

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Thursday afternoon, February 6, 2014, Student Union room 205 at 2:00 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson (chair), Jim Bloodgood, Jason Brody, Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin, Joel DeRouchey, Diana Farmer, Steven Graham, Heather Reed, Eli Schooley, Drew Smith, and Mark Weiss

1. Barbara Anderson, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03
2. The December 5, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. New Business: Discussion based on informal fiscal information collected by FS caucus chairs.

Anderson believed it would be wise to review information the FS Executive committee members had internally discussed about the impact which occurred due to the budget reallocations last year. Part of reallocations also included salary increases for faculty and unclassified professionals. This information was not for public distribution.

Anderson reminded members what the charge of FSCOUP includes. It is important to be familiar with the University Handbook in order to assist in explanation of the process of financial exigency if it were to ever occur. We believe we are nowhere near exigency in our current budget situation. Carlin relayed information regarding how the University Budget Committee is working to address the budget in a strategic manner. There have been three meetings so far and they have been quite educational, but all realize this will be quite a process since it is believed this is the first time the entire budget has been reviewed for input by a diverse working group of campus constituents.

4. Discuss supporting information relative to the FSCOUP charge and the committee's role when financial exigency is declared.

Again, because FSCOUP is the committee the President would work with if Financial Exigency were ever declared, it is important to know the process. It is important to be a voice of reason and have a clear understanding of this process. Committee members took time to discuss Appendix B of the University Handbook. The purpose of the process is to keep matters fair and balanced. Committee members discussed what kind of balance that would include: people, dollars, basic function of a program, etc. It involves the impact to the function of the University. Members discussed the CCOP (college committee on planning) and the DCOP (department (or "other unit") committee on planning) and their roles. It was discussed that multiple actions would be taken prior to financial exigency ever being declared. Even though we are nowhere near this stage, it is important to be informed so that we can provide answers or direct people to the University Handbook for answers to their questions.

It is apparent that our funding models are changing, however, clearer dialogue needs to take place so persons are educated about the differing models. Funding comes from a variety of avenues: state; federal; tuition; grants; contracts; gifts; etc.

It was commented in part that making decisions under stress is a not a meaningful process. Being reactive rather strategic is not the best practice.

It was briefly discussed how many colleges' DCOP meet regularly. Most convene only when called upon to do so. University Libraries handles matters differently and meets frequently. Due to financial implications of any decisions made in the Library it behooves them to meet more frequently.

Anderson spoke briefly about Corporate Engagement and how that impacts the University.

For future meetings: Members discussed future meeting topics and visitors. Having the K-State 2025 sustainability planning committee update would be wise. Anderson also inquired whether the committee would be interested in having a report on domestic and sexual violence on and near campus. The capital improvements project plan was mentioned. How does FSCOUP fit within this structure? Perhaps dialogue with Associate VP Swanson about this would be beneficial. And in May we will have a budget update, as is usual for that meeting. Also, nominations will be made for the city/university fund committee during that month so this individual can be informed early on and participate as well with the Student Senate committee that puts forward recommendations for use of funds.

Another topic was mentioned: Since buildings are getting funded in a variety of methods how does FSCOUP give input or get informed about these kinds of projects. Lengthy conversation ensued.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2014; 3:30 pm; Union room 205. Anderson will not be present at the March meeting and will inquire about a member to chair the meeting. *Update: Jim Sherow has agreed to serve as substitute chair for this meeting.*