

**MINUTES**  
**FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2015; 2:00 pm**  
**Union Konza room**

Present: Barbara Anderson, Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), Stu Duncan, Gloria Holcombe, Andy Hurtig, Byron Jones, Laurel Littrell, Dave Rintoul, Drew Smith, and Spencer Wood (Chair)

Guests: Cindy Bontrager, Ronnie Grice, Sue Peterson

1. Spencer Wood, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

2. The November 5, 2015 minutes were approved.

3. Old Business

A. City/University Project recommendations – Finalized and submitted on Nov. 20, 2015

Wood announced that the report was officially submitted to administration. This report was the first jointly submitted report from the three senate bodies and they were pleased to have the new process. This was the first year it was used and next year will likely flow even better.

B. Continued discussion regarding campus planning / communications in event of emergencies – Guest: Sue Peterson, Ronnie Grice

Wood welcomed Sue Peterson and Ronnie Grice to the meeting. Wood reported to the committee that a survey regarding guns on campus has gone out to staff and faculty from the Docking Institute; the email comes from Gary Brinker. Sue Peterson provided a brief background regarding how the survey came about. The Student Advisory Council (SAC) of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) had requested a survey go out to students regarding their opinion of guns on campus. Afterward the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents, with support from University Support Staff, decided a similar survey for faculty and staff was appropriate. Therefore, the Docking Institute administered a survey for regents' institutions. The collected information will be presented to the regents as advisory information; however, it should be clarified that this was not a survey done at the regents' request. It was reported that 28% of students at K-State responded to the survey.

Peterson spent a little time discussing the statute itself regarding concealed carry. The exemption for universities to deny concealed carry inside buildings will expire on July 1, 2017. KBOR is crafting a policy that will govern the institutions underneath their purview. Then the six state universities will be drafting their own policies. It was commented that the statute seems to have some inconsistencies. There was grave concern among many about the lack of training required in order to obtain a gun license, specifically concealed carry with no training.

Peterson referred to the Political Activities Policy that is available on the Governmental Relations website (<http://www.k-state.edu/govrelations/university/PAP.html>). This is a useful resource. Peterson wanted to encourage individuals to not let their “mode of message” be the message. In other words, please be sure to use your personal email, preferably outside of the hours from 8-5, if you wish to send a message to your legislator.

Peterson provided an update regarding the work of the Weapons Advisory Committee. Discussion again included what areas on campus could be secured where guns could be banned.

Grice reported that he intends to poll institutions where these kinds of transitions have occurred which allow concealed carry. He will provide feedback to this committee about his findings. It was requested that he inquire of these institutions what the fiscal impact has been for them as well.

Bontrager touched on next steps and what approach will be taken on our campus. They want input from various focus groups. The following areas will be covered: event management, academic, research, laboratories, student life, extension, and office/administration.

All the guests were happy to return to the February meeting to provide an update. Committee members thanked them for their time.

#### C. Smoking policy

Bontrager briefly discussed where the smoking policy is currently. A draft Smoking Policy was sent out and administration is waiting for feedback from all the governance groups before they move forward with putting any policy in place. This has created lively discussion in recent meetings. Student Senate has drafted a resolution for a tobacco free campus and it will likely be voted on in the spring. Faculty Senate also has a resolution of this nature on their agenda for

the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting. Various aspects of smoking on campus were discussed. This is a very complex situation to care for. There was discussion that an implementation date would be necessary if a tobacco free campus was put in place. Lengthy discussion ensued. Wood will keep committee members in the loop about what happens regarding the resolution on Tuesday.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 7; 2:00 pm; Union room 204