

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
February 6, 2003 3:30 PM Union 204, K-State Union

Present: Behnke, Hancock, Hartman, Hassan, Lawhon, Oberst, Rowlett, Schumm, Verschelden, Youngman

Absent: Cook, De Bres, Jones, Rys, Turnley

Visitor: Alfred Cochran

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Verschelden and seconded by Oberst to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2002 FSCOUF meeting. Rowlett requested that the following change be made to the minutes: under IV. Old Business A., delete "or certain areas on campus" from the last sentence. Motion carried.

III. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Leadership

Cochran reported that at the FSLC meeting with central administration, the main items discussed were: the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting, the issue over the women's basketball Manhattan Mercury article, and the Calendar Committee.

Cochran also reported that the Board of Regents (BOR) wanted to give out two faculty awards per institution and the presentations would be next fall. He said that the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) discussed the awards at the last BOR meeting and that Pittsburg State said they do not want to participate. K-State's FSLC has discussed the awards also and do not want to participate either. Each institution is supposed to come up with their own criteria for the awards and one goes to a tenured faculty member and the other to an untenured faculty member. There is some concern about rewarding a couple of people when everyone is doing a lot of work. It also seems like it could be used against the university by pointing out what all is getting done despite the budget cuts. The award is just an acknowledgment and no monetary reward attached to it. Cochran said he would talk to the President and Provost to get their opinions about the awards.

B. Other

Schumm said that he attended the last Schedule 25 meeting. He reported that there are still many frustrations with classroom scheduling. Some departments have cut

down the number of sections of classes and not telling anyone so the rooms are blocked out for the whole semester. The technology classrooms are tied up during the day, but more are open during the evening. Unfortunately, the deadline for scheduling night classes is past. Continuing Education has a lot of classes they still need to schedule in the evening on campus because they are no longer teaching classes at Ft. Riley. There is concern over classroom space after Denison Hall is razed. Three rooms in Denison hold 90 students and only the first floor of Lafene is available for classroom space and it does not appear that those rooms would hold 90 students.

Schumm reported that Tom Rawson met with Faculty Senate Leadership regarding the budget. Rawson told them that there has been a savings in utilities this winter. The way the governor has structured the budget has been positive for K-State. There may a 2 - 3% cut, because we have to cover the increases in health insurance and promotions, as well as pay increases not covered by the General Fund.

Schumm also reported that Student Senate voted down the one-stop Student Service Center that they were considering building in the old stadium, but Bosco and Central Administration are still interested in doing it.

IV. Old Business

A. Report from CCOPs on budget

Schumm reported that Human Ecology will not have to cut any tenured faculty, but will cut GTA and GA positions. Behnke reported that in Agriculture, the dean has formed two college-level committees: 1) Extension and Research; and 2) Teaching. Each program is supposed to do a 2-page justification. The programs are supposed to do a prioritization and decide where cuts can be made. The three options to choose from are: 1) essential; 2) very important; and 3) important. The dean has scheduled multiple meetings and will report to the Provost in early April. Retirement packages have been offered to faculty 55 years of age and older that meet certain criteria; there are 23 potential applicants with only 6-7 taking the offer. Hancock reported that Education has had to let a couple of instructors go and a program in Kansas City will be closed. The dean is talking about reconfiguring departments in terms of efficiency. Youngman said that the Library has lost several positions since last August and that reorganization has been done to hold those positions open. In FY 04, the Library will be looking at acquisitions. Hartman reported that Extension has lost several people and that the 4-H Program has undergone intense change. Verschelden reported that at the last Arts and Sciences caucus meeting, they said that 55 positions have been left open. Lawhon reported that Architecture, Planning, and Design hasn't had any changes since November and the dean relayed the positive news from the Governor. Hassan reported that Salina is doing all right and will survive. The dean has a positive attitude and will try its best not to let anyone go. Oberst reported that Veterinary Medicine is more optimistic now than prior to the first of the year. Rowlett reported that the General University has formed an ACOP (Administration Committee on Planning) and will invite heads of units individually throughout the semester to look at budget savings.

B. University Calendar Committee

Verschelden reported that she met with Ruth Dyer to discuss procedures for approval and the reporting structure of the University Calendar Committee. The committee was established two years ago at the request of Don Foster, Registrar. Students were requesting that a fall break be added to the calendar and Foster said he could use some advice and help with the calendar. The Calendar Committee was established, but no real reporting structure was set up for it. Problems have arisen because students want a two-day fall break and a stop day the Friday before finals. Three days would need to be added on the front of the fall semester to accommodate these requests. Verschelden reported that many schools start after Martin Luther King Day and K-State will start after MLK Day next year, but it will go back to the usual schedule of starting before MLK Day after that. The university would like students to be on campus to attend MLK Day activities. Making changes to the calendar affects many things that many don't think about: housing on campus, graduation dates, intersession, the length of time 9-month faculty work, etc. Verschelden said she will meet with the new Registrar tomorrow to discuss the calendar.

Rowlett suggested that the Calendar Committee use the same format as the Faculty Handbook Committee. When a change is made, a transmittal sheet is routed through appropriate channels and provides a record of the change. The people that sign the transmittal sheet can notify the appropriate groups affected by the change.

V. New Business

Schumm asked FSCOUP members if they would be interested in having Vice President Rawson come to discuss the budget. Rawson will be speaking at the next Faculty Senate meeting. It was agreed that Schumm would invite Rawson to the next FSCOUP meeting.

Schumm asked FSCOUP members to get feedback from faculty giving specific consequences to departments from the budget cuts this last year. Cochran asked for this information earlier, but he only got one response. Schumm asked that members be ready to provide this information at 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 4:30 p.m.