

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
May 3, 2007 - 3:30 p.m., 206 Call Hall**

Present: Crenshaw, Gormely, Grunewald, Herald, Kearns, McKinney, Stokes,
Absent: Behnke, Bloodgood, Condia, Oberst, Rowlett

1. Tom Herald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The April 5, 2007 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Appendix B – Review of Part IV
Herald introduced Al Cochran, president of Faculty Senate from 2002-2003. Cochran had the opportunity to be involved in issues surrounding Financial Exigency during that time. Herald felt his experience would be helpful. Cochran related some instances when financial stress had begun to be seen in the College of Arts & Sciences in 2002. That year there was a reduction of 8% (a 14 million dollar reduction in purchasing) for their college. What they found at that time was many unanswered questions in Appendix B. Communication was vital and they had many individuals visit Faculty Senate and present information, including all of the deans at that time. In the end, even though financial exigency was not claimed, some non-tenured persons did lose their jobs and these were difficult times.

Grunewald felt Appendix B mainly deals with the process of how to go forward if we claim financial exigency and not financial stress. She wondered if it is appropriate to have something outlining financial stress versus financial exigency. Cochran felt that it might have been helpful to them if there were some *clarifications* regarding what to follow for financial stress, but the information was there for them in Appendix B.

There was a brief discussion about current college planning committees. Gormely noted that originally this document on Financial Exigency was created in 1982 and planning committees were formed. Then there was no need for them until 2002. It was felt that committees can be arranged very quickly if necessary and to have college planning committees required for a number of years when nothing is going on seems inefficient.

Kearns asked about the ease of using the time line when Cochran was involved with it. He commented that it worked fairly well when they actually got involved in it. The chronology seemed to work for what they were going through at that time, but if they were in true Financial Exigency, it would have been more difficult. Cochran did recall that it was at times difficult to follow.

Grunewald asked what Herald and Cochran felt financial triggers could be currently. Herald indicated student enrollment can have an impact and what Legislature does can have a definite impact. The trend nation-wide shows a lack of interest in funding public education at this time, which could most definitely impact K-State in the future. Crenshaw also mentioned true emergencies that could cause financial exigency such as a building collapsing or natural disasters.

Cochran reiterated that the appendix was useful to them to work from and that the people who put it together really took the time to do a decent job.

Herald thanked him for visiting the committee to share his insight.

Committee members began an in depth look at Appendix B on Financial Exigency. As agreed in the past meeting they began with Part IV of Appendix B.

4. Announcements
5. For the good of the university
6. New chair of FSCOUP
Roger Adams will be taking the Chair of FSCOUP position. Herald will visit with him about future meetings and whether or not he will choose to convene the group prior to the fall semester.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next meeting:
September 6, 2007 unless otherwise arranged.