

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
October 1, 2002 3:30 pm K-State Union, Room 204

Present: Ackerman, Elder, Fairchild, Klingzell, Marr, Pesci, Selfridge, Spears, Stewart, Yagerline

Absent: Pacey, Rousch, Smith

Visitor: Alfred Cochran

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Spears, Chair, at 3:35 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes of September 17, 2002 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Marr and seconded by Elder to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2002 Academic Affairs meeting. Motion passed.

III. Announcements

Spears reported on some of the issues that FSLC talked about with Central Administration. Much of the discussion centered around budget issues. Central Administration says that furloughs are the last option before cutting positions. The legislature will make a budget projection in November and we will get a clearer picture. The new governor will take over in January and we will find out what the budget cut will be. The Provost has been saying that the university is under financial stress, but not financial exigency. There needs to be campus-wide discussions to decide criteria for cutting faculty positions. A lot of pressure has been put on the deans to make these decision, but there should be university-wide discussion on budget issues. The College Committees On Planning (CCOP) have been activated, but it will be too late to activate an exigency committee if we wait until the situation happens.

Spears said that their was discussion about the KKSU radio station closing down. Spears said there was also a renewed call for seamless education and the BOR expects students to move easily from public school to higher education and also between regents' schools. Spears says the BOR may have the misconception that students can transfer all of their courses directly into degree programs, but some courses are not applicable. All of the hours may transfer in, but that does not mean that all 60 hours transferred in will be applied to a degree program. There was also discussion about Cloud County Community College teaching courses at Manhattan Technical College. Spears said that the only courses they teach there are courses that KSU has turned down - KSU has been given the right of first refusal.

Yagerline mentioned that at the College of Arts and Sciences caucus meeting, some faculty are very upset about the domain name change. Spears suggested that faculty who are unhappy about the name change should express their concern to Central Administration. Spears said that she could invite Beth Unger and Harvard Townsend to come address the issue at a future Academic Affairs meeting.

IV. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education - none

Spears reported that the College of Arts and Sciences sent out their green and white sheets electronically and asked if this was acceptable to Academic Affairs members. Selfridge mentioned that the white sheets are a tangible part of records and wondered if they should send out paper versions of the white sheets. Spears said she would check with the College of Arts and Sciences and see if they will send out white sheets.

B. Graduate Education - none

C. Approve posthumous degrees

Spears requested that two posthumous degrees be placed on the agenda. A motion was made by Marr and seconded by Stewart to approve the posthumous degrees.

Lane Burch, Agriculture - Horticulture
John W. Fulkerson, Agriculture - Horticulture

Motion passed.

D. Line Schedule

Yagerline said that an e-mail was sent out to everyone saying that line schedules can be purchased from the Union for two dollars, but when she asked the bookstore about it, they didn't know anything about the line schedule. Spears said there was a date given in the e-mail regarding when spring line schedules would be available. Spears said she would check into this issue.

E. New requirement for 45 hours of upper level courses

Fairchild asked Spears to clarify the policy regarding the 45 hours of upper level courses that starts Fall 2003. He said there were questions about whether the rule applies to transfer students, students that have already been attending KSU, and freshmen. Spears said the rule will apply to all students entering KSU regardless of whether they are freshmen or transfer students. The rule will not apply to students attending KSU prior to Fall 2003.

F. Open House/class dismissal

Spears reported that some faculty members want to discuss not dismissing classes on the Friday of Open House. The policy has been to dismiss classes at 1:30 p.m. on that Friday. Most students do not participate in Open House and some instructors go ahead and hold class that day after 1:30 p.m. There are some departments and groups of students that do spend a great deal of time getting ready for Open House and working during Open House weekend. Students want to change Dead Week and have a two-day Fall Break and faculty are concerned about the number of missed class times. The committee decided to ask Provost Coffman and Pat Bosco to come to the next Academic Affairs meeting to discuss this issue. Spears also asked that Academic Affairs members discuss this with their caucuses.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Pesci report on General Education Council

Pesci reported that the UGE Council will meet on Thursday, October 3rd. There are some questions about who has the authority to take a course off of the general education list when the department wants to drop it..

B. Elder report on University Library Committee

Elder reported that the University Library Committee will meet on October 4th but she has not seen an agenda.

C. Spears report on Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP)

Spears said that everything to report on CAPP had been covered earlier in the meeting.

VIII. For the Good of the University

Elder distributed a handout on Patron Instruction Modules at KSU Libraries and also a Guide to Using the Libraries.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.