

MINUTES

**Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting
March 10, 1998 3:30 p.m. Big 12 Room, K-State Union**

Present: D. Anderson, P. Anderson, Aramouni, Baker, Barkley, Behnke, Benson, Bissey, Brigham, Charney, Clegg, Conrow, Dawes, Deger, Devlin, Dodd, Dougan, Dubois, Dyer, Farmer, Fenton, Fenwick, Feyerharm, Fjell, Foster, Gray, Hagmann, Hamilton, Hassan, Holden, Jardine, Johnson, Jones, Klopfenstein, Koelliker, Lamond, Laughlin, Legg, Mathews, McClaskey, McMurphy, McNamara, Michie, Miller, Ossar, Ottenheimer, Oukrop, Peak, Rahman, Reeck, Reeves, Raile, Salsberry, Schapaugh, Smith, Stewart, Taylor-Archer, White, Wissman, Zschoche

Proxies: Woodward

Absent: Atkinson, Briggs, Delker, Fritz, Grunewald, Guikema, Higgins, Hightower, Kassebaum, Keiser, Krstic, Martin, McCulloh, Pence, Raub, Riemann, Ross, Royse, Schroeder, Shultis, D. Wright, K. Wright, Zabel

Guests: Chris Hansen, Mark Weiss, Brice Hobrock

- I. President Legg called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes of the February 10, 1998, meeting were approved as circulated.
- III. Announcements

The Senate's attention was directed to Announcements A-F in the Executive Committee minutes.

- G. The Senate Leadership Group has been made aware that the KSU and Highland Community College administrations have been discussing a plan whereby Highland would, for every section of Expository Writing and College Algebra closed in Wamego, have the opportunity to offer a like section on this campus. The instructors will be employees of KSU and the courses will be taught and evaluated according to programs agreed to by KSU and Highland faculty. It is anticipated that the classes would be offered at times when we do not normally offer them. The President and Dean of Instruction will be on campus next week to meet with the Council of Academic Deans, Academic Affairs, and faculty from the departments involved.
- H. Although it is not yet clear whether the legislature will decide that GTA's with a .5 appointment should have subsidized health insurance, the policy would, if initiated, apparently cover GRA's as well.

- I. KPERS has for some time made an error in reporting to people who switched to the Regents retirement systems. These individuals have been advised that their KPERS benefits would be based on the last three years of Regents employment. KPERS now realizes that this is incorrect and the legislature is considering how far in advance of retirement they must notify affected staff of their decreased benefits.
- J. The House Select Committee has now written a bill legislating a change in the organization of higher education in Kansas. This substitute for House Bill 2793 and a shorter descriptive note can be found by going to the legislative search engine at <http://www.ink.org/public/legislative/search.html> and enter the number 2793 and specify whether you want to see the long bill or the shorter explanatory note. President Legg read sections of the act which indicated that the new council would approve course offerings, course locations, etc. for the community colleges, while a new panel would replace the Regents.

IV. Chris Hansen addressed the Senate with respect to the Course Information Program.

The pilot survey has been completed and is now being analyzed and being put into user friendly form. The next step is to have focus groups of faculty and students discuss how to get expanded information out to the students. The privilege fee of \$.55 per student per semester was passed overwhelmingly by Student Senate. This money will pay for a GRA to work with the program and some of the other costs. The structure will include a person from Educational Advancement as head, a GRA assisting him/her, and then the Course Information Program Committee will continue to work with these staff members.

The committee wants to do a follow-up pilot study this spring, probably in mid-April, and is looking for faculty to volunteer to have their classes evaluated.

V. Mark Weiss, chair of the University Library Committee, reported on the committee's activities.

The library is canceling 400 titles, yet anticipates that inflation will increase costs \$266,122. In addition the Library will spend \$200,000 on Uncover, \$69,000 on Lexus/Nexus, and an extra \$26,550 for monographs. These new costs will be met with approximately \$300,000 from the Foundation and \$328,000, half from the governor's budget the other half from President Wefald's internal allocation. The Student Senate privilege fee is currently dead. The Task Force for Funding the Library suggested \$1.5 million for the first year, about 41% of which will be funded this year. Dr. Weiss thinks the University should strive to have ARL status.

He pointed out that President Legg and FSCOUP have been restructuring the committee because better communication with Faculty Senate is needed.

A major emphasis for the future will be collections development. Interlibrary Loan is a growing cost center with loans now costing about \$30. Dr. Weiss investigated Uncover and found the service to be insufficient, especially in the hard sciences. Dean Hobrock explained that the Uncover service began January 2, so two months of data are available. The first month, it cost \$12,000 with the average article costing \$16 and the ceiling being \$25. Some science articles are more expensive, but the Interlibrary Loan department can overrule the limits to obtain those articles.

Senator Dodd inquired why hundreds of issue of journals had arrived but were not yet available on the shelf. Dean Hobrock did not know why, but promised to get her an answer as soon as possible.

