

**MINUTES**  
**FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING**

Thursday afternoon, April 4, 2013, union room 204 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson, Brad Burenheide, Bob Condia (chair), John Devore, Steven Graham, Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Jeff Morris, Heather Reed, Drew Smith, Nate Spriggs, Esther Swilley, and Tom Vontz

Visitor: Eli Schooley

Absent: Karen Blakeslee, Lynn Carlin, Diana Farmer, and Mark Weiss

1. Bob Condia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. Condia mentioned chair elections will take place at the May meeting.
2. The March 7, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Discussion on the KSU Student Union's Master Plan implementation with Nate Spriggs.  
Spriggs shared some of the history of how the need for a master plan came about. A space study of the Union was done approximately two years ago when the new director was welcomed to the K-State Student Union. Also, a survey was completed and some of the common themes to be addressed with planning were the following: more comfortable areas; more hangout and study space; new entrance from visitor center; better connection to Bosco Student Plaza; better dining options; and more natural light, along with a couple other themes. This year Ayers Saint Gross made many visits to the union and assisted in creating a master plan. Spriggs took us through a slide presentation showing possible remodel schemes outlined by Ayers Saint Gross. He discussed a variety of changes that could take place such as moving elevators to make them more visible, as well as some restrooms, adding additional space to the east side of the building, having more restaurant-style seating areas, instead of the current cafeteria style, and many more changes. All of these are only proposed changes at this time. Student approval will be needed first. Committee members briefly discussed sustainability aspects with changes proposed. There's a possibility of having "flex" space so that some spaces could be reserved for a particular use during the day and then be used for something else at night. One committee member mentioned the lack of stations for nursing mothers; perhaps this could be addressed while continuing decisions with the Union space. There will be more opportunity for retail space and discussion is taking place even now with some companies who may be interested. It is hoped the future proposed changes to the Union will infuse energy and creativity to make the Union thrive instead of just getting by. Spriggs commended current management for being willing to make necessary changes for the good of the students and the building. Hotel space was discussed, but not included in any proposed revisions. Spriggs outlined how the fees for a remodel would be paid for by students. They would use bonds and by initiating these changes now rather than later there could also be great savings with regard to interest rates. Committee members thanked Spriggs for the presentation and expressed their hope the proposal is approved by students.
4. University Club Survey Instrument - All  
Condia began the discussion of the questions for the survey to go out to faculty and staff. Swilley reported she found another peer university who is inquiring about the same kind of topic. She brought forward a possible survey that could be sent out very soon and perhaps individuals could be given three weeks to respond and FSCOU could review the responses at the next meeting. Members felt having this kind of space be a part of K-State's future would truly be a great recruiting and retention tool. Some members described other faculty clubs they have been to and their details. It was suggested there could be a possibility of even making money

on a proposed space, such as renting it out for a wedding reception or other event. How do you market this? It was noted there needs to be a clear definition for what this will be, who is it being sold to, and the like. Once that is attained, you can move forward. Committee members shared ideas about whether this would be better on or off campus. Perhaps piggy-backing on newer spaces already being built or proposed would be possible, such as Snyder family stadium construction going on, or another space such as that. Having something off campus would have its advantages.

Committee members were in favor of using the proposed survey from Swilley and getting it out via *K-State Today* to have faculty and staff respond. A link will be given to the survey, along with a brief introduction stating the details of why the survey has been created. It will need to be clear to faculty they can have ownership of this. This item will be on the next meeting's agenda.

5. Report of the 2025 Task Force for the Common Theme of Sustainability: to be delayed until August? Condia reported on behalf of Lynn Carlin, who was not in attendance. The request for nominations to the Sustainability Task Force will be sent out by the end of next week with committee work expected to begin first thing in the fall. Two members will be requested from FSCOUP. Committee members voiced some disappointment in the delay, but are definitely supportive of this getting started and moving forward.

5. New Business – (as required)

Chair elections for FSCOUP will take place at the May meeting.

Committee members were in favor of either having several local politicians attend the next meeting if it works out or having Cindy Bontrager attend to give an update on the state of the budget.

Vontz spoke to the benefits of being the chair of this committee and how it aids all of Faculty Senate. He gave a few examples of how FSCOUP has been vital in senate work such as 2025 committees, budget issues, and the KSU Master Plan.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

*Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2013, Union room 205 at 3:30 pm.*