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Minutes of the Fort Hays State University
Faculty Senate
November 2, 1993

A. President Dianna Koerner called the meeting of the Faculty Senate to order in the Pioneer Lounge Room of the Memorial Union on November 2, 1993 at 3:30 p.m.

B. Senators present were Harry Teitelbaum (for Warren Shaffer and Bill Daley), Garry Brower, Martha Holmes, Fred Britten, Dale McKemey, Joan Rumpel, Sandra Rupp, James Hohman (for Max Rumpel), Lloyd Frerer (for Stephen Shapiro and Lance Lippert), John Durham, Judy Nixon (for Donna Ortiz), Albert Geritz, Richard Leeson, Jean Salien, Gary Millhollen, Greg Kandt (for Helen Miles), Chris Lovett, Anita Gordon-Gilmore, Charles Votaw, Mohammad Riazi, John Huber (for Lewis Miller), Martin Shapiro, Michelle Hull Knowles, Eileen Deges Curl, Roger Pruitt (for Maurice Witten), Richard Hughen, Richard Heil, Gerry Cox, Marc Pratarelli, Michael Rettig, and Herb Zook.

Senators absent were Michael Jilg, Michael Madden, Ralph Gamble, John Zody, Merlene Lyman, and Robert Markley.

Guests of the Senate were Dr. Rodolfo Arevalo, Provost, Dr. Richard Ranker, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning Technology, Carolyn Bird, Mike Reeves, Dr. Willis Watt, Communication Department Chair, Adele Shaver, Hays Daily News reporter, and Donetta Robben, Leader reporter.

C. The minutes of the October 4, 1993 meeting were approved.

D. Announcements

1. See agenda for written announcements.

2. An additional note on announcement #2 regarding faculty responses to Strategic Planning. Seventeen comments were forwarded from faculty to the Provost.

3. Senator Richard Leeson asked about announcement #5 regarding the transferability of courses. President Koerner responded that departments can decide what courses are acceptable for programs within their department. Senator Leeson wanted to know if faculty have any input on which courses are accepted for the General Education Program. Provost Arevalo commented that as part of the articulation agreement these courses are automatically accepted. However, concern has been raised regarding the number of lower division courses that are currently being accepted for upper division courses. This issue will be looked at closer.

4. Regarding announcement #12 about the university-wide initiatives, so far four faculty members have expressed interest in serving on a committee to guarantee students a degree in four years, seven faculty are interested in the foreign language requirement for graduation, and 11 faculty interested in empowering the faculty. Any additional names need to be submitted by November 11.

5. A task force document on Networking for Global Competition - Creating Tomorrow in Telecommunications from the Regents is available. A statement by Governor Finney stated that with the completion of this task force report, Kansas will now have a much needed starting point to begin the task of reengineering and modernizing the state's existing information infrastructure. The document reports on what the state has now and where we are going. Anyone wanting to look at this can contact President Koerner or request their own copy from the state.

6. The Baptist, Protestant, and Catholic Campus Centers have invited all faculty and staff to a party on December 9 from 2-4 pm. The party will be at the Catholic Campus Center.

E. Standing Committees

1. Academic Affairs -- Martha Holmes

Motion 1: The Senate recommends approval of COMM 500 Nonverbal Codes. The course description was printed in the agenda. The course would be an elective and has been taught before as a seminar course.

Motion passed.

2. By-laws and Standing Rules -- Charles Votaw

The library was asked to decide which college they would like to be affiliated with for representation. The library faculty, however, were hesitate about pushing someone off a committee. Senator Anita Gordon Gilmore stated that two issues came up during discussion with the library faculty. One regarding the issue that Arts and Sciences has only two representatives on the Tenure and Promotion Committees and if one member was from the library then the rest of the college would be represented by only one member. The second issue was the problem of aligning with only one college when the library is serving the whole university. The By-laws and Standing Rules Committee would like a little more direction if the senate wants this issue pursued further.

