

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Student Union room 205 at 3:30 pm

Attending: Barbara Anderson (chair), Jim Bloodgood, Brad Burenheide, Joel DeRouchey, Diana Farmer, Steven Graham, Eli Schooley, Jim Sherow, and Drew Smith
Absent: Jason Brody, Lynn Carlin, John Devore, Heather Reed, and Mark Weiss
Proxies: Valerie Evans for Chairat Chuwanganant
Visitors: Reagan Kays, Ben Champion, Melody LeHew

1. Barbara Anderson, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The March 6, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. New Business
 - A. Discuss selection of City/University Fund representative for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 year.

Members began a discussion about this committee and there was consensus that some frustration exists. There is a need to be more proactive about involvement in the beginning stages. It was determined FSCOUP needs to work with whoever is appointed to be certain there is input in the process. Three faculty members need to be identified. As a side note, it was requested for Anderson to contact the president and VPAF to alert them that none of FSCOUP's recommendations were included in the university proposal for use of the funds. Anderson will follow up with VPAF and/or President regarding FSCOUP's concerns about their recommendations regarding the Marlatt property and campus rainwater management not being included in the final docket to be voted on by the city.

Please send names to Faculty Senate office within two weeks. If you are nominating someone, please confirm with them first to assure they are willing to serve.

Steven Graham volunteered to be one of the nominees. Two additional faculty are needed.
 - B. Discuss terms and election of FSCOUP Chair for 2014/2015 academic year.

Not all members were aware if they were continuing on at this point. Graham will be going off, Sherow will be going off.

Conversation regarding chair for next year took place. After discussion, Smith moved to nominate Anderson to continue as chair for an additional year; Burenheide seconded. Sherow moved to close nominations. Anderson was unanimously elected as the 2014-2015 chair.

C. Presentation of draft K-State 2025 Sustainability Strategic Plan, Ben Champion – Director of Sustainability and Melody LeHew

A presentation was made to the Council of Deans in February regarding the draft proposal. Champion discussed the common themes of the K-State 2025 plan. One of these was sustainability. A committee was formed in September and had representation from across campus; the committee built on the work which was done in 2009 by a sustainability task force. A recommended strategic plan was organized by the committee. They initially discussed overarching ideas and then created working groups within the committee. They then pulled it all together into a final draft, which tentatively will be presented to the university community on April 7 and will be posted for comment for one month. After review of feedback, a final version will be released.

Champion went through the basics of the draft proposal. He began by discussing the framework: STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System) a program by AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) was used. It is relatively generic and some items are not customized to our needs. There is a 300 page technical manual for the application of the rating system that discusses every individual point item.

The three working groups of the committee were academics, engagement, and operations. Once they came up with reasonable activities and associated outcomes associated, they came together and identified what administrative support would be necessary to meet those outcomes.

Champion went through the meaning and importance of Sustainability as defined in the report. The overarching goal is that sustainability will be a core commitment and that full engagement will be demonstrated by the university in these issues. There should be committed and visible efforts to have best practices that reflect good decision making.

It's not enough to inform students, we must educate them to be conscious of sustainable practices and to be good leaders in this area. There is a hope to create a Center for the Advancement of Sustainability Knowledge (CASK).

With regard to STARS, it was asked whether we will be a reporting institution or are we wanting to be scored? Getting scored would be ideal, however, the challenge is having personnel to put together the multitude of reports necessary to do so.

FSCOUP members discussed some barriers and commented it may be appropriate to put these in the report.

Various aspects of sustainability were discussed; how certain things done on and around campus could easily be identified as sustainability practices, but are not identified as such. It is important to think broadly and include other public institutions along with the university. Perhaps some restructuring needs to take place. For example, should there be a *transportation* department and not just a parking services department in order to plan for future

needs? There are many pieces missing and this is just the initial stage of the strategic planning.

FSCOUP commended Champion for his work to date since coming to the university. It is notable that more people discuss sustainable action. Champion announced he has taken a position in Arizona and therefore, this will represent a turnover in leadership for this area.

Proposed plan should have buy in from FSCOUP and perhaps Faculty Senate. LeHew requested when making comments on the draft plan that will be released; it is important to have *all* comments, both positive encouragement for enactment of the plan and constructive criticism.

Anderson discussed having a resolution prepared for a senate meeting once the final version of the K-State 2025 Sustainability report is released.

LeHew and Champion believe they can have a draft report to FSCOUP by May 1 regarding the role of the Director of Sustainability and the import of having that position continue.

Sherow proposed putting together a resolution from FSCOUP to thank Ben Champion for his work at K-State and the efforts of drawing positive attention to sustainability. It was discussed this could be done and reviewed electronically prior to the May Faculty Senate meeting. Champion thanked all for their support and offered to continue to be a resource for future conversations.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2014; 3:30 pm; Union room 205

Meeting topics: Receive Legislative and FY 15 Budget Reports (May 15); University Aviation Transportation program