

Minutes
Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting
May 13, 1997 3:30 p.m. Big 12 Room, K-State Union

Present: P. Anderson, Aramouni, Atkinson, Baker, Balk, Benson, Bissey, Briggs, Brigham, Bussing, Charney, Clegg, Conrow, DeBowes, Delker, Devlin, Dodd, Dougan, Dubois, Elkins, Exdell, Farmer, Fenwick, Feyerharm, Foster, Fritz, Gray, Hagmann, Hamilton, Harbstreit, Hassan, Holden, Jardine, J. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jones, Keiser, Klopfenstein, Krstic, Laughlin, Maes, Martin, Mathews, McClaskey, J. McCulloh, McNamara, Michie, Miller, Moeller, Molt, Niehoff, Ossar, Oukrop, Pallett, Peak, Pierzynski, Poresky, Rahman, Raub, Reeck, Ross, Ross-Murray, Royse, Schapaugh, Shultis, Smith, Stewart, Taylor-Archer, White, Wilson, D. Wright, K. Wright, Zchoche

Absent: D. Anderson, Aslin, Barkley, Behnke, Campbell, Chastain, Deger, Dyer, Fenton, Fingland, Glasgow, Higgins, Hightower, Homolka, Kassebaum, Legg, May, K. McCulloh, Mosier, Ottenheimer, Pence, Reeves, Riemann, Schroeder, Wissman, Woodward, Zabel

Proxies: Buchholz, Fjell, Gould, Grunewald, Hoag, Koelliker, Lamond

- I. President Balk called the meeting to order.
- II. He explained that the first order of business would be the roll-call vote on the Course Information Proposal. The proposal passed 47 to 13 with two abstentions.
- III. Minutes of the April 8, 1997 meeting were passed with the notation that Senators Conrow and Bussing were present.

IV. Announcements

1. The Senators were reminded of the demonstration of access to electronic journals scheduled in the Library for May 14. The demonstration will include use of Uncover's Customized Web Gateway and Reveal.
2. The June 10 Senate meeting will occur in the Little Theater
3. Kristi Harper, classified Secretary for Faculty Senate, had yet to receive the names of Permanent committee members from all of the constituent units.
4. The KSURF Board elected two K-State faculty to the Board during the last week of April and first few days of May. Faculty elected were

- . a) Jan Leach, Professor of Plant Pathology, a recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award last year.
- . b) Jim Marsden, Regents Distinguished Professor of Meat Science (to replace John landolo who is leaving KSU) for the remainder of that term.

Both Professors Leach and Marsden have been serving also on the University Patent Advisory Committee. Ken Klabunde continues to serve on KSURF and has been appointed by Vice Provost Donoghue to the Executive Committee of KSURF, replacing John landolo in that capacity. So, we now have 3 excellent faculty on the Board, as per objectives established last year.

Other persons elected were Brendan Donnelly, Head of Grain Science, and Terry King, incoming Dean of Engineering. Joe Patterson, Director of Corporate Development at Hallmark Cards, was selected as the Alumni Association nominee.

5. The Board of Regents passed in June of 1996 a policy that will affect out-of-state tuition waivers for family members of employees with less than a full time appointment. Senator Buddy Gray has developed a statement regarding this policy, and will bring it to our attention when we reach matters for the good of the university.
6. This is the final meeting of the 1996-1997 Faculty Senate. President Balk reminded all persons present that only members of that Faculty Senate could vote on matters that require a vote be taken. Members of the 1997-1998 Faculty Senate will have its organizational meeting immediately following adjournment of this meeting, and elect the new President-elect and Secretary.

V. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee -- Steve Harbstreit

1. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of undergraduate course and curriculum changes (599 and below) approved by
 - a. the College of Agriculture February 13, 1997
 - b. the College of Human Ecology February 14, 1997
 - c. the Salina College of Technology February 25, 1997
 - d. the College of Engineering March 14, 1997
 - e. the College of Human Ecology March 14, 1997

The motion was seconded by Senator Hamilton and approved.

2. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of Graduate Course and Curriculum Changes approved by the Graduate Council April 1, 1997
 - PLPTH 597 Plant Disease Diagnosis
 - PLPTH 613 Plant Disease Control

The motion was seconded by Senator Klopfenstein and approved.

3. He moved approval for general education of courses approved by the General Education Implementation Task Force

- a. on March 20, 1997

FINANCE 250

Personal Investing in Risk Management

- b. on April 7, 1997

HISTORY 570

Europe in the Seventeenth Century

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France Since 1715

THRE 261

Fundamentals of Acting

The motion was seconded by Senator Wright and approved.

4. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of the College of Education General Education Program Proposal approved at the February 20, 1997, faculty meeting and amended at the April 7, 1997, General Education Implementation Task Force meeting.

After the motion was seconded, senators were reminded that each college must propose and have approved a plan for integrating General Education courses into its degree requirements. The motion was approved.

5. He moved approval of the addition of students to the May 1996 and December 1996 graduation lists. The motion was seconded by Senator Johnson and approved.
6. He moved to award posthumous degrees in Business Administration to Renae Schurle, who died in an auto accident after completing her freshman year in 1994, and in Arts and Sciences to Tyler Houdek, a senior who died April 27, 1997. Senator Zschoche seconded the motion. It was approved.
7. He moved approval of the appointment of Sandy Flores and Nancy Bolsen to the Non Traditional Studies Advisory Committee. Senator Michie questioned whether Senate approval was needed. He withdrew the motion as unnecessary.
8. The committee reviewing the Undergraduate Honor System Legislation is, according to Senator N. Johnson, in need of replacements for some Senators whose terms are expiring.
9. The committee reviewing the Regents' Initiative on Curriculum and Instruction is also at work.
10. The change in admission standards proposed by the College of Veterinary Medicine has been withdrawn from consideration at present.
11. Senator Harbstreit expressed his appreciation to Kristi Harper who managed to keep minutes and records for the Academic Affairs Committee and to Don Fenton who represented him when he could not attend meetings.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee -- Fadi Aramouni

Senator Aramouni had no report.

C. FSCOUP -- Sue Maes

FSCOUP has looked into several issues of late: linear fees, enrollment adjustments, the Vision 2020 report, the spending plans for the City-University money, the plans for the Crumbling Classroom funds, and the University's five year plan. The committee would welcome suggestions of other items for consideration.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. New Business

A. Senator Hamilton referred to the upcoming demonstration of Uncover's Customized Web Gateway and Reveal (managed sources for journal articles) and asked who would pay for articles requested through these services. His concern, echoed by several other Senators, was that faculty would have to pay to get materials needed for research. Senator Rahman declared that these services must be considered as part of the University's library expenses and asked whether a faculty committee was looking into such issues. President Balk replied that the Provost, Senate President Legg, and Dean Hobrock are going to name such a committee.

B. A resolution, signed by ten faculty members, indicating Faculty Senate opposition to the closing and forfeiture of a portion of Laramie Street was delivered to President Balk after the Executive Committee meeting. He included it for discussion but no formal agenda action.

In response to discussion on the status of the requested closing, Senator Peak, a member of the Urban Area Planning Board, explained that the proposal had been tabled by the Board until its July meeting and that Manhattan Christian College had been directed to consider other options and to attempt to reach a compromise with other interested parties.

Senator Foster suggested that the resolution is outside the scope of Faculty Senate and that the Executive Committee should think carefully about whether it belongs on the agenda.

C. Senator Gray discussed the revocation of in-state tuition rates for dependents of part-time employees. (Attachment 2) He finds two major problems: first, the

issue itself and the negative impact he expects on recruiting and retaining graduate students, and second, the arbitrary way it happened, being approved by the Board of Regents in June 1996, yet only recently becoming known on campus.

