

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, September 4, 2014
Student Union room 204 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson (chair), Jason Brody, Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), John Devore, Scott Finkeldei for Heather Reed, Gloria Holcombe, Julia Keen, Drew Smith, Mark Weiss, and Spencer Wood

Absent: Brad Burenheide, Joel DeRouchey, Diana Farmer, Reagan Kays

1. Barbara Anderson, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. The May 15, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
 - A. Funding proposal for City/University Fund Committee (30 minutes)
 - **These were the things we recommended last year:**
 - a) Support for a comprehensive approach to pedestrian safety, including crosswalks and management of vehicular traffic, for Denison Avenue between College Heights and Claflin Road and Kimball Avenue between Denison Avenue and College Avenue.
 - b) Support for advancement in the effort to manage rainwater on campus, particularly focused on the Campus Creek Basin. See the Stormwater System component of the 2025 Kansas State University Master Plan Update at this URL: http://www.k-state.edu/planning/master_plans/2025_plan/Stormwater%20Master%20Plan%20-%20Report.pdf
 - c) Support for installation of permeable pavement for the City Park parking lot at North Manhattan and Fremont Street.
 - d) Support for campus tree maintenance including planting new trees.
 - e) Support for hiring appropriately qualified professionals to conduct thorough studies and make recommendations for treatment that meets the professional standards of care for historical buildings for the historic Marlatt Barn located south of the Tointon Family Stadium.
 - **See the attached minutes of the April meeting of the City/University Fund Committee for the list of projects recommended. You can go to this website to see all of the minutes of meetings of the committee:**
<http://www.cityofmhk.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=64>

Anderson reported that three faculty nominations were made by FSCOUP for the City/University Special Projects Fund committee: Steven Graham, Ann Knackendoffel, and Joel DeRouchey. The city has not yet selected a faculty member for the committee. Discussion surrounded the history of faculty and student involvement on this committee and how much input is given by faculty prior to the University recommendations going forward for approval by the committee. Last year when we inquired as to why the faculty recommendations, which were not also on the SGA list, were not included in the university's recommendations, we were told it was because there were no cost estimates provided with the faculty-recommended projects. We speculated that the cost estimates provided for the other recommendations must have been prepared by the office of Campus Planning and Facilities Management. We discussed how to get included

in the process of idea generation and prioritization earlier so that both our ideas and priorities for projects would be considered and so that the university would develop the cost estimates for faculty proposals. The consensus was faculty want input on what is proposed; however, there seems to be a lot of disconnect. ACTION: Anderson will bring this forward to the joint leadership meeting with Student Senate next week, as was discussed at the May 15 meeting. She will also put it on the agenda to discuss with the president and provost at the meeting on September 11th. Anderson thanked all for their input.

4. New Business (30 minutes)

A. North Campus Corridor Master Plan Project update

Anderson shared that interviews with the short-listed consultants will be on September 11 beginning at 8:30 am and will go all day with breaks in between. This piece of information will be released in K-State Today very soon. The four finalists being interviewed are Broaddus Planning, Cannon Design, Stantec Architecture, and Perkins & Will. All are very experienced. The scope of work is to pull together all of the planning that has been done and will be done in the north part of campus. Partners in the project include The University, City of Manhattan, KSU Foundation, Athletics, Vet Med, housing and dining, rec complex, NBAF/BRI, and Agriculture. Issues on north campus include: too many curb cuts and not aligned curb cuts being proposed along Kimball, utilities that need to be integrated, the desire to bury overhead wires, etc. These contributors have agreed they need to work together and come up with a useable plan. There was discussion about getting people from the research park into campus via vehicle since there is only one way in and out right now. The cattle crossing on Kimball Ave. will be taken away and eventually Kimball will be widened. Anderson encouraged members to attend the interviews to get a better understanding of the consultants and their proposals for providing the planning service. The planning work will be done during this academic year and will be completed by the end of summer 2015.

B. Capital Improvements Request Process update

This has been postponed until the next meeting.

C. Agenda items for coming year

FSCOUP' focus can be administrative, physical planning, as well as other sorts of planning. In December FSCOUP usually discusses what to expect in the upcoming legislative session with Sue Peterson. Then near the end of the school year we talk about the next year's budget. The students will come to the October meeting to discuss the Medical Amnesty Policy being proposed. Anderson encouraged members to review the information found at the link below in order to be prepared for the next meeting and their visit. Many other universities have such policies, including KU.

Anderson asked what committee members would like to discuss at meetings in the coming year:

- i. Tuition waivers for graduate research assistants was requested to be discussed. This is a way to make us more competitive in attracting graduate students and will help us achieve the goals of K-State 2025.
- ii. Salaries should be discussed because we are nearing the end of implementation of the 3-year plan and need to plan for the next steps. The University Budget committee is also discussing this issue and is examining issues related to all salaries, not just faculty, but also of professional staff and university support staff. The issue is best defined as one related to all campus salaries. Carlin mentioned with regard to the three-year plan the first year has been completed and there is still FY15 and FY16. Two years are left on this plan, but strategizing for the next set of compensation plans needs to begin now in order to have the budget planning done in time for implementation.

- iii. Could possibly review the collection of 2025 plans to date. Could FSCOUP provide a viewpoint on these collectively? It would be quite a bit of work. It may not be appropriate for this year, but could be for next year.
- iv. Central data acquisition and management will be a topic for discussion that will better assist in defining and tracking goals and accomplishments for K-State 2025.
- v. Having the VP of Human Capital visit was discussed. Members discussed the various new titles and job positions as being part of the restructuring. She however has a role in compensation decisions and that may be the most important thing to have her discuss with FSCOUP.
- vi. There were several projects discussed including the new chiller plant, visitor center, business building, and use of spaces that will be vacated when the College of Business moves out of Calvin Hall and the Foundation moves out of their building, etc. We also discussed room scheduling and the issue of if we really have a space shortage or if we are just not scheduling classes in rooms efficiently. The idea of ownership of a room by departments was discussed. What is our university needing as we look to the future? Can we identify the obstacles to circumvent push back? One comment was that a department may spend a good chunk of funds to update a room and then they don't want others to potentially cause damage to it. Discussion ensued. It isn't just space problems, it's that students don't want to attend class at inconvenient times and faculty do not want to teach at those times either. This culture needs to shift if we are going to be able to use our current classrooms more of each day. Spending money on buildings we do not need means we do not have as much money for salaries and other important things. It was decided we should invite Ryan Swanson to come back and update the committee on upcoming projects, the space reallocations process, and room scheduling.

5. Other Issues

- A. Budget/Salary issues were discussed in depth and where we are relative to peers and the proposed salary increases for faculty in tenure track and tenured positions.
- B. College/Department plans - Carlin wanted to note that three colleges, independently, brought forward revisions to their college and department plans to make sure they are keeping pace with changes. Some colleges believe it is worth their investment of time as they see fundraising taking place. The conversation moved to data being retained and not being able to track certain data. Anderson will take this item for discussion between the FSLC and the president and provost. Data acquisition is a planning discussion that we should consider.

6. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2014; 3:30 pm; Union room 204

Action item: Discuss SGA's proposed Lifeline 911 (Medical Amnesty) Policy. See this website by Students for Sensible Drug Policy for general information about policies such as the one they are proposing <http://ssdp.org/campaigns/call-911-good-samaritan-policies/>