

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, April 5, 2012, union room 205 at 3:30 pm

Attendance: Blakeslee, Burenheide, Cates, Cauble, Condia, Graham, Honey, Reed, Smith, Spriggs, Soldan

Absent: Carlin, Lynn-Sherow, Suh, Watts

Guests/Visitors: Ben Champion, Katie Kingery-Page, Bruce Shubert, and President Elect Jim Bloodgood

1. Bob Condia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

Condia welcome everyone and introduced President Elect James Bloodgood. Condia spoke a little about Faculty Senate Leadership and its continuity. Condia mentioned an election for FSCOUP chair will take place next meeting and he requested committee members give this some thought. His term is ending on FSCOUP, but he is happy to continue one more term, if the committee so desires.

Bloodgood – Thanked everyone on FSCOUP for their service and noted their service is critical right now in view of K-State 2025 and the Campus Master Plan. His hope is to continue in the pattern of good communication with administration and Faculty Senate.

2. The March 1, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Bruce Shubert, V.P. Admin + Finance: A few minutes to get an overview of the present economic health of the university followed by questions.

Shubert began by making a few comments regarding the Mega Bill – FY13 appropriations. There is no state general fund appropriation increase. He mentioned it will be extremely difficult to increase salaries, etc with no extra core fund. As has been mentioned before, five million in funds was given to Veterinary Medicine. Also, the engineering initiative continues. The fourth year of market adjustments for classified employees is still alive. However, we are still “flat” in the budget, yet we still have to deal with cost increases. Student tuition may be increased. Basic needs will be covered, but nothing additional. Repair and Rehabilitation will increase due to the fact that the Crumbling Classrooms bond is being retired. Shubert reported that KSU is going to lease an apartment complex very near campus to assist with students wanting to live on campus. He also discussed proposals which will be worked on and submitted to the governor for next year’s budget.

Discussion: Basically the budget is flat, but costs are up. Apartment complex – is it independent or more like a residence hall? It will be staffed with university employees and it will be more like a residence hall. This complex will be somewhat like Jardine, but typically for older students, which will free up more rooms for freshman students. It will accommodate 100 or more students. Reed commented three new Jardine buildings will be finished this year and that will assist with housing needs as well. It was noted a lot of construction is going on in that part of campus, such as the recreation complex, roadways in Jardine, etc. Conversation continued. Tuition fees, DCE fees, and other topics were touched on and how these affect the budget.

How do we assist with the budget issues? Shubert recommends that we keep telling our story as much as possible. It is important to note we are an investment, not a cost. K-State is in every county in Kansas and assists in real, practical ways for Kansas citizens. There is at least a possibility to have an influx of funds for future years, which will aid greatly.

4. Bonnie Lynn-Sherow + Ben Champion on a second iteration and discussion of a KSU Sustainability Vision
Condia welcomed Ben Champion back. Champion provided some language to ponder on regarding possible sustainability vision statement. Champion, along with Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, would like to have input from

the committee and also ask members to take these possibilities back to colleagues and get further feedback before pressing forward. Some discussion took place regarding the House Resolution No. 6018 and the challenge that presents. Discussion ensued. We want to, as a university, be a leader. What language is there in the 2025 plan? We should work in coordination with this. Where do we go from here? We want to be prepared for the changes in the near future and engage communities in changes they may face. Square one is having a definition for sustainability at K-State. What does it mean to us? Has to do with culture – must fit with it, not try and replace it. But it does need to grow with the changes. Again, a committee member mentioned that Lynn Carlin noted at the last meeting that having a common theme element committee formed regarding this would seem prudent. Perhaps having the chair of FSCOUP draft a memo to the Provost to move up the time frame to have this particular committee begin its work earlier would be appropriate. Again it was mentioned that the Sustainability report that was done a few years ago could provide a basis.

After continued discussion, it is realized this is not an easy topic, but needs to be addressed seriously, with tact and finesse. These issues can be politically charged so it is wise to give them forethought. Condia will, on behalf of FSCOUP, request the Provost to move to initiate this committee sooner rather than later.

There needs to be a positive way of doing this. For true conformation with 2025, a bigger group than just us needs to be involved; to have buy-in, which is critical. Condia will inform members of the Provost response when he receives it, hopefully by next meeting.

5. Brief report on the Master Plan Update and the question of Implementation (See: <http://www.k-state.edu/masterplan/> and survey at <http://www.k-state-masterplan2012.com/>)

Condia announced that Ayers Saint Gross will be back next month. On May 3 two open forums will take place. The first one from 1:30-2:30 pm and the second is from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Little Theatre. Condia noted the next round is most important as they will bring ideas to these forums. Please encourage your colleagues to attend. Kevin King, and other involved in this master plan, will be invited to attend the next FSCOUP meeting.

Condia also gave the run-down of vehicle traffic on certain roads such as Manhattan Ave, Claflin, and Denison Ave. Ayers Saint Gross has collected a lot of data to provide.

6. Thoughts on Senate and FSCOUP Leadership. (7.5 minutes)
This topic was discussed at beginning of meeting.

7. Any Other Business – New or Old? (as required) No new or old business discussed.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2012, union room 205 at 3:30 pm

Guests: Kevin King, Bynum Walter, and Melanie Klein regarding Campus Master Plan