

**MINUTES**  
**Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 3:30 pm**  
**K-State Union, Big 12 Room**

Present: Adams, Arck, Baker, Bergen, Bhadriraju, Blythe, Bontrager, Brigham, Burns, Cauble, G. Clark, R. Clark, Clegg, Collins, Cox, DeLuccie, Dodd, Eiselein, Erickson, Frieman, Gehrt, Gormely, Greene, Guzek, Hamilton, Haub, Hedrick, Herald, Higgins, Hoag, Hohenbary, Holcombe, Hosni, Johnston, Kearns, Knapp, Lee, Lehew, Leitnaker, Lovely, Lynch, Maatta, Maes, Martin, McHaney, Michie, Moore, Nichols, North, Pacey, Potts, Prince, Ransom, Reeck, Rintoul, Rolley, Roozeboom, Rys, Sachs, Schumm, Shubert, Shultis, Simon, Smith, Spears, Spikes, Spooner, Stadlander, Staggenborg, Stewart, Stockham, Thompson, Trussell, Turtle, Warner, Wilkie, and Yahnke

Absent: Brockway, Devore, Dhuyvetter, Fritz, Grauer, Oberst, Rahman, Rietcheck, Schultz, Stokes, and Turnley

Proxies: Alloway, Behnke, Fairchild, Nagaraja, Ross, and Willbrant

Visitors: Al Cochran, Darwin “Ace” Abbott, Elizabeth Unger, and Curtis Kastner

I. President Tom Herald called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed the senators to the first meeting of the 2005-06 academic year. President Herald recognized the excellent work of the Student Senate and introduced Michael Burns, President, Tyson Moore, Vice President, and Alex Lovely, Student Senate representative. He also recognized the Classified Senate for the work they do.

II. The minutes of the June 14, 2005 meeting were approved.

III. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee – Alice Trussell

Senator Alice Trussell announced that the leadership group has been looking at the policies and procedures for the course and curriculum changes to increase the visibility of these procedures as well as how procedures could be improved and clarified. She commented that the process is quite lengthy and faculty members must be aware of the months involved in the approval process. Senator Johnston asked about his understanding that curriculum changes may be taking longer to go through the process in the future. Senator Trussell agreed to discuss this question with CAPP and report back.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Frank Spikes

1. Dr. Curtis Kastner – Targeted Excellence

Senator Frank Spikes introduced Dr. Curtis Kastner to discuss the university’s Targeted Excellence program, in particular the Food Safety and Security Interdisciplinary program that was funded by the first year of Targeted Excellence. The Targeted Excellence funding augmented funding that was already in place. The new facility allows them to blend the Pre-Harvest and Post-Harvest study into one program and is the only program like that in the nation. The Targeted Excellence initiative is a five-year effort that drew on the interdisciplinary effort that was in place for 30 years. The communication over multiple disciplines is challenging. The model overall works but they are developing improvements by working with the team. If the interdisciplinary model works eventually as fully expected, this model can be used in other areas of the university. Key questions when reviewing Targeted Excellence proposals are: will the proposed project take the university to the next level and will it be sustainable over the future? People funded with this Targeted Excellence money were then tasked with the priority of cross cutting discipline coordination across the units.

Senator Spikes announced that he plans to bring action items to the Senate as well as keep Senate informed of progress. Next month will have an action item on English Language proficiency as well as a proposal from the Compensation group for professor compensation. In November will be discuss compensation for study abroad courses.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Michael North

