

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
September 6, 2001 3:30 PM Room 204, K-State Union

Present: Brigham, Dubois, Hancock, Hartman, Hassan, Johnson, Lunch, Oberst, Ransom, Rys, Turnley

Absent: Barker, Doan, Rowlett, Schumm

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2001 FSCOUP meeting were approved.

III. Announcements/Questions

A. Report of the Tilford Focus Group

Johnson reported that the Report of the Tilford Focus Group would be covered at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The group started in 1994 after meetings at the state level decided that there needed to be more of a focus on diversity and multiculturalism. They decided a model needed to be developed to promote the concept of multiculturalism in courses.

B. 15 Passenger Van Policy

Johnson reported that the initial policy that came out regarding 15 passenger vans has been modified. The first version said that the back seat would be taken out and that only 8 people could ride in the van. The new version says that no seats will be taken out and there can be 12 passengers in the van. Exceptions will be made for close trips with the stipulation that the van will not go over 60 mph. Drivers must go through the van training course. Students are allowed to drive vans but they must go through the training course. The new version of the policy is as liberal as the most liberal policy in the regents system. Dubois asked how the new version of the policy was being disseminated to faculty because he reserved vans about ten days ago and had to follow the old policy and had not heard any different from anyone. Johnson said that he would make sure information about the new policy comes out on the general faculty listserve.

There was discussion about the liability the university has if someone does have an accident in a 15 passenger van. Johnson said if the driver receives a ticket, the driver is liable for it. If there is an accident, then the university is liable. KSU will eventually sell the 15 passenger vans and replace them with smaller ones.

C. Campus Smoking Policy

Johnson said that the Campus Smoking Policy has still not been decided. The proposed policy recommends no smoking within 30 feet of buildings, but it was suggested that a smoking area be designated outside buildings and also make the handicapped entrance smoke-free. The new policy would ban smoking in buildings total, even individual offices. Faculty input is wanted on this proposed policy.

D. ADA Web Page Compliance

Progress to make web pages ADA compliant is supposed to be shown by March 2002. This could end up being very expensive. Tables on web are presenting the biggest problem. Also, if there are pictures on websites, they need to have hidden phrases saying what it is. If a web page is strictly text, then there are no problems. Hartman reported that if Acrobat is used, it needs to be checked because machines may move things around when it changes it.

E. NCA Accreditation

Johnson said that faculty should be getting information from their colleges and departments about the NCA visit to campus. The NCA Accreditation team will be here October 21 - 24. They will have an office in the Union. Central Administration will have an orientation session with them and then the NCA team will have the option to say who they want to visit with. Johnson said that faculty should be aware of the time frames as they will pick faculty at random to meet with. Cia Verschelden, Faculty Senate President, will talk to Ron Downey to see if Faculty Senate Leadership Council (FSLC) should have a meeting with the NCA Accreditation team.

IV. Old Business

A. Library

Johnson reported that two committees had been active regarding the library. The University Library Committee reports to Academic Affairs and that committee is currently searching for a chair. The other committee was the Information Commons Task Force which later became the Information Commons Implementation Task Force. Brigham said she had been on that committee, but it has been disbanded. Johnson said that the library is going through the second round of adding terminals and should be getting about 100 this time. There is a minimum number that will be stand-up terminals with just the on-line catalog on them. Hassan reported that Salina has had an information commons for several years and that this year they are providing the same software on the computers as what is in the computer labs. The labs were not always open when students were needing computers for homework so this change has worked out well. Johnson said that the terminals in the library have the same software as what is in the other CNS labs except for the stand-up terminals. He said that there is a problem with students e-mailing, surfing the web, playing games, etc. while other students are waiting to do research on the web. There is also a problem with high school students coming here to play games which is difficult to control. Currently there is no mechanism that requires students to sign on.

