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Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
March 1, 2005 3:30 pm K-State Union, Room 204

Present: Erickson, Fairchild, Hedrick, Lehew, Reynolds, Simon, Stewart, and Trussell

Absent: Ackerman, Marr, Stokes, Thompson, and Turnley

Visitors: Patricia Marsh and Monty Nielsen

- I. Fred Fairchild, Chairs, called meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the February 15, 2005 Academic Affairs Committee meeting were approved with the following amendment. Under VII.D., Senator Trussell mentioned it should be added to the paragraph the Class Drop Policy is to now be called the Class Attendance Policy.
- III. Announcements
Senator Fairchild needs someone to represent Academic Affairs at the Faculty Senate meeting, as he will be out of town. He asked Senator Stewart if he would be willing to do this, and he agreed.

Senator Fairchild reminded the committee that elections are coming up and they need to be thinking about a possible new Chairperson for Academic Affairs. Also, all members of Faculty Senate should be giving thought to president-elect nominees.

IV. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education

1. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hedrick to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Business Administration February 2, 2005:

Department of Management

Major modification of entry requirements

Requirements for major in management information systems. See white sheets for details.

Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Lehew and seconded by Simon to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Human Ecology February 7, 2005:

Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

CHANGE:

AT 430. History of Apparel Fashion: Renaissance to Present

Curriculum changes to the Bachelor of Science in Apparel and Textiles. See white sheets for details.

Department of Human Nutrition

ADD:

HN 120. Introduction to Athletic Training.

HN 121. Introduction to Athletic Training Lab.

Curriculum changes to the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training. See white sheets for details.

Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Hedrick and seconded by Erickson to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences February 10, 2005:

Department of Chemistry

DROP CHM 195

Department of Geography

CHANGE:

GEOG 460. ~~Future Worlds~~ TO: GEOG 460. Human Dimensions of Global Change.

Department of Modern Languages

ADD:

CHINE 501. Chinese V

CHINE 502. Chinese VI

CZECH 100. Czech for Travelers

ITAL 100. Italian for Travelers

Department of Speech Communication, Theatre and Dance

ADD:

SPCH 542. Relational Communication

Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Lehew and seconded by Stewart to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Agriculture February 17, 2005:

Agronomy

CHANGE:

AGRON 375. Soil Fertility. (3) I.

TO: AGRON 375. Soil Fertility. (3) II.

AGRON 385. Soil Fertility Laboratory (2) I.

TO: AGRON 385. Soil Fertility Laboratory (2) II.

AGRON 405. Internship in Agronomy (1-3) I

TO: AGRON 405. Internship in Agronomy (0-3) I, S.*

AGRON 415. Soils Judging. (1) I.

TO: AGRON 415. Soils Judging. (0 or 1) I, II.*

AGRON 515. Soil Genesis and Classification. (3) II*

DROP:

AGRON 520. Grain Production.*

Curriculum changes to Soil and Environmental Science Option:

Communications/Social Sciences/Humanities/Economics*

Curriculum changes to Business & Industry and Consulting & Production Options

Biological and Physical Sciences*

Entomology

CHANGE:

ENTOM 305 Livestock Entomology

TO: ENTOM 305 Animal Health Entomology*

ENTOM 306 Livestock Entomology Lab

TO: ENTOM 306 Animal Health Entomology Lab*

Grain Science and Industry

Curriculum changes to:

Bakery Science and Management, Production Management Option*

Bakery Science and Management, Cereal Chemistry Option*

Feed Science and Management*

Milling Science and Management, Management Option*

Milling Science and Management, Operations Option*

Milling Science and Management, Chemistry Option*

*See white sheets for further details.

Motion carried.

B. Graduate Education - none

C. General Education - none

V. Old Business

A. Senior and Alumni Surveys Update – Senator Alice Trussell

Senator Trussell reported the committee has a meeting scheduled for this Thursday. Their previous meeting focused on finding a single set of questions to use in surveys. They're also documenting the purpose of sending surveys. Both Senator Trussell and Dr. Patricia Marsh agreed this could possibly be used in the future to help document student learning.