Senator Exdell asked whether a resolution would be in order. Senate procedural rules prevent resolutions coming before the Faculty Senate unless they have been presented first to the Executive Committee. Senator Exdell wanted to express disapproval of the change in the strongest terms as a unilateral revocation of contract with continuing students and as a strong attack on the ability of the University to recruit graduate students.

A number of other Senators supported these concerns and argued that the principles of fairness and encouraging educational opportunity must be emphasized.

A straw poll was conducted of both the current and the incoming Faculty Senators. The Faculty Senates for 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 unanimously supported Senator Gray's statement and urged President Balk to carry this message to the Regents' meeting May 15.

- D. Senator Krstic is concerned that the Faculty Senate seems to be reactive, essentially rubber-stamping proposals, rather than proactive. While he understands that the system encourages much of the work and discussion to be done in committee, he finds that we often do not cut deeply into serious concerns, citing as specific examples the discussion of the Course Information and the Chronic Low Achiever proposals. He envisions a body which would be much stronger in its dialogue with the Provost and President, setting our agenda, demanding money for furthering research and education, and playing a pivotal role in discussions about the direction the University will be taking.

Senator Brigham concurred and cited the gradual de-funding of research as an example of a frightening direction the University is taking. Senator Benson referred to the lack of faculty input in the Veterinary Medicine admissions proposal, in the change in in-state tuition status for dependents, and in the arbitrary changing of graduate school admission requirements for international students, apparently done without faculty consultation.

"Old Hands" in the Senate, including Senators Michie, Pierzynski, Aramouni, and Maes, called on faculty members to get involved. Committee requests for issues to consider have been met with silence, so committees have sometimes not met. Being proactive requires a major time commitment.

- IX. The 1996-97 Faculty Senate adjourned its last meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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First Meeting of the 1997-98 Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting
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- I. President Balk called the meeting to order because Senator Legg was en route home from Washington.
- II. He called for nominations for officers.

- A. Senator Shultis nominated Talat Rahman for President-Elect, calling her a forceful champion of faculty rights who will be efficient in forwarding faculty concerns to the Administration.

Senator DuBois seconded the nomination, citing her service to the University and her faculty advocacy.

Senator Hamilton moved for a vote of acclamation. Senator Royse seconded the motion. It was approved.

- B. Senator Oukrop nominated Carol Miller to continue as Secretary. Senator Michie seconded the nomination. It was approved.

Noting that Senator Rahman would succeed new President Legg, President Balk suggested that Physics had taken a quantum leap in university governance.

- III. Senator Rahman thanked President Balk for his efforts on behalf of the faculty and his sure-handed leadership of Faculty Senate this past year. Applause underscored her comments.
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**REVOCATION OF IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE DEPENDENTS
SCHEDULED FOR FALL 1997**

A new Board of Regents' policy will change the tuition rate of spouses and dependents of KSU part-time employees, including GTAs and GRAs. Currently, dependents and spouses of university employees who hold a .4 appointment or greater qualify for fees equivalent to resident tuition. However, beginning Fall 1997 this provision will be abolished.

If things proceed as planned, only those dependents and spouses of K-State employees who have full-time appointments will qualify for in-state tuition equivalency. This policy change is scheduled to affect all Regents' institutions.

Many graduate students came to KSU with the understanding that their spouses or dependents could enroll at the equivalent of the resident rate (approximately \$1,400) but suddenly they will have to pay approximately \$4,200. Many spouses are in the middle of degree programs. Some individuals may have accepted GTA offers for next year partly on the basis of the anticipated resident tuition equivalency for family members. Most affected parties do not even know about the change yet. There is no grandfather clause.

GTA and GRA compensation is low at Kansas State University. The in-state tuition rate is a significant fringe benefit for graduate students with families. The proposed change will clearly contribute to erosion of the quality of the university's graduate programs by reducing the number of students who will be able to participate in these programs.

The proposed change will have an especially negative impact on the community of international students. These students make up a significant proportion of our graduate student population, and they contribute substantially to the international mission of the university.

(Statement prepared by Marion Gray, KSU Faculty Senator and chair of International Activities Council.)
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