Kansas State University Faculty Senate Professional Staff Affairs Committee Minutes

February 7, 2017

3:30 pm - Business Building 3046

Present: Mary Anne Andrews, co-chair, Kelly Briggs, secretary, Jo Crawford, Christina Hauck, Ashley Thomas, Kim Kerschen, ZOOM – Alyssa Wendel

Call to Order

Old Business

University Handbook Section C

Forwarded on to Provost and Faculty Affairs. Checked to see if needed any changes to Section B, but it all seems to still be ok

General University Caucus (GUC) update

Survey – make sure when it goes out that we all encourage everybody to take the survey so that we can get good representative data

Communication – there is a Faculty and Unclassified Professional Staff list-serv – and a Faculty list-serv. If they can pull out faculty, we should be able to get one that is just UPS. Agreed that we do need a separate distribution list and not send information out to the combined Faculty/UPS.

Total Rewards

VP Morris has been invited to our February 21st meeting to discuss updates since the beginning of the year.

New Business

Spring Open Forum Discussion

VP Morris reported that he is still dedicated to getting progress made on Total Rewards before new VP (search is on-going and HCS is working with a recruiting company). Information is slated to be released on March 1st and he is planning an update to the university community before then.

Official numbers out next week for 20th day, but looks like enrollment is down. Means a budgetary shortfall that will need to be accounted for. Also expecting a further cut from state for this fiscal year, along with further cuts for next year. How should cuts be distributed? Across the board? Targeted? What metrics should be used if do targeted?

Conceal and Carry – act as private citizens to tell representatives that you are against. There are some areas that guns should not be. Institution is working on their end, but individuals also need to make their voices heard.

\$15,000 degree – not realistic or a priority for K-State.

Positions for 2017-2018

Education will need a new representative. Will also need a new secretary. Start thinking.

Other Business

Meet your Military-Connected Student Professional Development Workshop – Feb. 22nd 2:30-4:00 Hemisphere Room

Invited everyone to attend and to share the word. Requested that Loleta announce information at next Faculty Senate information.

Adjourned