

## Attachment 6

### **GERALD REECK: STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENCY**

I believe in the importance of the public research university in the life and future of this country (and the world), the importance of this particular university in the life and future of this state (and the country and the world), and the importance of Faculty Senate in the life and future of K-State.

The Senate plays a vital role institutionally -- that is, permanently. It holds a position of primacy in purely academic matters, such as curriculum. It holds an equally important position of advocacy within the culture or society of the university, in urging faculty input into such processes as planning, in insisting that academic freedom be maintained, that individual faculty members be treated as outlined in the University Handbook, in constantly reminding the administration (no matter who the administrators are at any moment) of the importance of shared governance, and in encouraging the participation of faculty members in shared governance. The presidency of Senate is ephemeral, lasting just a year for any individual, but the president is nonetheless very important, serving, as she or he does, as the key voice of the Senate and the faculty for that year and as a supporting voice for two other years and as a representative of the university, from the faculty perspective, during that time.

My years at K-State, years during which I have had a wide variety of experiences and made, I hope, contributions in a variety of ways, are the basis for my belief that I would represent the Senate and the university well as president. I would do so with absolutely top priority. All other activities and responsibilities (other than short visits to my grandsons and their parents!) would take a back seat during the year of my presidency. I would not expect, for instance, to take any professional trips, as a scientist, during that year. I would also restrict my traveling as president-elect.

I would like to mention three areas of special interest to me, areas I would like to be involved in as a member of the leadership group, should I be elected. Needless to say, there is already faculty involvement in each of these areas. So, I am simply saying that I would hope there is room for me, especially in the year as president-elect, to weigh in on these issues. They are: the essentiality of the opportunity for faculty members to participate intensively and extensively in planning for 2025; an examination of iSIS (and perhaps other software) from the viewpoint of its users, that is, faculty and staff and students; a discussion of academic issues involved in establishing the Olathe campus.

Administration and faculty are not adversarial (we are, after all, working toward common goals), but we must acknowledge that we have different perspectives and, to some extent, different cultures. This can lead to frank discussion and even disagreement, but this must be behind closed doors. In public we must and will be unified. As president, I would report to you, as part of my duties, on discussions with the administration, but I will not function as a spokesperson for the administration, which has many ways of speaking for itself. I will instead, be an advocate for and a spokesperson for the faculty -- to the administration, to the Regents and, as appropriate, to the public.

To serve as your president would be an honor. Were I elected, I would devote my physical and emotional energies and any talent I might possess to that service.

## **GERALD REECK: ONE-PAGE NARRATIVE RESUME**

### ***Education, Background and Positions Held***

B.A. in Chemistry (summa cum laude), Seattle Pacific College (1967)

Ph.D. in Biochemistry, University of Washington (1971)

Research Associate (US Public Health Service), NIH, Bethesda MD (1971-1974)

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor of Biochemistry, KSU (1974, 1978, 1982 to present)

Associate Dean, Graduate School, KSU (1989 – 1991)

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (1998 – 2004)

### ***Honors***

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (1967 - 1971); NIH Career Development Award (1978 – 1983); William Stamey Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences (1989); Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award, KSU (1989)

### ***Summary of Teaching***

In my department I have taught numerous courses, from BIOCH100 to BIOCH930, including, for over ten years, General Biochemistry online. I have also taught Freshman Seminar and Introduction to the University Honors Program.

### ***Summary of Research***

My work, in the field of protein and enzyme biochemistry and molecular biology, has been funded over the years by numerous local, state, federal and international programs and agencies. My current research support (some of it in collaboration with John Reese, Xiaoyan Tang, and Frank White) is from the CRC for Plant Biosecurity (Australia), the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research (KSU), and the Arthropod Genomics program (KSU). I have published approximately 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

### ***Selected Service at KSU***

As a faculty member I've served: on the Graduate Council and on Faculty Senate, most recently in 2003-2005 and 2007-2010, earlier (1995-6) serving as Chair of the Arts and Sciences Caucus and a member of the executive committee; on the Rhodes/Marshall interview committee; as chair of the assessment committee in my department; on the Dean's Advisory Council (2005-2008); and as chair of the life Science Advisory Council starting this year. As associate dean of the Graduate School I chaired the Graduate Council for several months before the arrival of the new dean and streamlined the processing of graduate student applications. I had wide-ranging responsibilities as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, including administering UGE at the college level, directing the honors program and Freshman Seminar, overseeing course and curriculum matters, serving as research associate dean, and, for one summer, administering the college's summer school program.

### ***Service and Activities Locally, Statewide, Nationally***

I held several positions in the statewide Kansas Affiliate of the American Heart Association, culminating in the presidency for a year (1995-6). Locally I have served on the Parks and Recreation Board (1997 – 2002), was active in the Arbors Heights Neighborhood Association, and served as choir director at the First United Methodist Church for a year (1996-7). I have appeared in two plays and one musical, locally, in the last 3 years. I am member of the editorial board of Applied and Environmental Microbiology, and I review manuscripts for several other journals.