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Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting
November 12, 1996 3:30 p.m. Kstate Union, Big 12 Room

Present: Anderson, Aramouni, Atkinson, Baker, Balk, Barkley, Benson, Bissey, Briggs, Brigham, Buccholz, Bussing, Charney, Clegg, Conrow, Dyer, Elkins, Exdell, Fenton, Fritz, Glasgow, Gould, Gray, Hagmann, Hamilton, Hansen, Harbstreit, Hassan, Higgins, Hoag, J. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jones, Kassebaum, Krstic, Kuhlman, Laughlin, LeBoeuf, Legg, Maes, Martin, May, McCulloh, McNamara, Michie, Miller, Moeller, Molt, Mosier, Niehoff, Ottenheimer, Pallett, Peak, Pierzynski, Rahman, Reeck, Ross, Royse, Schroeder, Shultis, Smit, Smith, Stewart, Taylor-Archer, Woodward, Zschoche

Absent: Abbott, Aslin, Behnke, Chastain, DeBowes, Deger, Feyerharm, Fingland, Homolka, Klopfenstein, Raub, Swanson, White, Wilson, Wright

Proxies: Fjell, Foster, Lamond, Mathews, Oukrop, Poresky, Ross-Murray

Guests: Helen Cooper, Dave DeBusman

- I. President Balk called the meeting to order.
- II. The minutes of the October 8, 1996 meeting were approved as circulated.
- III. The agenda was changed to permit Helen Cooper and Dave DeBusman to talk with senators on the Crumbling Classroom Initiative.

The legislature approved a \$161 million bond issue to fund campus improvements on all Regents campuses. K-State's \$32.4 million over the next five years will be used primarily for updating facilities to meet American with Disabilities Act requirements and fire and safety codes. Emphasis will be on classroom repair and renovation as well as the construction of long-planned additions to Ackert and Durland. The intent is to have 80% of the "general classrooms" in good to excellent condition in about four years.

IV. Announcements

1. The Board of Regents is interested in learning about actual cases of candidates lost due to financial constraints on our university. They are also looking for cases of faculty who were at KSU but left for higher salaries at other institutions. Give anecdotes to President Balk. His e-mail is balk@humeck.ksu.edu
2. Later this month the General Education Assessment Task Force will submit to Academic Affairs its document on program evaluation of general education at K-State. Academic

Affairs will be asked to provide the Senate an update on general education at the December meeting of Faculty Senate.

3. Kristi Harper's mother died of bone cancer on November 10, 1996. Kristi will be away from the office until next week. Our prayers and concern go to her and her family.
4. Many may know already that Dean Donoghue has initiated a review of graduate programs. K-State will be expected to complete a graduate program review next academic year, and Dean Donoghue has taken initiative to get a head start on the upcoming demands.
5. Nominations are being sought for the Commerce Bank Presidential Award for Distinguished Services to Minority Students. Criteria for nomination include one or more of the following: outstanding teaching in minority courses or in disciplines where material pertinent to minorities has been integrated effectively; outstanding contributions in developing an educational program for minorities, or developing a campus environment which contributes to the well-being of minorities; outstanding efforts in recruiting and assisting minority students to matriculate at all levels; outstanding advising of minority students. Conoco formerly sponsored this award. Among previous recipients are Phil Anderson, Bill Feyerharm, Bernard Franklin, and Mordean Taylor-Archer. The recipient receives an inscribed plaque and a cash award of \$1,000. The nomination deadline is November 21. Application materials are available on UNICORN and from Reginald McGowan, 201 Holton Hall (2-6497).

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. *Academic Affairs Committee* -- Steve Harbstreit

1. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of Undergraduate Course and Curriculum changes approved by the College of Business Administration October 26, 1996. A senator questioned the date of these changes approved by the College of Business Administration; Senator Harbstreit referred to a document which gave the date he had provided to Faculty Senate. Motion was seconded and approved.
2. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of Graduate Course and Curriculum Changes approved by the Graduate Council October 1, 1996. Motion was seconded and approved.

NEW

AGEC 700	Applied Agribusiness Economics
AGEC 701	Introduction to Computer Decision Tools for Agribusiness
AGEC 713	Agribusiness Financial Management
AGEC 720	Agribusiness Risk Management
AGEC 730	Applied Agribusiness Logic
AGEC 760	Quantitative Methods for Agribusiness Professionals
AGEC 770	International Agribusiness and Policy Analysis

3. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of the Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies approved by the Graduate Council October 1, 1996. Motion was seconded and approved.
4. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of the Master of Agribusiness degree approved by the Graduate Council October 1, 1996. Motion was seconded and approved.
5. Senator Harbstreit moved approval of the Graduation lists for May 1996, August 1996, and October 1996. as well as the addition of students to previous lists of graduates. Motion was seconded and approved.

B. *Faculty Affairs Committee* -- Fadi Aramouni

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Senator Aramouni moved approval of sections C31.6, C31.7, C31.8 to the Faculty Handbook (Attachment A). Senator Gray seconded the motion.

Senator Michie stated that she wanted to discuss these additions today, but intended to move after some discussion to table the motion until the December meeting. Her desire is not to delay further consideration of the changes, but rather to give the faculty the opportunity to consider and discuss these important matters.

Senator Pierzinski's department had already discussed this and was having trouble dealing with the categories in C31.8. Senator Conrow explained that the first three categories related to the annual merit evaluations and that the fourth was only to identify chronic low achievers.

Senator Hamilton pointed out that C31.5 seems to trigger revocation of tenure. For that reason he believes the faculty of the department should be more involved, as it currently is in reappointment, tenure, and promotion decisions, unless the faculty member requests that they not be. Senator Smit reported that Faculty Affairs had looked at changes along these lines, but had decided not to make the change.

Senator Michie moved to table the motion until the December meeting to let faculty have a full discussion of the issue. Senator Bussing seconded. She also asked President Balk to write to unit heads promptly asking them to insure that these sections get out to all faculty members. Senator Conrow suggested asking faculty to direct questions to members of the Faculty Affairs Committee. The motion passed.

Senator Hamilton moved that the Senate should ask Faculty Affairs to review C31.5 with specific regard to faculty input into individual cases. (The sentence in question presently reads: "It is expected that departmental faculty will have input into any decisions on individual cases, if requested by the faculty member.") The motion was seconded and, after some discussion, approved.

There will be two agenda items in December, a possible revision to C31.5 and new sections C31.6, C31.7, C31.8.

C. *Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning* -- Dennis Kuhlman

FSCOUP has determined that no direct funds from K-State are used to support KSURF. It can be argued, he notes, that indirect funds (for instance, 40-50% of Ron Trewyn's time) are used to support KSURF. Changes are to be made in November and thereafter KSURF will pay for all its activities out of its own funds.

VI. Old Business

Senator Shultis reported that the Senate's email address is facsen@ksu.edu.

VII. There was no new business.

VIII. For the Good of the University

Senator Michie forwarded concerns expressed to her regarding the direction Summer School is taking. Decisions regarding courses offered are now being made at the Vice-Provost's level rather than at the department or even dean's level.

Student Body President Chris Hansen has met with Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs about the Student Advisory Committee proposal to the Regents regarding the publication of student evaluation of teachers. He intends to pursue this matter with the Faculty Senate.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.