1. Vice Provost Unger – Technology report

Michael North, Chair of FSCOT, introduced Vice Provost Beth Unger to provide a brief update on current university technology issues. She said that communication with faculty is imperative as her units support the work of the university. Dr. Rebecca Gould, iTAC, is the first point of contact for faculty technical needs. In the university structure, people are beginning to realize that information is key. We now have data items in many locations and the university is trying to solve associated issues. We want to build towards better data availability for researchers and other university uses. It is necessary to provide analysis tools for both research and business processing. IT people are service people. With respect to research infrastructure, we have gone from a mainframe environment and moved to PCs, now universities are finding a need for a central core of support with central servers. Several universities have built facilities to provide central IT support of research. Universities are creating common facilities to support research needs, such as machines, persons, and other services. The GIS Commons that will soon be online is an example of this central support at K-State. They are putting in communication collaboration facilities into K-State Online and welcome any faculty members who are interested to participate in this process. Currently looking at where personal data resides within the university to manage that information in order to prevent identify theft. The network infrastructure on campus is fragile and we are slowly working on upgrading that infrastructure. She asked that feedback on the university portal be addressed to Jane Rowlett. They are collaborating with Media Relations to revise the university web presence. Will be adding online grade submission to K-State Online. Students who are totally distance learning have increased. Electronic dissertations should be up and running by mid-spring semester. K-State has been involved in discussions with Ft. Riley to bring K-State education out to the post. We plan to deliver via two-way audio-video because of the tight security on the post. Dr. Unger commented that she is pleased with the efforts of the Committee on Technology.

North reported the committee had their first meeting last week. They reviewed the charge of FSCOT, they reviewed a proposed videoconferencing policy, and reviewed an ethics policy for the department of Computing and Network Services. Dr. Beth Unger brought the committee up to date on current technology issues.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Walter Schumm

1. Mr. Gary Leitnaker – Presentation on Parking Garage

Senator Walter Schumm announced that their committee discussed the parking garage at their last meeting and then introduced Gary Leitnaker and Darwin “Ace” Abbott to provide an overview of the parking garage proposal. The garage would be built south of the K-State Student Union and would be designed to blend in with other university buildings, particularly Nichols Hall and the Alumni Center. There would be 1406 parking spots in the garage, a gain of 966 stalls over the current two lots south of the Union. The garage would be funded by a 100% increase in student and faculty parking fees over a three-year period. Even with these increases, the parking costs would be slightly below the national average for universities. Classified Senate asked the parking council to consider tiering the fee structure so that lesser paid employees would pay less, modeled after the state health insurance plan. Several senators asked questions and brought up arguments that we should consider other alternatives such as mass transit and utilizing the outlying areas such as the Bramlage lot then bus individuals to campus. The City of Manhattan looked at a mass transit system and there was no groundswell of support for such system and Manhattan did not meet the 50,000 people threshold to support a mass transit system. It was also mentioned that the current parking shuttle route from Edwards, Union, and Foundation Building is minimally used. There was also concern that this is only the first of four garages proposed by the Campus Planning Committee and how are those other garages to be funded? President Herald commented that the Campus Planning Committee and the Parking Council both have faculty representation. Senator Dodd recommended that the proposed parking garage should be looked at as Phase I of the transportation problems, not just parking issues. Senator Hedrick suggested that the premium spaces in the parking garage should be charged a larger fee.

IV. Announcements

See announcements attached to the Executive Committee.

A. Faculty Senate Leadership Council

B. Kansas Board of Regents Meeting - no report

C. Report from Student Senate

Senator Lovely reported that senate met last Thursday and voted to fund reallocation of money to support the new position, Director of the Honors Program. Student Senate also voted to support the parking garage proposal.

D. Other

President Herald announced that new senators are Donna Potts to replace Cia Verschelden and Lori Bergen to replace Phil Anderson. The Provost will soon announce an internal search for a new Director of the Honors Program. The Child Development Center has requested a faculty member to be added to their governance board.

The K-State Student Union will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2006 and will start celebrating in small ways yet this semester. Bernard Pitts, director, is requesting any ideas on the celebration and reflections to be included in a publication they are developing.

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

VII. For the Good of the University

President Herald referred to President Wefald's memo on donating to American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief and mentioned the disaster leave policy has been expanded by the governor to include the hurricane region. The disaster service volunteer leave policy allows for up to 20 days of paid leave for American Red Cross certified disaster service volunteers.

Senator Ransom requested a non-binding straw vote on the garage as proposed. The vote was not in favor of the garage as proposed.

Senator Hedrick suggested that event activities have special charges for use of the parking garage.

Senator Johnston affirmed that many of his colleagues supported the new tuition program for employee dependent/spouse, but some of his colleagues' dependents/spouses were not approved. Any issues should be brought to President Herald or Senator Bruce Shubert's attention.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.