

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

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

Attending: Barbara Anderson, Brad Burenheide, Bob Condia (chair), John Devore, Diana Farmer, Heather Reed, Drew Smith, Nate Spriggs, Jaebeom Suh

Absent: Karen Blakeslee, Lynn Carlin, Steven Graham, Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Tom Vontz, and Mark Weiss

Visitor: Dr. Sue Peterson

1. Bob Condia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
2. The September 6, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Discussion with Dr. Sue K. Peterson, K-State's Director of Governmental Relations on the present political climate; among other topics of community interest (55.3 minutes)

Condia welcomed Dr. Peterson to the meeting. Peterson discussed what the environment will be starting in January. Obviously, it's an election year; however, more of an intimate concern for us now is that senate members and members of the house are being elected. Here are a few stats: There are almost 80 members in the House now who have served two years or fewer; those seats are only two-year terms. A few items to keep a watch on will be tax cuts; how the income tax change will affect higher education; and the sales tax. Much conversation is taking place about the last item. We will have a conservative house and senate now. It has been said the governor is not going to reduce higher Ed spending; however, it is difficult to see how this will be the case. Peterson keeps tuned in to what is going on and will keep the university community informed. The leadership of the legislature will be all new; this includes a new speaker and a new president. A committee member inquired if the Board of Regents has a program or process for educating all these new members? Yes, they try and meet these individuals ahead of time. It was also commented that many legislators do not have a higher Ed background and this at times can make it difficult for them to understand the problems that higher Ed encounters. It is important to keep telling our story to legislators. For example, enrollment has gone up again and why is that? It's because K-State is a great place to come and many recognize this. Other institutions have not had the same success in recent years. Peterson encouraged members to continue thinking about what messages should be used and shared when there are opportunities to interact with legislators. Anderson asked about KU's "foundational" faculty and how they commented that this would help them hire exceptional scholars. Peterson briefly discussed how this came about. Condia commented on the Economic Impact Report, which was done in the early 90s. Should something of this nature be done again? It was agreed you would have to be careful how this is done, if it is done. Condia asked what the President's message is to share with the Senate. Obviously, as he has made known, K-State can't go about business in the same manner as it has in the past. Discussion continued regarding our message as an institution. Peterson raised the question in view of the conversation: What things should we *want* to do, *ask* to do, or go ahead and just *do*? She is happy to share with legislators what we feel important. There are nine Regents; three terms will expire this summer. It is important to understand what we want as a university and determine how they can help assist in shaping that future. Using the process is good because the process is known, however you can *insert* yourself in the system even though it is more difficult. This brought up the Engineering proposal, which didn't come from the governor, it came from legislators. However, the governor signed off on it and it moved forward.

Peterson reported that on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the Alumni Center, Pizza and Politics will be taking place. She invited members to attend if available. She also announced that the Cats in the Capitol event will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. It would be wonderful to have up to seventy-five people assist with this event. Condia concluded and thanked Peterson for visiting.

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 (15 minutes or less). In Carlin's absence Condia reminded members that this task force will begin its work in January.
5. Discussion on Appendix 'N' regarding Human Ecology + Kinesiology – Anderson + Lynn-Sherow.
Condia reviewed Appendix N with committee members and reminded them that FSCOUP is involved when departments in two different colleges work to reorganize departments. This past spring semester Arts and Sciences and Human Ecology discussed moving Kinesiology from Arts and Sciences to Human Ecology. A member of FSCOUP was in attendance at the meetings where this proposed move was discussed. Bonnie Lynn-Sherow was in attendance at the Arts and Sciences meeting and Barbara Anderson was in the attendance at the Human Ecology meeting. These kinds of moves happen very infrequently. Each department and college seems happy with the proposed move. The move has not taken place yet. FSCOUP members agreed this does not need further attention from this committee, but will continue to observe and respond if required.
6. Report on the Campus Master Plan Update: date changes – Condia
A move in dates took place and Ayers Saint Gross will now be visiting campus on November 5, 6, and 7. More concrete times and places will be announced closer to the visit. This is the design phase visit; therefore, they will be bringing forward what they believe should happen for this campus. Condia strongly encouraged committee members to attend one of these sessions. It will be important to have representation and get the word out. As a side note, Smith commented that with a new dean in Salina they're being given the opportunity to review their campus master plan.
7. New Business –
City/University Fund ideas – Nate Spriggs
Spriggs commented on a few student project proposals. This year they would like to continue financing the project on 17th street, south side, by the union parking garage. They'd like to extend the turning lane an entire block. This is by Houlihans restaurant and the gas station. Also, on Bluemont Street there is a need to extend a median near an Aggieville entrance. He also mentioned several other projects that have been or are being worked on that were pushed by students or by the city such as the Turf and Track work, beautification of Aggieville business district, and the visitor center near I-70. Spriggs gave a basic rundown of how the process works and what flow the proposals go through. Condia commented that better organization is needed so that the FS rep can be more involved prior to the voting stage. Spriggs mentioned having a partnership between FSCOUP and SGA so that better communication can take place. Spriggs will visit with the chair of the student committee that works with these proposals about having better communication with FSCOUP early on in the planning stage.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2012, union room 205 at 3:30 pm
Guest anticipated: Ruth Dyer on Master Plan Update