

**MINUTES**  
**KSU Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning**  
**Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm**  
**K-State Union, Room 205**

Present: Graham, Condia, Bloodgood, Hohn, Collins, Valdovinos, Vontz, White

Visitors: Ben Champion

1. Chair Tom Vontz called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.
2. Vontz announced that Appendix B: Financial Exigency would be the subject of the December FSCOUP meeting. Vontz also distributed a memo of the revised FY 2009 and 2010 estimates from the Kansas Legislative Research Department.
3. October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.
4. Vontz welcomed Dr. Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability at KSU:
  - Dr. Champion explained that sustainability was one interconnected topic that rested on three aspects of development: 1) economic; 2) environmental; and 3) social. Sustainability involves systems thinking and careful consideration of the interdependent elements that coexist in making decisions.
  - Statewide Conference on Sustainability to be held at KSU on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The goals of the conference include:
    1. Develop awareness of current K-State efforts in sustainability.
    2. Develop awareness for K-State students, faculty, and staff about the diverse sustainability needs of Kansas stakeholders.
    3. Foster networking, collaboration, and partnerships between K-State students, faculty/staff, and stakeholders in meeting the needs communicated throughout the conference.
    4. Recognize current student and alumni leaders in sustainability.
  - There are some current efforts underway: 1) carpooling program; 2) game day recycling program; 3) bicycle planning; 4) general transportation planning; 5) Westar Energy is interested in donating one of their wind turbines.
  - There are some discussions of a new student privilege fee for sustainability at KSU.
  - Dr. Champion is especially interested in exploring how sustainability might become a natural outgrowth of a land grant institution.
  - President Wefald has authorized the establishment of a Taskforce on Sustainability.
5. Senator Condia suggested that FSCOUP might consider raising the issue of sustainability as a handbook issue. Senator Condia also suggested that Dr. Champion and the Sustainability Office at KSU consider involving the faculty sooner rather than later in the process.
6. Senator Vontz encouraged Dr. Champion to consider consulting with city and/or county officials in planning sustainability efforts at KSU. Vontz also noted that many creative models of university sustainability exist that partner the university and city communities—such as James Madison University and Harrisonburg, VA.
7. Senator Vontz thanked Dr. Champion for attending and suggested that a representative from FSCOUP might be a good candidate to serve on the new Taskforce on Sustainability.
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in Union 205. Topic: Appendix B.