B. Assessment Update – Dr. Patricia Marsh

Dr. Patricia Marsh thanked Academic Affairs for meeting with the HLC evaluators on Feb. 21st and reported the visit went very well. The evaluators felt the university is on the right track and will not visit again until the year 2011. They did show some concern about how general education and distance education are assessed. Dr. Marsh reported that in the future Academic Affairs would be involved with how general education is assessed.

C. Faculty rights in the classroom – Senator Don Hedrick

Senator Hedrick reported that Roger Adams, Chair of Faculty Affairs, and he met with Cheryl Strecker, Attorney's office, about faculty rights in the classroom. Ms. Strecker informed them faculty have broad powers in the classroom as long as they are not discriminatory. The Student Handbook has three sections regarding rights, responsibilities, and expectations for classroom behavior. Based on their conversation with Ms. Strecker, they do not believe a new policy is needed, but there does exist the need to educate our faculty and graduate teaching assistants regarding their rights. Senator Hedrick felt the Provost should initiate this education of faculty and graduate teaching assistants with Department Heads and they should then disperse the information. Senator Fairchild requested that Senator Hedrick and Roger Adams put together a brief document to inform Faculty Senate of these findings.

VI. New Business

A. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Erickson to approve addition to graduation lists:

December 2004

Sara L. Jahansouz – Arts and Sciences, BS in Life Sciences

Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Trussell and seconded by Erickson to approve a posthumous degree for Christopher Nathan Shipley. Chris was working toward a BS in Agriculture with a major in Animal Sciences and Industry. He was scheduled to graduate in May 2005 and was in good academic standing with the university and college at the time of his death in the fall of 2001.

Discussion arose about the purpose of awarding these types of degrees and the number of credit hours a student had completed at the time of their death. Senator Stewart commented on the need for guidelines on awarding these degrees. Senator Simon felt that awarding these degrees does not diminish the value of a K-State degree. Senator Trussell was concerned that a degree is awarded in some instances, but in others it isn't. There was a suggestion that in the event a student dies and is currently enrolled at K-State, a posthumous degree should be awarded, however not all were in favor of this. Senator Fairchild commented that the request for a posthumous degree is initiated from the college within the university that the student was to receive the degree from. Senator Hedrick felt this was not an academic curriculum issue, but more of a graduation ceremony issue and he feels comfortable having the request initiated from the college or the parents. Monty Nielsen, Registrar, commented that each situation is unique and it is important to be open minded when dealing with these cases.

Motion carried.

C. Classroom Use

Senator Fairchild reported there is discussion being opened regarding the availability of classrooms that are not in use, being used on a quick turn around basis. The policy involving room scheduling is being reviewed because it is inadequate to fulfill the needs of faculty to use rooms in special instances. For example, one senator was holding a study session and ended up having more students and needed the larger classroom down the hall and was not allowed to use it.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Trussell report on University Library Committee

At their last meeting the committee was brought up to date about the Hobrock Award. There were seven nominations. Also, they are reviewing the official composition of the University Library committee and are finding more committees who do not have organized compositions.

B. Stewart report on Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP)

Nothing to report.

C. Reynolds report on Student Senate

Reynolds reported that primary elections are being held today for President and Vice President in Student Senate. Also, the Student Senate has a resolution pending regarding the Kansas Constitutional Gay marriage amendment. Discussion from the committee arose regarding whether or not Student Senate, as a whole, should be involved in political matters.

D. Trussell report on Class Attendance Policy subcommittee

Senator Trussell reported the committee is no longer meeting and felt there was really nothing further to report on the Class Attendance Policy. Senator Fairchild asked about the letter Hayley Urkevich, Student Senate, was to send to the Provost and asked if Senator Trussell had heard anything about it. She was not aware of the outcome.

VIII. For the Good of the University

Senator Fairchild mentioned at the Executive Committee meeting yesterday it was requested that Faculty Senate support the ¼ cent sales tax, but after discussion it was decided this is a political issue and Faculty Senate should not be involved.

Senator Erickson commented at the Legislative Forum held yesterday, Roger Reitz suggested we contact our Senators across the state and wondered to what extent Faculty Senate members have that latitude. Senator Fairchild responded that as individuals, members of Faculty Senate may visit with their legislators at any time, but not in behalf of the Faculty Senate body.

Senator Fairchild passed out handouts from the Executive Committee meeting for informational purposes.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.