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KSU Faculty Senate Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2005 3:30 pm K-State Union, Big 12 Room

Present: Adams, Arck, Baker, Behnke, Bergen, Bhadriraju, Blythe, Bontrager, Brigham, Burns, Cauble, R Clark, Clegg, Collins, Cox, Devore, Dodd, Eiselein, Erickson, Fairchild, Foster, Gehrt, Gormely, Grauer, Greene, Guzek, Haub, Herald, Higgins, Hoag, Hohenbary, Holcombe, Hosni, Johnston, Kearns, Leitnaker, Lovely, Lynch, Maatta, Maes, Michie, Moore, Nichols, North, Pacey, Rahman, Ransom, Rintoul, Roozeboom, Ross, Sachs, Shubert, Smith, Spikes, Spooner, Stadtlander, Stewart, Stockham, Trussell, Turtle, Warner, and Willbrant

Absent: Brockway, G. Clark, DeLuccie, Fritz, Hamilton, Hedrick, Lee, Lehew, Martin, McHaney, Nagaraja, Oberst, Potts, Prince, Rietcheck, Rys, Schultz, Schumm, Shultis, Simon, Spears, Stokes, Thompson, and Turnley

Proxies: Alloway, Dhuyvetter, Knapp, Reeck, Rolley, and Staggenborg

Visitors: Al Cochran and Bob Zabel

- 1. President Tom Herald called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 2. The minutes of the November 8, 2005 minutes were approved.
- 3. Reports from Standing Committees
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Alice Trussell
 - 1. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - a. Undergraduate Education
 - 1. Senator Alice Trussell moved to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Arts and Sciences October 6, 2005:

COURSE CHANGES:

Department of Art

Change:

ART 201 Visual Communication Foundation

ART 290 Type and Design Principles

ART 576 Advanced Typography

ART 582 Internships in Graphic Design Visual Communication

Add:

ART 561 Intermediate Oil Painting

Drop:

ART 583 Visual Communication Portfolio

Department of Economics

Add:

ECON 524 Sports Economics

Department of English

Change:

ENGL 335 Film

ENGL 469 Special Topics in Creative Writing

School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Change:

MC 500 303 Advanced News and Feature Writing

MC 590 404 Public Affairs Reporting

Department of Statistics

Change:

STAT 510 Introductory Probability and Statistics I

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Page 94, undergraduate catalog

Curriculum changes to the Pre-Health Professions Program

Page 11, undergraduate catalog

Changes to the undergraduate catalog regarding Pre-Health Advising. (See page 8 of the white sheets)

New Pre-Health Professions Program options:

Add three new options to the Pre-Health Professions Program: (See pages 9-11 of the white sheets)

- 1. Pre-Chiropractic medicine
- 2. Pre-dental hygiene
- 3. Pre-physician assistant

Department of Art

Page 98, undergraduate catalog

Curriculum changes to the B.A. degree in art. (See page 12 of the white sheets)

School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Page 119, undergraduate catalog

Curriculum changes to Print Journalism. (See page 14 of white sheets for rationale.)

Page 119, undergraduate catalog

Curriculum changes to Electronic Journalism. (See page 15 of white sheets for rationale.)

Department of Kinesiology

Page 121, undergraduate catalog

Changes to the undergraduate catalog under Kinesiology. (See page 16 of the white sheets.)

Page 121, undergraduate catalog

Curriculum changes to the Health Fitness Instructor Option.

Delete HN 320 from the list of course required for this option. (See page 17 of the white sheets.)

Department of Speech, Communication, Theatre and Dance

Name change to a Major:

FROM: Rhetoric and Communication TO: Speech Communication

Name change to a Minor:

FROM: Rhetoric/Communication minor TO: Speech Communication minor

Curriculum changes to the Speech Communication major. (Please see pages 18-19 of white sheets)

Motion carried.

