

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
February 17, 2015, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Bennett, Charney, D. Fallin, Goodson, Haar, Higginbotham, Hoeve, Pacey, and Washburn

Absent: Hartman

Proxies: Aramouni, J. Fallin, Kennedy

Liaisons: Ruth Dyer, Monty Nielsen

1. Andy Bennett, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.
2. The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate
 1. A motion was made by Haar and seconded by Washburn to approve the following curriculum change as approved by the College of Human Ecology on November 12, 2014 (sent out to the listserv by Marqueleta Wall on November 21, 2014):

CURRICULUM CHANGE

Department of Hospitality Management and Dietetics

Changes to the Didactic Program in Dietetics (B.S.) – see supplemental information file

Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Haar and seconded by Higginbotham to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on February 5, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Karen Solt on February 5, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

American Ethnic Studies

Changes:

AMETH 450 – ~~Comparative Ethnic Studies II.~~ Comparative Ethnic Studies. K-State 8:

~~Aesthetic Interpretation;~~ Human Diversity within the US; Global Issues and Perspectives

AMETH 550 – ~~Research Methods in American Ethnic Studies.~~ Popular Paths to Knowledge.

K-State 8: Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning; Social Sciences

Add:

AMETH 461 – Transformative Thought. K-State 8: Human Diversity within the US; Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility.

Dean of Arts and Sciences

Add:

DAS 195 – CAT Community Connections

Geology

Change:

GEOL 103 – Geology Laboratory. K-State 8: ~~Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning.~~ Natural and Physical Sciences.

History

Add:

HIST 549 – Modern Africa from 1850; K-State 8: Global Issues and Perspectives; Historical Perspectives.

Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Add:

SOCIO 540 – Sexuality and Society; K-State 8: Social Sciences; Human Diversity within the US

CURRICULUM CHANGES

American Ethnic Studies

Changes to the American Ethnic Studies Minor

Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics

Changes to the BA in Biochemistry

Changes to the BA in Biochemistry, Medical Biochemistry Track

Biology

Changes to the Microbiology BA/BS

Geology

Changes to the Exploration and Environmental Geophysics Minor

Changes to the Geology BS/BA

Changes to the Geology Minor

Brief discussion. Motion carried.

4. Committee reports:

A. CAPP – Bennett

Bennett reported that CAPP is discussing having one or two conduct questions included in K-State's admissions application. This is broader than academic conduct; it would also include behavioral conduct. About half of the Big 12 schools have some form of conduct questions in their admissions application. The proposal is not fully developed yet and Bennett will keep members apprised. In discussion with Faculty Senate Leadership Council it was determined CAPP is the appropriate committee to be looking at this complex discussion. Faculty Senate will be able to give input as needed. This discussion originated from the Regents, however, they are leaving it with the institutions to propose language regarding this matter. Academic Affairs committee members had several comments and concerns, which Bennett will relay back to CAPP. Members were assured the legal aspects are being handled and communication is taking place among regents' institutions. Lengthy discussion took place on this topic.

Bennett updated members on the response from CAPP to the question raised at the last meeting. In short, it was regarding students who fail a course which is a pre-requisite for another course, however, they are already enrolled in the next course and assume they can pass it anyway. It was asked whether they can be kept from enrolling. Not really, but there is a post enrollment check and a student can be unenrolled. This can be done by the dean's office. Nielsen provided some additional information as well.

Bennett informed CAPP that the Appendix R, the undergraduate research course template, was approved by senate and is being made available to those wanting to use it.

Bennett also brought up a question that came up about evening college in connection with finals week. There have been rooming conflicts with two classes being scheduled in the same room. Evening college classes typically have their finals the last night of the class. There was much discussion about this. It may be that CAPP will be requested to review the current final exam schedule to see if changes are necessary. However, it could be something managed from the technical side and Global Campus can assist. There will likely be follow up conversation about this.

B. CCAPIC – Bennett

Bennett reported that the proposal for the automated course and curriculum approval software was sent from the committee to the provost and the provost has now submitted the request to the president, along with requests for other software.

C. iSIS – Hoeve

Hoeve reported on a few highlights from the meeting. K-State will be collecting students SSNs once again due to IRS regulations that have come to our attention. There are certain exceptions in cases of international students. The KSU Advisor Center, release 2 was put out on February 2. Release 3 will be coming out soon. Hoeve updated members that the University Honors program now has a plan code to identify students in their program. Hoeve also mentioned the new School of Applied and Interdisciplinary Studies at K-State Olathe, which was approved by the Board of Regents.

D. Library Committee – Haar

Haar reported the committee will meet next week.

5. Announcements/for the good of the University

A. Faculty Senate elections – nomination ballots should be out by Friday, February 20

B. Manhattan Campus – Spring open forum with President and Provost: Thursday, March 5, 3:30 pm, Union Little Theatre

C. Calendar committee question - Bennett

Bennett discussed a topic that came up regarding the academic calendar. He has heard there is conversation about adding an additional fall break and inquired if Monty Nielsen, Registrar and chair of the University Calendar committee could provide any information about this. Nielsen gave a brief explanation about how the calendar is set up. He reported that a survey may be going out to faculty, staff, and students asking a few questions having to do with having an additional fall break to the current calendar. The first break in fall is the thirteenth week in a sixteen week semester. Discussion continued. It was noted that by changing one start date, etc. often affects something else in the calendar. Many committee members thanked Nielsen for his efforts with this and realize its complicated nature.

D. Credit for Prior Learning - Dyer

Dyer reported that a speaker will be here March 5, 2:30 pm, in the Hemisphere room of Hale Library. The topic will be related to Credit for Prior Learning and so many may be interested in attending.

E. Credit for Prior Learning website at K-State - Dyer

Dyer announced that Communications and Marketing assisted in developing and launching a K-State website dedicated to information on credit for prior learning. It went live yesterday and has a wealth of information. There is a section on advanced credit, transfer credit, and military credit. Take a moment to look it over: <http://www.k-state.edu/prior-learning/>.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2015; 3:30 pm; Union room 204