

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, February 4, 2016; 2:00 pm
Union Konza room

Present: Barbara Anderson, Tori Culbertson, Gloria Holcombe, Byron Jones, Tim Keane, Laurel Littrell, Heather Reed, Dave Rintoul, Drew Smith, and Spencer Wood (Chair)

Absent: Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), Andy Hurtig, and Mark Weiss

Proxies: Stu Duncan

1. Spencer Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. The January 7, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
 - A. Follow up on Campus Safety – Cindy Bontrager and Ronnie Grice
 - Weapons on Campus
 - General Campus Safety

Chair Wood reminded committee members and guests of FSCOU's previous conversations regarding these topics. We have invited Cindy Bontrager and Ronnie Grice here to converse further about both the future of weapons on campus as well as a general safety audit of the campus. The overall safety of the campus was touched on first. Locker rooms and other areas at Ahearn were mentioned as a concern to some. Making those who visit feel secure is important. Grice reported on a group who meet monthly, called the Ahearn Group, to discuss any issues or concerns that may arise about Ahearn. He also spoke about the security measures currently in place for that building. Ahearn is used by not only those on campus, but the general public as well. Other buildings were discussed such as the Library and All Faiths Chapel. There was conversation about having cameras at entrances. However, you have to be careful about what are common areas versus private areas of a building. Cameras have been utilized more in the past few years, mainly as a deterrent to crime. However, having the camera present typically causes individuals to think twice about their actions. The challenges related to footage from the cameras was a topic of conversation as well. Cost was mentioned as well as who monitors the footage. Grice referred further questions regarding this matter to Major Don Stubbings. He suggested having him at a future meeting if there is a desire. Wood inquired if in the future there should be or could be a more consistent policy across campus. Right now there are basically guidelines given about what kind of equipment should be purchased which will be compatible with what is already being used at the university. Further conversation took place about the number of buildings and entrances there are on campus, also being proactive rather than reactive regarding the need for security. Many times equipment and other precautions are taken *after* an incident occurs.

Bontrager reported that they are currently working to make sure older equipment is being replaced with new equipment. However, much is handled by department rather than centrally. Standard process now is to have security measures as new building projects start. In view of the changes that will be occurring in the next few years, it seems prudent to put together a possible plan for more security such as cameras on pathways, building entrances, and other standard areas. Wood thanked Bontrager and Grice for attending. He offered the services of FSCOUP in the future while strategic planning continues.

Conversation moved to receiving an update regarding weapons on campus. Bontrager updated members that the Kansas Board of Regents did pass their policy. Now each of the Regents institutions have been charged to craft their own policies that will comply with the overall policy. These will be due by October. Therefore, as Bontrager had mentioned previously, our university is now in the process of getting volunteers for five subgroups related to academics, general services, research, special events, and student life. These groups will begin work near the end of February. Their goal is for discussion and open forums to take place between now and April so drafts can be submitted in May and over the summer will be reviewed and further vetted to have a final version to submit before October. Legal counsel will be involved as well because of the legal questions that are being raised.

Grice was asked for an update regarding his feedback from other institutions on their experiences when instituting concealed carry. No true comparison can be made because the other institutions are in states where training is required to get a license. Kansas does not require that now. Discussion ensued. The University of Texas weapons policy is on line; Grice encouraged committee members to review it as they are looking to it as a model.

Another topic Bontrager wanted to mention was parking; in relation to a transportation system on campus. She would like to know what kind of role this committee would like to take as this moves forward. This falls in line with this committee's role with university planning. Members requested Bontrager come again in March to discuss this as an agenda item. Anderson strongly encouraged that in preparation for next month's meeting members review the transportation plan study on Facilities website: <http://www.k-state.edu/facilities/>. Discussion ensued about what sections of road will be closing during this semester.

B. City/University Funds – Representative for city committee appointed

Wood announced that Gloria Holcombe has been selected by the City to serve on their committee this year. Wood reminded members to begin thinking of ideas for next year's recommendations. Sidewalk on Platt was recommended; it has become dangerous.

4. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 3; 2:00 pm; Union room 205