2. Senator Trussell move to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Human Ecology October 9, 2005:

Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

COURSE CHANGES:

Change:

ID 415 Computer-Aided Design and Drafting for <u>Visual Communication in</u> Interior Design (2) (3) ID 545 Senior Interior Design Studio I. (3) (4)

Add:

ID 399 Interior Design Practicum

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Curriculum changes to the Bachelor of Science in interior design. (See pages 4-5 of white sheets for details.)

School of Family Studies and Human Services

COURSE CHANGES:

Change:

FSHS 100. Family Financial Planning as a Career. (1) I, <u>II.</u> FSHS 405. Advanced Personal and Family Finance. (3) I, II.

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Page 218, undergraduate catalog

Family Studies and Human Services

Curriculum changes to the Bachelor of Science in family studies and human services. (See page 8 of white sheets for further details.)

Page 219, undergraduate catalog

Life Span Human Development

Curriculum changes to the Bachelor of Science in family studies and human services. (See page 9 of white sheets for details.)

Motion carried.

3. Senator Trussell moved to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Agriculture October 14, 2005:

COURSE CHANGES:

Animal Sciences and Industry

Change:

ASI 325. Conformation and Performance Appraisal of Horses Beginning Horse Evaluation

ASI 504. Equine Reproduction Management (2) (3)

Add:

ASI 402. Calving

ASI 403. Foaling

ASI 404. Lambing

ASI 444. Equine Health

ASI 502. Principles of Equine Reproductive Management

Entomology

Change:

ENTOM 250 301. Insects and People ENTOM 312. General Entomology

Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources

Add:

HORT 235. Introduction to the Horticultural Therapy Profession

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Curriculum changes to the Agricultural Education major. (See pages 12-13 of white sheets for details and rationale.)

Food Science and Industry

Curriculum changes to the Food Business & Operations Mgmt Option. Replace HN 400 with HN 132 and Delete FDSCI 694 from Core Course selection list because faculty are not available to teach the course.

Curriculum changes to the Science Option. Replace MATH 205 with MATH 220 to meet IFT requirements. Replace HN 400 with HN 132. Delete FDSCI 694 from Core Course Selection list because faculty are not available to teach the course. Reduction of Professional Electives by one hour to compensate for the change in hours of calculus.

Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources

Drop a Major:

Drop the Horticultural Therapy Major.

Drop an Option:

Drop the Pre-Occupational Therapy Option.

Change an Option:

Move the Horticultural Therapy Option under the Horticulture Major.

Rationale: We are consolidating all our programs into one core with multiple options for uniformity. (See pages 17-20 of the white sheets for more details.)

Golf Course Management

Curriculum changes to the Golf Course Management Option. (See pages 21-22 of white sheets)

Motion carried.

4. Senator Trussell moved to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Human Ecology October 24, 2005:

COURSE CHANGES

CHANGE:

ID 599 Interior Design Internship (3) (Variable 3-4)

ADD:

ID 440 Lighting for Interiors

DROP:

ID 440 Home Appliance Design and Evaluation

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Curriculum changes to the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. (Consult pages 3-4 of the white sheets for further details.)

Motion carried.

5. Senator Trussell moved to approve undergraduate course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Education October 25, 2005:

COURSE CHANGES

Department of Elementary Education

CHANGE:

EDEL 310

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Department of Secondary Education

- Require all art education students to earn a "C" in all art content classes.
- Require all art education students to participate in a portfolio review process after completion of the art foundation classes. (See white sheets for further details.)

