

MINUTES
Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting
October 13, 1998 3:30 p.m. Big 12 Room, K-State Union

Present: D. Anderson, Baker, Barkley, Charney, Clark, Clegg, Conrow, Consolvo, Cushman, Devlin, Dodd, Dubois, Fenton, Fenwick, Finnegan, Flores, Foster, Geiser, Gray, Holden, Hosni, Jardine, Johnson, J. Jones, Kassebaum, Keiser, Kirkham, Koelliker, Krstic, Legg, Mann, Martin, Mathews, McCulloh, Michie, Miller, D. Mosier, Ossar, Ottenheimer, Pence, Ransom, Salsberry, Shultis, Schmidt, Stein, Stewart, Swanson, Takemoto, Taylor-Archer, Verschelden, Weiss, Williams, Wissman, Youngman, Zabel

Proxies: P. Anderson, Atkinson, Oukrop, Schapaugh

Absent: Aramouni, Briggs, Canter, Delker, Deluccie, Devault, Eckert, Exdell, Fjell, Glasgow, Grunewald, Hamilton, Higgins, Hightower, C. Jones, Lehman, Liang, Lynch, McClaskey, Rahman, Raub, Rush, Schroeder, White, Zajac

Visitors: Cody Sudmeyer, Alan Geist

- I. President Elect Gray called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the September 8, 1998 meeting were approved.
- III. Announcements
 - A. At the Kansas Board of Regents meeting at FHSU, September 16-17 enhancement of faculty salaries was one of the major points discussed. President Wefald is a strong advocate of enhancement.
 - B. The General Faculty Meeting on September 10 successfully served as a means for faculty, administration, and Faculty Senate Leadership to engage in fruitful communication.
 - C. The GTA evaluation forms will be revised by next year. This year the form will be administrated as is but the GTAs will be held harmless in regards to any replies to question number thirteen.
 - D. The recent changes in Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverages for abortions were due to legislative action.
 - E. The BOR Intellectual Property Policy draft has seen significant changes partially in response to faculty input. The current draft is on the WWW:
<http://www.ukans.edu/~kbor/intelrev.html>.

IV. Special Reports

Tracey Mann, Student Body President

There will be a discussion board set up for input concerning the idea of a Fall Break. Student Senate plans to bring another proposal for a Fall Break before Faculty Senate.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs -- Jim Dubois

1. Course and Curriculum Changes:

- a. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Graduate Course and Curriculum changes approved by Graduate Council September 1, 1998:

CHANGE

ART 645	Sculpture II
ECON 627	Contemporary Labor Problems
ECON 681	International Economics
EDCEP 852	Career Development for School Counselors
MKTIB 844	Advanced International Marketing
MKTIB 891	Special Topics in Marketing
POLSC 629	Development Policy and Administration
POLSC 821	Seminar in Political Thought

DROP

MC 610	Interpretation of Contemporary Affairs
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NEW

GEOG 610	Geography Internship
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The motion passed.

- b. It was moved and seconded to approve the following General Education course approved at the May 20, 1998 General Education Task Force Meeting:

WOMS 380 Women and Global Change

The motion passed.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve the May 1998 graduate list, the August 1998 graduation list, and additions to the May 1997, December 1997, May 1998, and August 1998 graduation lists.

The motion passed.

3. Dan Bernardo, Chair of the Task Force on Distance Learning, will update Faculty Senate on the workings of the Task Force at our next meeting, November 10.

B. Faculty Affairs -- Brad Fenwick

1. The survey attached to today's agenda is being distributed to provide faculty a means of providing input to the consultants working on the transportation and parking plans for the University. Senators are urged to make copies of the survey and distribute them to all faculty.
2. Continued input to the BOR concerning the Policy on Intellectual Property is advisable. The threaded discussion board is still available on the WWW.
3. Three issues have been proposed by the Committee and are now in the process of being reviewed by Administration:
 - a. changes in the Faculty Handbook concerning the appointment and evaluation of administrators (B120 - B125),
 - b. updating the Faculty Handbook in regard to faculty leaves, and
 - c. defining credit for University service.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning - Vladimir Krstic

The Committee has been meeting with representatives of the Administration to obtain information about the impact of linear fees on departments and colleges. In discussion it was suggested that faculty advising students keep records of any comments about the impact linear fees are having on their plans to take courses. It was also recommended that note be taken of any comments concerning the taking of courses at Community Colleges. Mention was also made of the rising number of students who are enrolling at the University with large number of college credits received in High School.

The Committee will also be working with the Administration to establish guidelines and procedures for implementing the Provost's initiative on Graduate Programs and Research, to continue strategic planning, and to try to find ways to solve the financial problems facing the Library.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. For the Good of the University

Cody Sudmeyer and Alan Geist, representatives from Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, discussed a proposal being considered in the Student Senate committee. The students are considering whether the final test policies, especially the ability to petition faculty to reschedule exams if there are more than two exams scheduled in a 24-clock hour period, should apply to other times during the semester (midterms, in particular). Comments on this issue can be sent to Cody Sudmeyer at CLS9214@ksu.edu.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.