

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
October 2, 2003 3:30 PM Room 204, K-State Union

Present: De Bres, Jones, Rowlett, Rys, Schumm, Spikes, Stadtlander, Watts, Youngman

Absent: Behnke, Cochran, Hassan, Oberst, O'Hara, Peters

Visitor: Patricia Marsh

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Walter Schumm, Chair, at 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Spikes and seconded by Watts to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2003 FSCOUP meeting. Watts said that under IV. A., the last sentence in the third paragraph should read "The Department of Architecture has given up voice mail and getting printer cartridges in order to stay within their budget" instead of "The College of Architecture, Planning and Design.... Youngman said the next to last sentence in the next paragraph should be corrected to read "Many journals were cut this year" instead of "Many journals were cut for this year." The motion passed with the two corrections.

III. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council (FSLC)

Schumm reported that FSLC discussed the moral issue raised by Jim Hamilton at the September Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty have lost out on several issues in the last several years: salaries, KKSU, printed line schedules, and classroom space. Schumm said he would distribute a handout later in the meeting regarding building projects on campus and FSCOUP would discuss what is being done about classroom space. FSLC also discussed the upscale hotel and parking garage that is to be built in the Union parking lot. It appears that there are funds for some building projects but none for classroom space. Schumm said it appears that calendar issues have been resolved. Most Big 12 schools have two-day fall breaks and KSU will probably go ahead with a two-day fall break in the future. Many Big 12 universities combine it with Thanksgiving break.

B. Other

IV. Effects of Budget Reductions - Schumm said administration is still working on the document regarding budget reduction and it is not ready yet.

A. Assessment Issues

Patricia Marsh from Planning and Analysis is working on assessment issues. She distributed a handout that outlined the educational objectives at KSU. Schumm said that departments that offer degrees that are already accredited do not have as much work to do as departments that offer non-accredited degrees. Marsh said that academic departments are not the only office that can provide student opportunities; student service areas, the Library, etc. can also be included in the process. Marsh said that KSU needs to measure outcomes based learning and know what students can do with a degree in a certain area. Spikes commented that there is confusion about what the expectations are for what parts of the assessment are due. Marsh said the December deadline of deciding what courses touch on learning outcomes is to get everyone at a minimal level. The final deadline for assessment is May. Watts commented that with budget cuts, some diversity has been lost on campus. Spikes said that the notion of connectedness needs to be developed in regards to living and working in a diverse world. We need to relate the learning objectives for graduate work, research, and undergraduate work. Spikes said that we need a system for assessment before we develop the assessment tools.

B. Faculty Morale

Schumm discussed the handout regarding building projects on campus. Denison Hall is still scheduled to be razed with no classroom building project on the list. Schumm said faculty could push for a new classroom building. Watts mentioned that the downtown redevelopment committee has been looking into building a hotel/convention center for several years and wondered if there was any discussion between that group and the campus planning committee. Schumm said he would bring this issue to the next FSLC meeting.

V. Targeted Excellence - Issues

Schumm said that money from the tuition increases was to go toward targeted excellence, but no money has been given to that area yet. Schumm said that budget documentation from administration has not been finalized yet.

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business - none

VIII. For the Good of the University - none

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.