Motion carried.

b. Graduate Education – Senator Trussell moved to approve graduate course and curriculum changes approved by the Graduate Council on November 1, 2005:

CHANGES: ART 623

ART 623	Advanced Concepts in Computer Art and Design
ART 631	Contemporary Media Seminar
ART 650	Advanced/Senior Painting Studio
CS 753	Small Animal General Medicine
DMP 870	Seminar in Pathobiology (MS)
DMP 880	Problems in Pathobiology (MS)
DMP 899	MS Research in Pathobiology
DMP 970	Seminar in Pathobiology (PhD)
DMP 980	Problems in Pathobiology (PhD)
DMP 999	PhD Research in Pathobiology
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GEOL 714 Rock Microstructures and Geologic Processes

HRIMD 621 Hospitality Law

HRIMD 640 Entrepreneurship in Hospitality Management and Dietetics

ID 645 Senior Interior Design Studio II
ID 651 Design for Supportive Environments
STAT 725 Introduction to the SAS Computing

Graduate Certificate in Academic Advising

## Department of Economics preliminary exam

DROP:	
ART 615	Figure Painting
ART 620	Water Media II
ART 649	Painting Seminar
ART 653	Senior Painting Studio
DMP 898	MS Research in Microbiology
DMP 998	Research in Microbiology
ID 740	Advanced Household Equipment
ADD:	
<b>ADD:</b> ART 679	Color Experiments, Theory and Application
1122	Color Experiments, Theory and Application Topics in Pathobiology (MS)
ART 679	
ART 679 DMP 895	Topics in Pathobiology (MS)
ART 679 DMP 895 DMP 995	Topics in Pathobiology (MS) Topics in Pathobiology (PhD)
ART 679 DMP 895 DMP 995 FSHS 757	Topics in Pathobiology (MS) Topics in Pathobiology (PhD) Financial Behavior Assessment Consulting

Motion carried.

- c. General Education -none
- 2. Senator Trussell moved to approve additions to graduation lists:

May 2003

Jason Elker – AWS PP, Technology & Aviation

#### May 2005

Nicholas A Torres – AWS PP, PPIL – Technology & Aviation Kyle Stephen Oswald – College of Arts and Sciences

## August 2005

Bryce P. Trear – College of Arts and Sciences Sarah K. Theimer – Graduate School, Master of Accountancy Matthew B. Smith – Graduate School, Master of Accountancy Timothy Martin Ratliff – BA – Arts & Sciences William Lee Bennett – BS – Arts & Sciences

Motion carried.

- 3. Senator Trussell reported that Academic Affairs is recommending changes to scholastic honors to base the honors solely on GPA. This change will come before Faculty Senate for approval in January.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee Frank Spikes
  - 1. Professorial Performance Award Proposal **Attachment 1**

Senator Frank Spikes moved to approve the Professorial Performance Award program by accepting the University Handbook language as proposed in Attachment 1. Senator Ransom requested information on the funding source for the new award. Senator Shubert described that the funds would have to come from either the state general fund or tuition as part of our normal budgeting process. Senator Fairchild asked about the funding of this award for those professors partially funded by Research and Extension. Senator Shubert indicated that since Research and Extension has no tuition revenue, this will need to be considered as part of the funding process. Senator Ransom requested an estimate of the total cost of the program. Senator Shubert said there are approximately 200 professors who have been in rank for the requisite length of time. Senator Spooner indicated the cost would be spread over as many as three years for the initial group, thereafter there are about 25 professors that could become eligible each year. Senator Smith questioned the duration of the funding for this program. Senator Shubert indicated that tuition will increase each year at a certain rate and they are meeting with students to determine ongoing tuition strategies so this will be one program that will be put on the table each year to be funded. Senator

Ransom asked about the support of central administration and the deans for this new program. President Herald said that the Provost is fully in support of the program. Senator Brigham indicated there are two deans on the compensation task force and they are fully in support of the program as well. Senator Devore asked about what percentage of faculty are expected to benefit from this program. Senator Spooner replied the committee estimates that 50% of the professors would receive the award but the program would be funded even if 100% of those eligible receive awards.

Motion carried.

Senator Spikes thanked those persons who served on the committee that developed this new program.

