

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
January 19, 2006 - 3:30 p.m., K-State Union Room 205**

Present: Behnke, Bloodgood, Gormely, Kearns, Rys, Schumm, Stadtlander, Yahnke
Absent: Burns, Hassan, Oberst, Rowlett
Proxies: Simon

1. Walter Schumm, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. The November 17, 2005 minutes stood approved as written.
3. Announcements

Schumm recognized the passing of John Johnson and noted the many contributions he made to Faculty Senate.

The Appendix M grievance has been settled and therefore the hearing has been canceled.

At its January 17, 2006 meeting, Faculty Senate passed a proposal changing the enrollment cap from 18 to 21 credit hours, including waitlisted classes. This decision was made in coordination with the implementation of LASER. Behnke questioned whether students can find out their status on a waitlisted class in the new system.

4. Old Business

- A. Parking Garage
No new information on this at this time.
- B. Strategic Planning
No report.

5. New Business

*Schumm handed out copies of the Kiplinger 100 report to members of FSCOUP for them to review and share with their colleagues. K-State ranked 85 out of 100 in this report. He also mentioned the status of a few other colleges in the Big 12, but found it interesting that all of the Big 12 schools were in the top 100. Discussion came up regarding the methods used in this report to rank colleges. Gormely brought up admission requirements of K-State. He asked if we can request the number of people who applied and the number of students accepted. Spears responded that this information is reported to the Board of Regents and it should be relatively easy to get. Behnke commented that federal cuts and financial aid may alter these rankings in the future. He also brought up the duplication of degrees available at institutions within Kansas. For example, you can get the same degree from at least two different colleges in Kansas. Discussion followed about stream lining post secondary education.

*Schumm mentioned housing for international scholars visiting Kansas State. This was brought up in Faculty Senate due to renovation at the Jardine complex, which will not routinely provide for these visitors after renovation is complete. Schumm passed out a chart from the Budget Division at Kansas State University showing a possible ten-year improvement plan. Thus far, Jardine has been a convenient place for those visiting who need low-cost housing during their stay. Schumm visited with Pat Bosco this morning and it's not that Bosco is opposed to using Jardine for visiting scholars in the future, but it will primarily be for student use. Schumm passed out a survey for each member to take back to their college. This may help identify how many visitors the university has each year. He asked if each member could take this back and try and find out more details for the committee.

*Enrollment trend. Kansas State has noticed a decline in student enrollment. Behnke mentioned the statistics that came up not too long ago indicating we have more students than in the past, but less faculty. However, it was also noted that we have more graduate teaching assistants. Spears mentioned this information was in response to an audit done this past year.

*Schumm encouraged committee members to seriously think about a chair for FSCOUP next year as this will be his last year chairing the committee.

6. For the Good of the University
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.