

**MINUTES**  
**FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING**  
**September 15, 2005 3:30 PM K-State Union Room 205**

Present: Behnke, Burns, Gormely, Kearns, Rys, Schumm, Simon, Stadtlander, and Willbrant  
Absent: Hassan, Oberst, Peters, Rowlett, Spears, and Yahnke

- I. Walter Schumm, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
- II. The minutes of September 1, 2005 were approved with slight modification to the Parking Garage section.
- III. Announcements

Faculty Senate Leadership -

Schumm discussed briefly inter-Library loans and committee members made comments on this.

FSLC is looking for ideas on university/city projects, the most recent of which included the new streetlights on North Manhattan Avenue.

The Salary and Fringe Benefits committee will be talking to faculty senate about professorial awards in the near future.

Classified employees may in the future become independent. Therefore, they would be outside the classified system, but still state employees and would have more flexibility with regard to pay raises.

A search for the Director of the Honors Program is in process. This will be a 12-month, full-time position.

The Schedule 25 committee: Plans are in the works to make improvements to 105 Umberger Hall and 101 Cardwell in the year 2006. Next would be 348 Waters Hall and 128 Bluemont Hall.

- IV. Old Business

A. Parking Garage -

The parking garage presentation was given at the Faculty Senate meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> and was met with some opposition. Members of the senate felt more options needed to be given prior to the parking garage plans moving forward. Elizabeth Dodd, Arts and Sciences senator, sent a letter to faculty senate members today, by email, conveying many of the ideas that were presented in the Faculty Senate meeting and asking for their thoughts. FSCOUP members gave a variety of comments in favor of and against the garage. Also, there are different perspectives from those who work in different locations on campus. Simon mentioned that it seems most are not generally against the building itself, but on how it is being paid for. A lengthy discussion followed on not only the parking garage, but also other options that would be available to assist with parking issues in the future.

B. Strategic Planning

Schumm reviewed the rankings of K-State with committee members. He will work on getting rankings of other institutions.

- V. New Business

Behnke had a question regarding the Tuition Assistance program. A divorced couple he knows have two children and the mother is a state employee. Because the son is in the father's custody and not the mother's, he would not qualify for the Tuition Assistance Program. Behnke wondered how this could be solved. The question could not be effectively answered. The Tuition Assistance Program applies to dependents of the state employee. A person also has to be a full-time student in order to benefit from this program. A brief discussion regarding the Tuition Assistance Program followed.

- VI. For the Good of the University - none
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.