- 2. Senator Spikes announced that faculty advocates will be discussed by Faculty Affairs beginning in January. He would appreciate any suggestions on this role from interested senators.
- C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning Walter Schumm No report.
- D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology Michael North
  - 1. Senator Michael North announced that the InfoTech Tuesday electronic newsletter is now sent to all faculty automatically and to not receive the newsletter you may unsubscribe.
  - 2. He announced that new Wildcat ID cards will be distributed beginning next week. In responding to inquiries on distribution of the card, he said that the method used ensures the security of the card as it can be used for official identification such as picking up airline tickets, etc. The old ID card will no longer work as of January 3 for the Library and other such uses. The distribution schedule for faculty and staff is available at <a href="http://www.union.ksu.edu/services/ID%20Center/newIDs/newIDF-S%20Schedule.htm">http://www.union.ksu.edu/services/ID%20Center/newIDs/newIDF-S%20Schedule.htm</a>
  - 3. Senator North announced that tentatively on December 28 all university systems will be down for installation of a back-up generator. This includes e-mail, K-State Online, etc. A final announcement will be made confirming this down time closer to that date.
  - 4. Senator North discussed the increase in e-mail spam with Harvard Townsend, the Director of CNS, and he indicated that as soon as the spam definitions can be upgraded we should see a decrease in the number of spam e-mails.
  - 5. He announced that FSCOT, Faculty Senate leadership, and Extension personnel will be meeting with Dr. Pat Bosco on January 11 at 10:00 in Hale Library to discuss the marketing and branding issue of conversion from ksu.edu to k-state.edu and the ongoing use of both URLs. Any comments, questions or concerns on this topic, contact him at <a href="maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-maintenance-mainte
  - 6. Senator North announced problems with electronic dissertations not being accepted by journals. Dr. Carol Shanklin has a meeting scheduled to discuss this problem further and FSCOT is monitoring the problem as well.

#### 4. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council - Attachment 2

President Herald announced that the Appendix M, Procedure for Review of Dismissal of Tenured Faculty prehearing was held. The hearing will begin on January 24 at 8:00 a.m. Room 206, K-State Student Union and will be an open hearing. The hearing is for an appeal received by a faculty member in the College of Agriculture. There is also a grievance being heard today under Appendix G, General Grievance Board Policy and Hearing Procedures, for a faculty member in the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design.

He announced that upon review of the proposals for Targeted Excellence, twelve have been invited back to submit full proposals.

President-elect Roger Adams announced that a legislative forum was held with local legislators on December 7 in conjunction with the Classified Senate. The leadership groups will be discussing complaints received about the format of the forum. He apologized that the forum could not be video-conferenced with the Salina campus because the room used did not include video-conferencing equipment.

- B. Kansas Board of Regents Meeting Attachment 2
- C. Report from Student Senate
  Senator Lovely announced that the Student Senate passed a resolution against the TABOR amendment.
- D. Other None
- 5. Old Business none
- 6. New Business none
- 7. For the Good of the University none
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

# ATTACHMENT 1

#### Professorial Performance Award

Faculty salaries at Kansas State continue to fall below NASULGC averages at all ranks. But by far the most significant deficit lies at the rank of full professor. In 2003-04, the salaries of the full professoriate at Kansas State averaged 19.8% behind that of the full professoriate of other NASULGC institutions, compared to an 8.4% deficit for associate professors and 8.6% deficit for assistant professors. At present, bringing full professor salaries up to average would require an infusion of some \$6.5 million, an impossibility under current fiscal conditions. Given both the compelling need to remedy compressed salary at this rank and prevailing financial constraints, the Salaries and Benefits Committee has produced a two-part plan to address full professor salary compression that is fiscally manageable now, encourages and rewards productivity, and will have increasing impact on full professor salaries in the future.

The first part of the plan, an increased promotion-based raise, has already been put into place. On April 12, Faculty Senate passed a proposal to amend the language to the <u>University Handbook</u> to enhance promotion-based salary increases. The new language revises the percentage of the general salary pool constituting these raises from 5% and 7.5% to 8% and 11% for associates and full professors, respectively.

