

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
March 6, 2012, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Arthaud-Day, Bennett, Dille, Easton, Roberts, Sachs, Spears, Stewart, Zajac

Absent: Bonella, DeRouchey, Ganta, and Gilson

Guests: Monty Nielsen, Ruth Dyer

1. Andy Bennett, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm
2. The February 21, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted
3. Course and Curriculum Changes - none

4. Old Business

A. Approval, Routing and Notification instruction manual

Bennett reported that the first meeting of the interdisciplinary programs taskforce has taken place. He shared with the taskforce the comments from academic affairs committee members about having the faculty in a program or department closest to the proposed program have input; he also shared the concerns about having no college dean associated with review of that kind of a program at an earlier stage; and how to maintain a program if it doesn't have a department housing it. The first meeting highlighted two changes that appear they will move forward: 1) the entire faculty in a department closest to the proposed program will have input and 2) Council of deans may approve the proposal prior to it going through the rest of the process. Conversation didn't address maintaining the program, but the work of the group is not finished yet.

Feedback: If courses aren't specified by department prefix, how can it be identified what discipline they are closest to? Having the program go through the council of deans could assist with this as they could determine that. Other suggestions were made, which Bennett will take back to the task force, regarding having a course and curriculum committee be involved so that certain questions could be addressed and resolved, if needed, prior to a program moving forward. This would avoid having questions come up later on that could have been answered earlier in the process.

Approval, Routing and Instruction Manual: How should we proceed? Should a small workgroup of the committee go through it or should the committee as a whole? It was agreed the committee as a whole should review the manual. Committee members will review pages 1-15 for the next meeting and bring forward comments and suggestions. Ms. LaBerge will send out a pdf to members for their convenience.

5. New Business

A. K-State 8 Assessment committee – new member

Two members from Academic Affairs are requested to serve on this committee. David Sachs is one of the members. Vicki Clegg asked for one more. Zajac volunteered to be the second member.

6. Announcements/for the good of the University

Student Senate has adopted a statement, a learning compact, wherein students agree to do their best and they would like faculty to agree to do their best as well. Bennett noted they will attend a future Academic Affairs meeting to discuss this.

7. Discussion: Next meeting date. Committee members determined they will not meet over spring break.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Union room 204