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KSU Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning
Thursday, March 5, 3:30 pm
Union 205

Present: Behnke, Graham, Bloodgood, Hohn, Collins, Howe, Vontz, Crenshaw, Collins,, McKinney, Wang, Lynn-Sherow,

1. Chair Tom Vontz called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
2. February 5th minutes were approved.
3. Vontz announced that Provost Nellis indicated that he would share ideas and suggestion for cutting the budget after he had the chance to review them with the Deans. Vontz also announced that Dr. Bruce Shubert had responded to FSCOUP's questions about the possible use of furloughs.
4. Vontz introduced Dr. Ron Trewyn to discuss NBAF and its implications for university planning at KSU.
 - The award to KSU of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility is the culmination of years of work and a collaborative effort of organizations – both within and outside of Kansas.
 - The NBAF site is 48 acres. Westar will remain where it is located. The feedmill will be relocated. The possible relocation of the purebred beef unit remains unclear. The KSU Foundation owns 14 acres adjacent to the location and there are 25 additional acres known as the KSU Research Park adjacent to the land. A number of private companies are investigating relocating near the NBAF site.
 - The NBAF site will be federally owned and controlled. Dr. Trewyn was not sure to what extent members of the KSU community would be consulted in design or use of the land.
 - In addition to the federal grant of money, 206 million dollars have been pledged by the state of Kansas and other entities to ensure the successful completion of NBAF facilities at KSU. While much of this money has been designated for “infrastructure development,” Dr. Trewyn was unsure if any of this money could be used for infrastructure outside of the facility itself (e.g., to partially fund a childcare facility).
5. Members discussed Dr. Shubert's response to the committees' questions about the possible use of furloughs. The committee decided to respond to Dr. Shubert in a memo. Vontz and Bloodgood volunteered to draft a memo to Vice President Shubert on behalf o FSCOUP.
6. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2nd at 3:30 in Union 205. NBAF's impact on KSU and planning.