However, while this first step brings more salary to the full professor rank, and may have some effect on inter-rank compression, it will likely produce greater intra-rank compression. New full professor salaries may in some cases be greater than those who have served many years in rank. Therefore, the committee considers it imperative that we follow up the increased promotion raise with a Professorial Performance Award, an opportunity to increase the base salaries of high-performing full professors who have been in rank six years or more. The Performance Award review, it is important to note, is not a form of promotion review. It does not create a "senior" professoriate. In fact, since it rewards continued performance at the level that merited promotion, it may have the effect of consolidating the identity rather than diminishing the significance of the highest faculty rank.

We recommend an award amount of 8% of the average salary of all University faculty, currently around \$5000. However, funding for the award cannot come out of the legislatively approved merit increment; it must be an infusion of additional money from tuition or other sources.

## **Implementation**

The evaluation of candidates for Professorial Performance Awards follows a timeline for activities at the departmental and dean's levels similar to that outlined in the <u>University Handbook</u> for promotion. Also, as is the case for promotion, it is primarily the responsibility of departments to judge whether or not individuals qualify. However, the award review is a performance review, not a promotion review. Therefore it is not necessarily a peer review. Departments would be expected to develop their own mechanisms for review as they have for merit evaluation. As is the case in merit review, it may be that responsibility for the evaluation of materials involves personnel of any rank or several ranks.

Each department will also specify criteria for awarding the incentive according to its own disciplinary standards of excellence. Nonetheless, all such criteria will adhere to the following guidelines: 1. The candidate must have been in rank at least six years since the last promotion or **professorial performance award performance review**; 2. The candidate must show evidence of sustained productivity in at least the last six years before the performance review; and 3. The candidate's productivity and performance must be of a quality comparable to that which would merit promotion to full professor according to current standards. The department should explicitly address these guidelines in their review, as well as any other criteria the department deems appropriate to specify. The deans would have responsibility for oversight of the process, assuring that departments have consistently followed their own guidelines for awarding the performance.

## Cost

The number of full professors at the University who have been in rank for at least six years and who could therefore conceivably qualify for the Professorial Performance Award is higher than what can be allocated to awards in a single year. Therefore, we recommend a phased approach to the early years of the program if necessary. If the cost of the total number of awards exceeds what is possible to budget, each recipient will receive a set percentage of the total award amount, with the balance added to the base in the second, or at most the second and third, year. We anticipate that this will only be a problem in the first few years, and thereafter the number of awards will be both relatively predictable and fiscally manageable, as is the case with rank promotions.

