

MINUTES
KSU Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning
Thursday, December 17, 3:30 pm
Union 205

Present: Graham, Keller, Bloodgood, Vontz, Hohn, Honey, Watts, and Cates.

1. Chair Tom Vontz called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
2. The minutes of November 5, 2009 were approved.
3. Vontz welcomed guests Ben Champion (Director of Sustainability), Barbara Anderson, and Bruce Snead (Co-Chairs, Sustainability Taskforce).
 - Champion, Snead, and Anderson provided a summary of the Report of the Taskforce on Sustainability.
 - In addition to discussing the process that guided the committee's efforts, Champion, Anderson, and Snead highlighted the recommendations of the committee:
 - I) Make a University Commitment – Recommendation: Energy Conservation
 - II) Develop a Robust Office of Sustainability to Aid Development of University Efforts
 - III) Enhance Academic Curriculum and Research Efforts Through the Following:
 - Develop Academic Programming.
 - Enhance 1st Year Student Education
 - Create Introductory Course
 - Create Structural Support for Research
 - Incentivize Faculty Participation
 - Consider Need for Shared Resources
 - IV) Enhance Operational Coordination and Effectiveness Through the Following:
 - Evaluate & Implement Sustainability Options for Campus Utilities
 - Enhance Transportation for Campus and Community
 - Expand Scope of Recycling Effort to Comprehensive Waste Management
 - Pursue Best Purchasing Practices for Sustainability
 - Update Campus Master Plan
 - Review and Update Policies and Procedures Manual
 - Develop Sustainability Expertise
 - V) Enhance On Campus Activities Related to Sustainability:
 - Provide Greater Opportunities for Campus Speakers
 - Support Sustainability Conference
 - Encourage Student Led Programs
 - Recognize Excellence
 - VI) Enhance Engagement Coordination Through the Following:
 - Extend the Sustainability Conversation at K State to Other Campuses and Facilities
 - Leverage University Resources
 - Engage Alumni
 - Engage Donors
 - Engage Business Community
 - Engage Sustainability Networks
 - VII) Enhance Student Life Through the Following:
 - Develop Green Employment Resources
 - Develop Student Orientation Programming
 - Develop Prospective Student Recruitment Programming
 - VIII) Foster Sustainability as a K State Community Value

3. Vontz opened the floor for discussion the Sustainability Taskforce Report.
 - Committee members discussed various aspects of the report including the possibility of a minor in sustainability, sustainability efforts in extension, and collaborating with city or state officials in promoting sustainability.
 - Taskforce members recognized that many of their recommendations would require additional funding but also pointed out several ways KSU could improve sustainability without additional funding.
 - Champion noted that one limitation to sustainability efforts at KSU is that the Office of Sustainability is limited to one full-time employee with no budget or support staff.
4. Vontz thanked the taskforce for their report and asked them to consider how FSCOUP or the Faculty Senate might be helpful in promoting sustainability at KSU.
5. Vontz announced that the Budget Office would be distributing their cost/benefit analyses of budget reduction and revenue generation strategies on January 11. Vontz said he would send those analyses out to the committee as soon as he received them for their review. The January meeting will be devoted to discussion of the budget ideas and recommendations to President Schulz.
6. Vontz announced that President Lehew and the Executive Committee proposed that FSCOUP create a new subcommittee, the FSCOUP Subcommittee on Marketing and Communications.
 - The composition and charge of the committee were discussed.
 - The Committee agreed on the following composition and charge:

Composition, Representation, and Membership

This is a subcommittee of FSCOUP and will be composed of one representative from each college, the extension, the library, the general university, diversity, the Division of Continuing Education, and a student representative designated by the chair of the student governing association. Members will be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate or appropriate designee and approved by FSCOUP.

Charge

This committee will serve as a liaison between Vice President for Communication and Marketing and the Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning. The committee will advise the Vice President on matters of marketing and communication and report to FSCOUP about current and proposed marketing and communication initiatives.

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 3:30 in Union 204.
Topic: Budget Recommendations