

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
April 20, 2010, 2:30 p.m.
K-State Student Union, Room 204

Present: Charney, Devore, Hornsby, King, Moser, Oliver, Roberts, Stewart
Absent: Baillargeon, Bennett, Ganta, Spears
Proxies: DeRouchey
Guests: Monty Nielsen, Brian Kovar, Fred Burrack

1. Barney King, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. The April 6, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted
3. K-State 8 Course Tagging (and Assessment)
 - Email from Vicki Clegg regarding work done on tagging and assessment
 - Link to all college course lists: <http://www.k-state.edu/kstate8/CourseLists.htm>

Guests Brian Kovar and Fred Burrack, representing the General Education Task Force, responded to questions on the K-State 8 Course Tagging and Assessment Plan. There was considerable discussion over several items, including:

- a. Tagging process and accountability of instructors/departments to insure courses met intent of K-State 8 content areas. The current Gen Ed program requires a review of Gen Ed courses on a regular basis.
 - b. Assessment. Proposal requires departments to assess General Education as part of a capstone course or experience. That approach was questioned, in comparison to assessing outcomes directly in the tagged courses. It was noted that there was a fear that there would not be adequate tagging of courses if assessment were required in those courses. Some felt that by not requiring assessment in the courses, accountability for meeting K-State 8 outcomes was lacking.
 - c. Several years ago, K-State conducted a university-wide senior exit interview program. It was suggested that this might be an effective way to assess General Education.
 - d. Surveys may be part of the assessment process. It was suggested that a pre-survey of incoming students would be beneficial to use in interpreting the survey of graduates.
 - e. It was mentioned that there is no baseline evaluation of General Education prior to the planned implementation of the K-State 8 program. It was suggested that before we scrap the current Gen Ed program in favor of a new one, we should assess the current program.
 - f. While it appears there are an adequate number of courses to meet each of the 8 objectives, questions remained as to how many seats would be available in the courses, and whether prerequisites are required for many of the tagged courses.
 - g. It was suggested that the current K-State 8 proposal be reviewed by college and departmental curriculum committees, now that tagging is complete, so that they can view the impact on their students and programs.
 - h. It was suggested that the Assessment subcommittee review their capstone-based approach, and to clarify whether the goal is to assess the efficacy of the K-State 8 Gen Ed program, or the overall K-State undergraduate experience. The proposed assessment methods do not specifically assess the K-State 8 Gen Ed program; rather they assess the overall student experience.
4. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education –
 1. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Stewart to approve the following course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Technology and Aviation on April 2, 2010:

COURSE CHANGES:
Department of Aviation

Add:
AVT 243 Aircraft Electrical, Navigational, and Communication Systems
AVT 417 Composites III
AVT 430 Advanced Avionics Installation

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Department of Aviation

Add:
Avionics Installation Certificate – **Attachment 1**

Motion carried.

- B. Graduate Education – A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Hornsby to approve the following course additions and curriculum change as approved by the Graduate Council on April 6, 2010 (see pages 18-21 of grad council agenda for complete detail - page number is listed below in parentheses):

COURSE ADDITIONS:

College of Veterinary Medicine (February 4, 2010 approval sheets)

CS 782 Equine Medicine Elective (11)
CS 784 Advanced Soft Tissue Surgery (11)
CS 785 Veterinary Care and Management of South American Camelids (11)
CS 786 The Learning Curve of Equine Practice (11)
CS 826 Contemporary Issues in Veterinary Medicine (11)
CS 827 Health and Management of Llamas and Alpacas (11)
CS 880 Design and Interpretation of Production Livestock Field Trials (12)
CS 881 Veterinary Ophthalmic Surgery Techniques (12)
DMP 730 Cross-Course Integration III (12)
DMP 740 Cross-Course Integration IV (12)
DMP 804 Ecotoxicology (13)
DMP 845 Food Safety Risk Analysis (13)

Curriculum Additions

Graduate School – Master of Public Health (March 11, 2010 approval sheets)

Concurrent BS/MPH (or BA/MPH) degree programs (14)

College of Agriculture (October 19, 2009 approval sheets-GC agenda has revised version)

Graduate Certificate in Agricultural Resources & Environmental Management (15-25)

Motion carried.

5. Graduation list additions; A motion was made by Hornsby and seconded by Roberts to approve the following graduation list addition:

December 2006

Rebecca Jean Townsend, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Motion carried.

6. Reports
A. CAPP

Stewart reported that CAPP discussed implementation of the stand-alone minor. Procedural questions were raised by the Registrar's Office. CAPP will be the entity that determines and develops the procedures. Varney's will not allow faculty to remit "To be determined" as a response to the textbook report, only the text information or "No textbook required".

B. iSIS Steering Committee

Moser reported that Michael Crow's office had developed an approach to list unique course attributes (i.e. studio/traditional or Manhattan/Salina/distance) in the topics field of iSIS, allowing that information to be displayed in course search results. The topics field is not currently searchable, but would allow students and advisors to select sections with desired attributes more easily. Since the topic field appears on transcripts, the designation will be removed after the 21st class day. Devore suggested that a special character might be a better way to designate topics that are not to be printed on the transcript. Roberts indicated Human Ecology felt this approach was adequate, and would withdraw their request to divide FSHS 010 into separate sections.

C. Student Senate – Annie Oliver

Oliver reported that several appointed positions on the cabinet have been filled. President Unruh and Vice President Oliver will be on campus this summer.

D. University Library Committee – Tara Baillargeon

No report.

7. Old Business

A. Chair of FS Academic Affairs 2010-2011

A motion was made by Hornsby to elect Dan Moser as chair of FS Academic Affairs for 2010-2011 year, by acclamation. Seconded by Stewart, motion passed.

B. Honorary Degrees

King reported that he discussed the matter with President Schulz. Schulz indicated the Board of Regents is considering a system-wide policy for awarding of honorary degrees, with BOR to have final approval of all candidates. Schulz expects only one or two honorary degrees per year maximum at K-State, with the intent to recognize those that have had significant impact on the university. Hornsby moved and Devore seconded that the K-State policy be tabled until the BOR policy is finalized, passed.

8. For the good of the University

Hornsby invited all to attend the upcoming finals of the "Next Big Thing" entrepreneurship competition.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting: May 4, 2010; 3:30 p.m.; Big 12 room

**Annual Faculty and Unclassified Professionals Retiree Ceremony and Reception, April 20, 2010; 4 pm;
Alumni Center Ballroom, main floor**