

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Thursday afternoon, September 6, 2012, union room 205 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson, Karen Blakeslee, Brad Burenheide, Bob Condia (chair), John Devore, Diana Farmer, Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Drew Smith, and Jaebeom Suh

Absent: Lynn Carlin, Steven Graham, Heather Reed, Nate Spriggs, Tom Vontz, and Mark Weiss

Visitors: Ben Champion, Bruce Shubert

1. Bob Condia, Chair, called the meeting to order 3:32
2. The May 3, 2012 minutes were approved. One typo was corrected.
3. Discussion with Dr. Bruce Shubert, K-State's vice president for administration and finance on KSU's Budget; University Facilities; and the updated Master Plan's administration. Condia thanked Shubert for visiting the committee. Introductions were made.

Budget

Shubert reported on the budget. This year, starting July 1, additional state resources were provided, however, only for targeted purposes. There was 5 million provided for Veterinary Medicine for Animal Health research and the Engineering Initiative provides 3.5 million in funding for the next ten years for Engineering. Centrally, the budget is still flat. Over time, due to a number of reasons, the university has decreased in "real" money by several million dollars. After discussion with student leadership and administration, tuition has been raised 5.5 percent on Manhattan and Salina campuses. Shubert also discussed various college specific fees that were proposed. For some colleges, this works well but not for all. For some colleges, instead of the course specific fees being granted, the funding will be provided by a lump sum on a yearly basis depending on the need. There have been significant increases in the cost of health care as well as retirement. Budget challenges include supporting research and extension as well, that span across five colleges for our university.

Shubert pointed out that fiscal year 2014 requests are due by the BoR from our budget office by September 15. It is basically a report of expenditures and future needs outlined. The Board then submits the system-wide requests the following week to the state legislature. Targeted requests were submitted for APD, Ag research, and a research synergy center. Then in mid-November the state's budget office will come out with recommendations. In January the governor's budget is presented. As most realize, the budget situation is still a challenge and we'll have the same challenges as we've had in the past.

The best news so far is for the 2014 fiscal year, there is projected to be no health care increase. This will help due to the fact there have been increases for the past several years.

Facilities

Shubert provided an overview for new members of what University Facilities does and their responsibilities. He feels reasonable progress has been made on the most pressing systems over the past few years. This was in part due to stimulus funds and some deferred maintenance funds

provided. This year we have ten million dollars, where in the past there have been four million. There are main repairs that need done, such as replacing old piping, etc. A year ago last spring, the challenge was to replace the chiller and valves going into buildings. As a nice side point, Lynn-Sherow mentioned that K-State won the Energy Challenge last year between K-State and KU.

The Rec Center expansion is moving along. A new feed mill is being constructed. The Justin Hall addition is completed and the dedication will be tomorrow afternoon. East memorial stadium welcome center is being privately funded. A little work is still needed behind Seaton Court.

Energy meters were installed last year in order to identify opportunities where improvements could be made. Other items of note were mentioned. Printing services has moved. Some library archives will eventually be moved to KU instead of being at foundation. Roof work is being done on Anderson Hall. It was asked if any new buildings are in discussion.

Anderson commented that it is critical to have someone in our planning office who is an expert on historic preservation for the buildings. Lynn-Sherow also spoke to this by encouraging K-State to be proactive in taking advantage of grants that are specifically used in the preservation of historic buildings for public use. One she mentioned is the Heritage Trust Fund. Smith looked up later that it provides approximately \$90,000 per project. Anderson and Lynn-Sherow also commented that State Tax Credits can be used for such projects as repairing roofs. However, application has to be made prior to the project being completed, not as an afterthought.

Master plan administration

Shubert commented that the administration of engaging the campus in this process has been important. This has helped identify many opportunities. The Advisory Committee on Campus Development and Planning, or such a group like that, can provide future guidance for this Master Plan. Ayers Saint Gross will be back in October. Once a master plan is accepted, the President will present it to the Board of Regents. Some very useful graphics and ways people can access this plan will make it more user friendly. Shubert stated that if FSCOUP would like to make suggestions to the committee composition, feel free to let him know.

4. Carlin + Condia – a brief report on the forming of a 2025 Task Force for the Common Theme of Sustainability and the KSU Sustainability Conference.

Carlin was unavailable to attend this afternoon. Condia reminded committee members that at the end of last year FSCOUP requested of the Provost that the Sustainability theme committee be considered next. Carlin, Champion, and Condia have discussed timing and composition with the Provost. This will take place in January. The Master Plan will be available at that time so it will be an aid to the committee. This theme committee will also involve other aspects than just building sustainability. Lynn-Sherow mentioned the vision statement for sustainability that FSCOUP had begun and wondered if it still needed to be worked on, or whether the goal of having the theme committee formed fulfilled its purpose. Champion recalled that when FSCOUP was working towards that last spring, members agreed it was a lot more involved and that the theme committee could move this forward.

5. Discussion and nominations for City \ University Special Projects fund committee

Condia mentioned that nominations for this committee are needed. Three nominations will need to be forwarded and then one faculty member will be selected by the city. It was also recommended that

whoever is selected for this committee should have more contact and conversation with SGA's committee since they work on recommendations for projects earlier in the year. It was agreed that Bob Condia, Tom Vontz, and Ben Champion will be put forward as recommendations.

6. New Business – Faculty Salaries Special session 14 May and follow-up (as required)
Condia reported the president just announced he is hopeful a pool for merit increase could be awarded in the near future. Condia reminded members of the special session in May this year. President Schulz will attend the senate meeting on September 11 to discuss a differing set of benchmarks than what senate passed. It is good that this topic has been raised. However, as Lynn-Sherow commented, 11 million dollars would basically be needed in order to put faculty salaries to the middle. Compression was discussed and the fact this is more of a problem in some colleges; also not reaching 2025 because we don't or won't have those with national recognition here to aid in reaching that goal. Discussion ensued.
7. Report on the Campus Master Plan Update - Condia
Condia reported the Ayers Saint Gross group will be back in October. He would like to see a session devoted to having faculty senators participate. He commented this is the design process stage and will be an important time to respond.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2012, union room 205 at 3:30 pm: