

MINUTES
KSU Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 3:45 pm
K-State Union, Big 12 Room

Present: Adams, Aistrup, Alloway, D Askey, J Askey, Atkinson, Barden, Beard, Bontrager, Breen, Carroll, Cauble, Charney, Chengappa, Clark, Condia, Crenshaw, DeBres, Devore, Dodd, Donnelly, Eiselein, Fairchild, Finkeldei, Fox, Gehrt, Genereux, Graham, Greene, Guzek, Hannah, Harper, Haub, Hendrix, Hoag, Hohn, Holcombe, Hosni, Howard, Hsu, Hubler, Hughey, Kearns, King, Knopp, Lehew, Leitnaker, McCulloh, Michie, Miller, Montelone, Nagaraja, Nechols, North, Pacey, Piper, Ramaswamy, Ransom, Rintoul, Toss, Smith, Spikes, Stadlander, Turnley, Vontz, Wagner, Wang, Weninger, Whitney-Bammerlin, Zhang

Proxies: Al-Khatib, Arck, Behnke, DeLuccie, Herald, Knapp, Maatta, Martin, Nafziger, Schapaugh, Schultz, Sump, Warner

Absent: Brigham, Clegg, Dhuyvetter, Eckels, Oberst, Potts, Reeck, Renberg, Staggenborg

Visitors: Al Cochran

1. President Frank Spikes called the meeting to order at 3: 55 p.m. after the Royal Purple Photo was taken.
2. Minutes of June 12, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. Announcements
 - A. Presidential announcements
 1. President Spikes reported on activities occurring over the summer months and being attended to by the Faculty Senate Leadership Council. One ombudsperson, Prakash Krishnaswami, due to health problems has resigned from his role as an ombudsperson. Warren White, College of Education, has agreed to finish out the term of Prakash through this academic year. Warren served as ombudsperson prior Prakash. Judy Anderson has accepted a position at Emporia State University so she has also resigned as ombudsperson. The leadership council will be attending to her replacement in the near future.
 2. President Spikes reported that Learfield Communications could not find a sponsor for the Professor of the Week for the 2007 football season. Once Bob Krause was informed of the problem he was able to assist in the resolution. President Wefald also agreed to ensure sponsorship of this program out of university funds for ensuing years. President Spikes thanked each caucus for quickly identifying persons to be recognized this season.
 3. President Spikes announced that K-State has key positions filled on an interim basis: Vice Provost for Information Technology Services, Dean of Continuing Education, and Dean of the Graduate School. He also mentioned that Jane Rowlett has announced her phased retirement being in January. Faculty Senate has been asked to participate in the search committee for her replacement.
 4. President Spikes announced that he spoke in support of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) during the Department of Homeland Security's scoping hearing, but not on behalf of Faculty Senate. NBAF is accepting public comments through September 28: <http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf> (click on Public Involvement).
 5. The Leadership Council meets with the Provost tomorrow and President Spikes meets monthly with the Provost.
 6. The State of the University Address is this Friday, September 14; speakers will be President Spikes, Provost Nellis, and President Wefald. There will also be streaming video.
 7. President Spikes mentioned that there has been significant effort to improve the grievance process because this is important to the university. Last week the first of probably three grievances was heard. The next personnel matter is an Appendix M hearing, relating to dismissal of a tenured faculty member to be held at the end of the month. If the hearing is open, Faculty Senate will be notified. President Spikes is required to report the end result to the Faculty Senate. This is the first hearing regarding the Chronic Low Achievement policy. There is also potential for another grievance that is scheduled now for the end of

October. Senator Dodd inquired on the funding source to support the grievance hearing. President Spikes said some of the funding comes from Faculty Senate, the Provost budget takes care of some of the expenses, and the university pays attorney fees up to 96 hours as allowed for in the policy. Also, the Vice President for Administration and Finance absorbed the security guard expense.

B. Faculty Senate Leadership Council

C. Kansas Board of Regents

President Spikes discussed that the Board of Regents has turned over with approximately 2/3rds of the membership being new this year. Christine Downey-Schmidt is the new Chair and Donna Shank is the Vice-Chair. The September meeting will be next week in Topeka.

D. Report from Student Senate

Senator Tim Weninger introduced himself as the Student Senate Representative to Faculty Senate. Student Senate passed a bill limiting student organizations to one travel request for a total of \$1,000 or \$100 per person, whichever is less. Also, since the beginning of Matt Wagner's leadership, the initial Study Abroad fee of \$50 has been eliminated. A committee to consider a Financial Counseling center for students is also being established. The University Relations committee is looking at the textbook procedures. He requested that faculty submit the ISBN numbers in a timely manner to Varney's for publication since they are now providing the textbook ISBN numbers to students. FERPA was modified by Congress several years ago so that the Alcohol Use policy allows parents to be informed of alcohol violation problems. All Big-12 institutions, except K-State, have had this policy in place since 1999 when FERPA was amended; the administration is considering this at K-State but the students are opposed to this change.

4. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs Committee – Doris Carroll

Senator Doris Carroll moved to take the curriculum change for Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering off the table. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Senator Carroll moved to approve the following curriculum change approved by the College of Engineering on March 9, 2007.

Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering

Changes to the Industrial Engineering Program:

- Drop Literature Elective Requirement (3 hours)
- Change Professional Electives from 6 to 9 hours. No change in total hours for the BSIE degree.
- Move STAT 510 and 511 from the Junior to Sophomore year. With this change, several other classes also changed semesters.

Motion passed.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee – Betsy Cauble

Senator Betsy Cauble reported that Faculty Affairs will have one more meeting with Administration regarding Appendix G, General Grievance Board Policy and Hearing Procedures before it is ready to come to the floor of the Faculty Senate.

C. Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning – Roger Adams

Past-President Roger Adams announced that the first meeting will be held tomorrow with the main topic as Appendix B Financial Exigency, Part IV: Procedures for the Orderly Reduction of Unclassified Positions Prior to the Declaration of Financial Exigency. FSCOUP is in the process of reviewing this appendix for any necessary revisions.

D. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology – Michael North

Senator Michael North announced that FSCOT has met twice this year. They have been following the e-mail issues experienced at the university. James Lyall, Associate Vice Provost for Information Technology Services, has appointed a working group to address K-State's e-mail issues, including utilizing technical consultants. They are also reviewing the network situation. The proposed Data Classification policy will

be reviewed by FSCOT once additional changes have been made by the administration. As a result of the Virginia Tech shooting, two committees have been formed at KSU, one for Reverse 911 with Dave Rintoul representing faculty and one for Text Messaging with Tweed Ross as a faculty representative. The committee will participate in a hands-on demonstration of the new Student System in October.

5. Old Business - none

6. New Business - none

7. For the Good of the University

Senator Mo Hosni remembered the death of Elfrieda Nafziger who was an important part of the International programs. He offered heartfelt condolences to former senator and past president of Faculty Senate, Wayne Nafziger.

President Spikes asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who were affected by the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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