room scheduling at the May Faculty Senate meeting.

D. Chair-Elect

Johnson said he will not chair FSCOUP again next year and a new chair will need to be elected before the semester ends. He asked members to think about it and this item will be brought up again at the next meeting.

V. New Business

A. Targeted Excellence

Johnson said there is a committee set up to look into targeted excellence. The committee is made up of twelve faculty, twelve administrators and two support staff. Concern has been raised that only four women and four minorities are represented. This committee's goal is to come up with criteria that will be used to determine what the targets are. Another group will do the report and they have a one year time line. President Wefald has set a target for KSU to become a top ten land grant university during the next ten years.

FSLC met with this group and a few other administrators to brainstorm about what defines a major land grant university. They came up with a list of things including: faculty salaries, graduate faculty, alumni recognized in their fields, etc. Johnson expressed concern that undergraduate programs did not fit into the top group at all. FSCOUP members agreed that KSU should not use tuition increases for targeted excellence. FSLC is supposed to get a summary from that meeting.

Johnson found a website that shows comparisons of land grant institutions and KSU is not that far from being a top ten land grant university in some areas. In the area of research dollars we rank in the middle of all land grant schools, but in the top 20 of land grant schools without medical schools.

Johnson would like to see FSCOUP put forward a statement on how the committee feels the university should move forward in planning for the future and how to become a top ten land grant university. We need to look at where we need to put money to maintain the infrastructure. This issue will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

VI. For the Good of the University

There were no items for the good of the university.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.