

**AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
MAY 7, 2009 UNION 205**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of April and Special Budget Meeting minutes.
3. Discussion of budget questions.
 - How can we engage colleges and departments in increasing teaching productivity in terms of student credit hours per faculty FTE while maximizing the time and talents of their faculty?
 - How should we ensure that under-enrolled courses are canceled (recognizing the need for some exceptions and ensuring freed up faculty time is used productively)?
 - What is your feedback on creating expert business offices and IT support centers across campus and eliminate distributed approaches to these services?
 - Can we create more pro-active advising of students regarding preparatory coursework that would increase SCH's in foundation courses at K-State?
 - Should we downsize university computer labs (in the age of laptops, etc)?
 - If we need to have a university-wide furlough, how should it be implemented?
 - How should the university proceed and what principles should the university employ in its consideration of mergers of academic units?

 - Are there decentralized aspects of the university that could be centralized for an appreciable cost savings? (This discussion flowed naturally from your questions relating to IT--but we thought there might be other areas as well?).
 - If courses or programs at KSU no longer serve a large populations of students or are no longer central to the mission of the university, who will make the decisions to cut programs or cancel classes and who will decide the criteria by which those decisions should be made?
 - What proactive measures might be taken by the faculty to work toward solving the budget problem? How might faculty, staff, and the entire KSU community work toward informing the legislature of the practical realities of such large budget reductions? We have KSU supporters and employees (e.g., County Extension, 4-H) in every county that might be mobilized to inform decision makers.
 - How would a furlough work in practice? What about faculty or staff whose salary was supported by grants? Would faculty be allowed to add the furlough days to their days they might be paid for consulting?

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4. Adjourn

Next meeting:

Summer Meetings?