

**MINUTES**  
**Faculty Senate Academic Affairs**  
**January 22, 2008, 3:30 p.m.**  
**K-State Student Union, Room 204**

Present: Carroll, Charney, Holcombe, Hubler, King, LeHew, Montelone, Weninger

Absent: Charney, Chengappa, Martin, Pacey, Ramaswamy, Staggenborg

Visitors: John DeLeone, Bill Generuex, Stephen Kiefer, Angela Powers, Monty Nielsen

1. Doris Carroll, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. The January 8, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Stephen Kiefer - Update on University Honors Program

Dr. Stephen Kiefer, Director of the University Honors Program, gave a brief update on the status of the University Honors Program and where the colleges are in bringing forward their part of the curriculum. Dr. Kiefer discussed the possibility of having a designation for honors students on their transcript. Also, the idea of early enrollment for honors students was presented explaining that this could be considered a privilege. Dr. Kiefer reported there have been some concerns voiced, but positive responses have been given as well so he asked for input from the committee on this.

Carroll commented that the precedence has already been set by the athletic students. Monty Nielsen commented that, in his opinion, enrolling early isn't a privilege, but it fills a *need* for example for students with disabilities. It would not be good to have the numbers of early enrollers grow to the point that it loses its merit.

Dr. Kiefer also discussed the possibility of a course number being designated in which all honors students could enroll, not just by college, but for example an HONOR 189, with 9 sections. In speaking with Carol Shanklin from the Graduate School, he discovered they have a course prefix entitled GRAD. He requested comments from the committee on this as well. Carroll brought up that this would remove credit hours from a college by doing this. Kiefer agreed and also added that this would take special fees from particular colleges. Carroll mentioned in the near future the Provost may need to give some guidance on these and other types of programs that will soon come in to play.

Carroll related that some colleges, when bringing their proposal forward to Faculty Senate, have had questions asked of them regarding the lack of revenue due to some of the courses in their honors program curriculum not being for credit. Carroll thanked Dr. Kiefer for visiting the committee to give an update.

4. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education

1. A motion was made by King and seconded by LeHew to approve the following course additions as approved by the College of Technology & Aviation on November 20, 2007:

Add:

CMST 115 Graphics Software Applications

CMST 146 Digital Photography

CMST 306 Digital Media II

CMST 326 Page Layout and Type

CMST 336 Digital Media Project

Background: These courses were held back by the Executive Committee in order for further discussion to take place between the College of Technology & Aviation and the Mass Communications department.

King introduced Bill Genereux and John DeLeon from Technology and Aviation. Also introduced were Angela Powers and Steve Smethers from Journalism and Mass Communications. Discussion took place regarding the courses listed above and whether or not they are in direct competition with other courses offered on the Manhattan campus. John DeLeon began by thanking the Journalism and Mass Communications department for their comments. He wanted to make clear that students enrolled in this program are getting an associates degree,

not a bachelor degree. He then deferred to Bill Genereux who, after passing out a flow chart, gave a brief explanation of how these courses fit in to their degree programs and why they are necessary.

Angela Powers expressed concern over these Technology and Aviation courses, expressing that they *do* compete almost identically with their Journalism and Mass Communication courses. She reported there are instructors that would be happy to teach these Mass Communications courses on the Salina campus. However, after being questioned, she had not determined if her colleagues are able at this time to take on a teaching load in Salina. Speaking on behalf of her department, she feels duplicating of entire programs is a dangerous path to walk down.

Discussion continued among visitors and committee members. Hubler brought up the question as to how these courses are specifically “journalism” courses. Charney commented that possibly these courses could be cross-listed. A lengthy discussion continued regarding the real issue seeming to be ownership of courses. Is any one particular department the “owner” of information?

Hubler made a motion to table action these courses; LeHew seconded. The motion carried. Carroll encouraged the two departments and their department heads to discuss this issue in further detail and examine the areas of common points and areas of risk of potential duplication. These courses will come back to Academic Affairs for action at a later time.

5. Committee Reports

A. University Library Committee – Mohan Ramaswamy  
No report.

B. Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP) – Doris Carroll  
Carroll deferred to Nielsen who reported that CAPP met and there was some discussion about the Course and Curriculum policy regarding the removal of the Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies. Also, there was discussion about academic definitions.

C. Student Senate – Tim Weninger  
No report.

D. Course and Curriculum ad hoc committee  
The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee and then on to Faculty Senate.

E. General Education Task Force – Melody LeHew  
Meetings are being scheduled with each of the colleges within the next month to get feedback.

6. Old Business

A. Plagiarism Definition  
This item will be discussed at the Faculty Senate Leadership meeting with the Provost tomorrow. The creation of an Ad Hoc committee may be a possibility.

7. New Business

A. Timeline for Faculty Senate elections  
Ms. Becker will email a calendar to committee members with the time line of Faculty Senate elections for this spring.

B. iSIS task force –  
Carroll announced she will be asking for volunteers to attend the iSIS task force meetings in the near future.

8. For the good of the University

Weninger asked for opinions regarding the parking garage spaces and how they should be filled in the new parking garage. Please email him with your thoughts in the next week or so.

Carroll thanked members for their participation and hard work on this committee.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.