VI. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs -- Don Fenton

1. a. Senator Fenton moved approval of Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Changes (599 & below) approved by the College of Education January 27, 1998. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - b. He moved approval of Graduate Course and Curriculum Changes approved by the Graduate Council February 3, 1998. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - c. He moved approval of a Certificate for International Service in the MA in Political Science program, approved by the College of Arts and Sciences October 9, 1997 and by the Graduate Council February 3, 1998. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - d. He moved approval of Graduate Course and Curriculum Changes for the Master of Business Administration approved by the College of Business Administration December 17, 1998 and by the Graduate Council February 3, 1998. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Senator Fenton moved approval of additions to the December 1988 and December 1997 graduation lists. The motion was seconded and approved.
 3. Senator Fenton expects that the Policy on Academic Honesty will be on the April Faculty Agenda. He asked the senators to be prepared to debate it thoroughly at that time. The policy is posted on the Faculty Senate page under "Proposed Policies--Undergraduate Honor System."

B. Faculty Affairs Committee -- Brad Fenwick

The Faculty Affairs Committee had no items for action at this meeting, but is involved with a number of issues.

1. The committee is negotiating with the Provost and the Council of Academic Deans on changes to the *Faculty Handbook*.
2. The Faculty Salary and Fringe benefits Committee report is due in April, as is the report on administrators' salaries.
3. The proposed policy on scholarly leave and the tenure clock will be back next month.
4. The committee is looking at possible changes for college promotion and tenure committees.
5. The committee is considering how to implement faculty review of academic administrators.
6. There is some action underway on C31.8.
7. The committee is discussing a change in the *Faculty Handbook* specification that faculty have "versatility".
8. The Distance Learning Task Force is just beginning its work.
9. The Appeals and Grievance Policy Task Force is making progress and will probably report in the fall.

C. FSCOUP -- Linda Brigham

1. The Campus Development Advisory Committee will hold a forum next Wednesday on space planning issues. They are trying to facilitate faculty input into campus planning. Tom Rawson has suggested including more FSCOUP representatives on the committee because the Administration considers faculty input important. However the faculty must realize that results of their input may not show up for several years.

Related to the overall space problem is the difficulty in finding places for public meetings now that the Union cannot guarantee space during the reconstruction project. The only other rooms on campus not under college or departmental control are classrooms. Hale Library and the Beach Art Museum have space for community meetings, but the cost is prohibitive for departmental use. Senator Brigham referred to conferences as being an important student recruiting tool in addition to their academic merit.

It was agreed that progress is being made in providing faculty input into planning decisions.

2. FSCOUP has been looking into the distribution of sponsored research overhead funds. KSU returns, compared to its peers, by far the highest percentage of overhead money to the originating department. The committee would like to see more faculty input into these allocations. Senator Reeck suggested that the departments must have the SRO funds because our other operating expense funds are so limited.
3. The College of Human Ecology action plan regarding the future of Foods and Nutrition has gone forward from Dean Stowe.
4. Senator Brigham reported that the terms of representatives from the Colleges of Business Administration, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine will expire this year. The College of Arts and Sciences caucus will need to replace Senator Brigham who will be on leave. She recommended that the caucuses appoint representatives who will commit the time to the committee and at least one other meeting each month.

VII. There was no old business.

VIII. There was no new business.

IX. For the Good of the University

- A. Senator Fenwick announced that all unclassified employees with central addresses have been placed on a new listserv. Those with non-central addresses must notify CNS or Kristi Harper in the Faculty Senate office to be added to the list. Anyone on the list may ask to have his/her name removed, but will have to delist annually.

The Faculty Senate President and the Provost, with the approval of the Senate President, may post items to the list. Faculty Senate agendas and minutes will be among the information distributed in this way. This is an announcement list, not a two way communication opportunity.

- B. Senators Peak and Fenwick serve on the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board. They were concerned about having the Parking and Traffic Committee as the campus contact for the transportation study which is being undertaken by the city and the University this spring. The Planning Advisory Committee will probably be the contact group.
- C. President Legg reported that he is working with Tom Schellhardt to implement the new Faculty Senate alignment approved last fall. Developing new programs on new computers is taking several iterations and much time.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

State of Library Funding
Report to Faculty Senate
March 10, 1998

Mark L. Weiss
Chair of University Library Committee

<u>FY 97/98</u>	<u>13.8% inflation</u>	<u>new costs</u>
1,928,418 for serials	2,194,540	266,122
		200,000 UnCover
230,000 electronics	253,000	69,000 Lexus/Nexus
531,000 monographs	557,550	23,000 upgrade/inflation
83,000 ILL	?	26,550 monographs
		? ILL upgrade
		584,672 in new costs

New Money

estimated 300,000 from Foundation
estimated 328,000 from 1% in State (0.5% from state (governor's budget); 0.5% by
President Wefald's internal allocation)

Total estimated \$628,000

Student privilege fee issue is dead.

Now, cushion is a slim \$40,000.

Task Force for Funding the Library suggested \$1.5 million for the first year. Now, we
are looking at about 41% of their recommendation.