B. VPAST Technology Plan

Johnson has asked Beth Unger, Vice Provost for Academic Services and Technology, to come and give a presentation to FSCOUP, FSCOT, and FSLC about her vision for technology for the next five years. Key issues are funding and where the resources would come from. Technology is very expensive and Unger has requested \$15 million in the next five years. FSCOUP should get a better understanding about where she sees technology going.

V. New Business

A. City/University Fund

Johnson reported that he has three faculty interested in the position available for faculty on the City/University Fund Committee. The committee is made up of one faculty, three students, and city representatives. FSCOUP is supposed to forward proposals for how to use these funds. Some of the projects on the list of proposals have been completed or are in the process of being completed. There are items on the list that are not prioritized, but could be included with the suggestions for this year. The proposals that are prioritized this year will be for the year 2003. Johnson said he would like to see the reconstruction of Denison Avenue from Claflin to Kimball moved nearer to the top of the list. Items on the list were discussed. Some items are more university related, some are city related, and some do impact both the city and university. Concern was expressed about how much impact FSCOUP's recommendations have if the list is forwarded on to administration to make the final recommendations. Johnson said he would check into the process to see how much FSCOUP's recommendations are considered. The deadline for prioritizing proposals is September 12th. Members should use the FSCOUP listserve to make their recommendations.

B. Status of CCOP's

Johnson asked that FSCOUP members go back to their colleges and get a list of who their CCOP members are, how they are selected, and report their involvement this last year.

C. Campus Development Plan

Johnson explained that the Campus Development Committee is a planning committee with four subcommittees under it and FSCOUP has representation on all of the committees. The following people volunteered for these committees:

Open Space - Andrew Rys

Circulation/Parking/Transportation - Amy Hartman

Technology/Infrastructure - Dick Oberst

Building Project Review - Jim Dubois

Liaison to Campus Development Committee - John Johnson

Johnson said he would send each representative information about their subcommittee.

D. Classrooms

Faculty Senate passed a resolution last year supporting the Policy on Technology Classrooms but with a lot of opposition. Johnson would like FSCOUP to form a subcommittee to look at classroom space, how the space is allocated, who has control of the rooms, etc. Dave Debusman, Facilities Special Projects Coordinator, has a list of all the classrooms, labs, and technology classrooms and the number of seats in each. Larry Rodgers chaired a subcommittee that looked at Schedule 25 and agreed to be a resource person. Johnson also mentioned that he needs a FSCOUP representative on the Schedule 25 Committee and hoped that the person that chaired the subcommittee for looking into classroom space would be the representative. A report was written last year by Facilities that gave statistics for classroom space which would be helpful for the subcommittee to have. Dubois suggested that classrooms should also be looked at by code; some of them may physically hold a certain number of students, but it is not practically possible. Johnson mentioned that at the forum on classroom space last year, there was disagreement on what size of classroom space was needed. FSCOUP needs to get the perspective of faculty and not base it on what Facilities or administration says. Lynch said that equipment is needed in classrooms that is not related to technology, such as erasers, pencil sharpeners, chalk, etc.

Lynch, Brigham, and Dubois agreed to be on the subcommittee but none of them wanted to serve as chair. Johnson said he would contact Schumm and see if he would be interested in chairing the subcommittee.

E. Budget issues

Johnson reported that because of the new block grants and tuition ownership, the way the university is funded will change totally. We will not have to go to the legislature for budget approval; we will have a single request for a block grant. Tuition ownership will need only BOR approval and will not go on to the legislature. The time frame for budget planning has been compressed and will no longer take 18 months. By December 2001 we need to have three or four scenerios set up for our budget. Provost Coffman and Vice President Rawson will visit each college starting in October and get opinions on where the money should go and to a certain extent where it should come from. Coffman and Rawson will also visit with FSCOUP and FSLC regarding the budget. Johnson said that the two big issues are: where the money will come from and where the money will go. Senate Bill 345 is still in effect for two years so salaries will be covered by that and that issue does not need to be addressed at this time.

VI. For the Good of the University

There were no items for the good of the university.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