#### Proposed Handbook Language for the Professorial Performance Award

- C49.1 Significance of the Award. The Professorial Performance Award rewards strong performance at the highest rank with a periodic base salary increase in addition to that provided for by the annual evaluation process. The Performance Award review, it is important to note, is not a form of promotion review. It does not create a "senior" professoriate.
- C49.2 Development and Revisions of the Professorial Performance Award Process. Departments develop their own mechanisms for review as they have for annual merit evaluation. As is the case in merit review, it may be that responsibility for the evaluation of materials involves personnel of any rank or several ranks. Each department will also specify criteria according to which candidates qualify for the award according to its own disciplinary standards of excellence. Nonetheless, all such criteria for the award will adhere to the following guidelines: 1. The candidate must be a full-time professor and have been in rank at Kansas State at least six years since the last promotion or **professorial performance award performance review**; 2. The candidate must show evidence of sustained productivity in at least the last six years before the performance review; and 3. The candidate's productivity and performance must be of a quality comparable to that which would merit promotion to full **professor** according to current approved departmental standards.
- C49.3 The Professorial Performance Award document must be approved by a majority vote of the faculty in the department, by the department's administrative head, and by the dean. Provision must be made for a review of the document at least every five years as a part of the review of the procedures for annual merit evaluation or whenever standards for promotion to full professor change.
- C49.4 Recommendations for the Professorial Performance Award are considered annually.
- C49.5 Responsibilities of Professorial Performance Award Candidates. Eligible candidates for review compile and submit a file that documents her or his professional accomplishments for at least the previous six years in accordance with the criteria, standards, and guidelines established by the department. The department head, in consultation with the personnel committee assembled for the purpose of the Professorial Performance award, when applicable, will prepare a written evaluation of the candidate's materials in terms of the criteria, standards, and guidelines established, along with a recommendation for or against the award.
- C49.6 Each candidate for the award will have the opportunity to discuss the written evaluation and recommendation with the department head, and each candidate will sign a statement acknowledging the opportunity to review the evaluation. Within seven working days after the review and discussion, each candidate has the opportunity to submit written statements of unresolved differences regarding their evaluations by the department head and to the next administrative level.
- C49.7 The department head must submit the following items to the appropriate dean:
- a. A copy of the evaluation document used to determine qualification for the award,
- b. Documentation establishing that there was an opportunity for the candidate to examine the written evaluation and recommendation,
- c. Any written statements of unresolved differences concerning the evaluation,
- d. The candidate's supporting materials that served as the basis of adjudicating eligibility for the award.
- C49.8 Responsibilities of the Deans. The dean will review all evaluation materials and recommendations to ensure that the evaluations are consistent with the criteria and procedures established by the department for the Professorial Performance Award.
- C49.9 A dean who does not agree with recommendations for the Professorial Performance Award made by a department head must attempt to reach consensus through consultation. If this fails, the dean's recommendation will be used. If any change has been made to the department head's recommendations, the dean must notify, in writing, to the candidate of the change and its rationale. Within seven working days after notification, such candidates have the opportunity to submit written statements of unresolved differences regarding their evaluations to the dean and to the provost. All statements of unresolved differences will be included in the documentation to be forwarded to the next administrative level. All recommendations are forwarded to the provost.
- C49.10 Responsibilities of the Provost. The provost will review all evaluation materials and recommendations to ensure that a. the evaluation process was conducted in a manner consistent with the criteria and procedures approved by the unit, b. there are no inequities in the recommendations based upon gender, race, religion, national origin, age or disability.
- C49.11 If the provost does not agree with recommendations for **professorial performance awards** salary increases made by subordinate administrators, an attempt must be made to reach consensus through consultation. If this fails, the provost's recommendation will be used. The candidate affected by the disagreement must be notified by the provost, in writing, of the change and its rationale.
- C49.12 The dean will consolidate the Performance Award with salary increases resulting from annual evaluation and issue the candidate a contract that includes the candidate's salary for the next fiscal year. **The performance award will become part of the professor's base salary.**
- C49.13 Basis and source of the award amount. The Professorial Performance Award will be 8% of the average salary of all-University faculty. However, funding for the award cannot come out of the legislatively-approved merit increment; it must be an infusion of additional money from tuition or other sources.

#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **Faculty Senate Leadership Council and Board of Regents Announcements**

## **Faculty Senate Leadership Council**

- 1. Wayne Goins, Associate Professor in Music was selected to serve as ombudsperson from 2005 2008.
- 2. Appendix M and Appendix G hearings are active.
- 3. A new five-year tuition plan is under development.
- 4. Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR). Colorado voters approved an amendment to place a moratorium on TABOR.

# **BOR Meeting**

#### 1. Council of Chief Academic Officers:

A draft of Rules and Regulations for Qualified Admissions/ACT Writing Requirements was worked on. ACT writing test cannot be used to deny a student, but could be used for provisional entry and as an advisory too. The regulations would state that the writing score would be at the institutions' discretion. There is an extra fee for the ACT writing component. The implementation date would be Fall 2007. The advantage of including the ACT writing score is the signal that it sends to the student and that it might be used for placement or for conditional admission.

## Tilford Conference

The committee will be formed and charged to put more topic/content focus on the conference.

The Vetmed Clinical track appointment was approved.

#### 2. Board meeting

The board will be more aggressive in requiring more challenging outcomes in the performance agreements. They will request more scope and stretch goals in future agreements.

The Ph.D. and M A. programs in Security Studies were approved.