

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
September 15, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
K-State Student Union, Room 204

Present: Bennett, Devore, Ganta, Hornsby, King, Moser, Roberts, Spears, Stewart
Absent: Baillargeon, Charney, Stoskopf
Proxies: DeRouchey
Guests: Monty Nielsen, Alison Wheatley

1. Barney King, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
King read a thank you letter from President LeHew to committee members for their service and a bag of treats was also sent by her as a small token of appreciation to the group.
2. A motion was made by Devore and seconded by Roberts to approve the September 1, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.
3. Announcements - none
4. Graduation list additions – A motion was made by Moser and seconded by Spears to approve the following graduation list additions:

August 2008

Vinton W. Puckett, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration

May 2009

Ryan E. Steen, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration

James Seely, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering

Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports
 - A. Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP) – Barney King
The guidelines for interpreting final exam schedules were revisited. Such questions as: where did the language originate from about the 21 days were discussed. They will research and the guidelines may be revised. Another item discussed by CAPP was that a government relations committee is to be reactivated. King deferred to Nielsen to briefly discuss the iSIS upgrade. Again, this will take place during the last week of November 2010. A Fit/Gap analysis is taking place right now. An academic advisement piece similar to K-State DARS is being looked at but it is a long way from being seriously considered as a replacement. Spears inquired about confirmation to faculty members that their grades have actually been submitted. Nielsen believed this had been addressed, but will make sure. Another issue Spears mentioned was regarding enrolling a student who has, for example, earned a degree here and is returning to take only a course or two, etc. Enrolling those students who are non-traditional can be very time consuming and frustrating with the current process. It was noted that some of the issues exist due to the institutional process, not merely related to iSIS. Nielsen will take her concern to the appropriate individuals.
 - B. iSIS Steering Committee – Dave Rintoul - no report
 - C. Student Senate – Wayne Stoskopf – no report
6. New Business
 - A. Academic Minors (CAPP)
Dean Alison Wheatley, Chair of CAPP, was in attendance to discuss a proposal that will be coming to Academic Affairs in the near future. This is regarding the possible creation of “stand alone” minors. The proposed changes to the definition of a minor would allow a minor to be offered after a degree is earned, either from K-State or another accredited college or university. Currently, a minor must be earned at the same time a degree is being earned and catalog language states that once a degree is awarded, a minor

cannot be added; the minor is considered to be part of the degree program. Many suggestions were given by committee members and several questions arose. One such was whether a student could have earned an associate's degree and be eligible for this opportunity. A question was raised whether the use of a certificate would meet the need for minors. But a minor is considered to be more academic than a certificate in industry. It would be the college's decision as to whether they would want to offer minors. Various other comments were addressed and the concept was well received. It was noted this should be shared with committee members' constituents for their input. Dean Wheatley thanked committee members for their thoughtful questions and suggestions.

7. For the good of the University

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Next meeting: October 6, 2009; 3:30 p.m.; Union **213**