3. External Affairs and Faculty Salary -- Jean Salien

The information on faculty salaries is slowly coming in.

4. Student Affairs -- Dale McKemey

The committee is currently evaluating students for inclusion in Who's Who.

5. University Affairs -- no report.

F. Old Business

1. A recommendation about Technology Royalties originally approved by Faculty Senate on January 13, 1992 was submitted to the Provost. The document had been previously misplaced. The Provost looked at the document and offered a counter proposal. The University Affairs will look at this counter proposal and report back to the senate.

F. Old Business

1. Merger of FHSU and BCCC--update
 - a. no presentation at BOR
 - b. committees forming
2. Resolution from Dick Leeson on University Library.

The Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate insists that Forsyth Library's book and periodical holdings be brought up to the level of the average holdings of its peer institution: 353,508 monographs, 3354 periodicals. To accomplish this, more of the annual budget (perhaps over a five year period) must be allocated to the library for the express purpose of building the book and periodical collections. Also, President Hammond should actively seek outside resources to help accomplish the aforementioned goals. Until the administration begins a good-faith effort to meet the standards stated above (essentially those of the American Library Association for schools the size of FHSU), the Senate demands a moratorium on the implementation of any new programs and on the creation of any new departments or degrees. Furthermore, until these goals for the library collection are reached, the Senate insists upon a freeze on the hiring of any new administrators.

3. Other

G. New Business

1. Resolution from KSU on State Funding. Review and come prepared to discuss if we want to endorse their resolution, if we want to develop one of our own or if we even want to do anything.

Kansas State University Faculty Senate
Resolution:

Whereas: The State of Kansas is unable to adequately fund critically important facilities and infrastructural components of the university. These include 1) faculty salary benefits, 2) library facilities and collections, 3) building maintenance and modernization, and 4) student enrollment adjustments.

Whereas: The State of Kansas will experience greater difficulty in funding the current structure of higher education given increasing programmatic and social service demands on state resources.

Whereas: The inclusion of Washburn University in the Regents system has been vigorously opposed because of inadequate funding for the existing Regents schools.

Whereas: Providing remedial or college preparatory courses at a major university for a large number of students unprepared for college diverts already

limited resources.

Whereas: The debate on program duplication and providing sufficient funding for all higher education institutions in Kansas (six Regents institutions, Washburn, and nineteen junior and/or community colleges) will continue to intensify.

The above issues represent symptoms of the much larger problem related to the state's vision and strategy to provide for higher education in Kansas.

Therefore be it resolved that:

The state of Kansas should provide the appropriate vision for higher education that ensures a structurally and strategically effective and efficient system of higher education today and in the future. The Kansas Legislature, in cooperation with the Board of Regents, should authorize a study to critically evaluate the system of higher education in Kansas. The purpose of the proposed assessment would be to develop a higher education structure that 1) adequately serves the needs of the people, 2) is cost effective and competitive relative to peers, 3) reduces institutional and programmatic duplication, and 4) maintains the quality of higher education in the future.

2. Norm-Referenced Student Rating Instruments
 - a. TEVAL/IDEA (Long and Short forms)/WSU form
3. Resolution from FSEC on New General Education Curriculum.

The Faculty Senate recommends that all approved courses under the 'old' General Education Program be applied to the Liberal Arts distribution requirements in the humanities, mathematics and natural sciences, and the social and behavioral sciences. Such would be effective immediately and would continue until Fall of 1994.

4. Other

H. Reports from Liaisons

1. Classified Senate--Senator Sandra Rupp.
2. Computer Advisory Committee--Senator Max Rumpel.
3. Instructional Media Committee--Senator Eileen Deges Curl.
4. Library Committee--Senator Jean Gleichsner.
 - a. Introduction of Mr. Lawrence Caylor, Director of Forsyth
5. Student Government Association--Senator Dale McKemey.
6. General Education Committee--Senator Martha Holmes
7. Faculty & Staff Development--Senator Anita Gordon Gilmore

I. Adjournment

- J. Next meeting January 11th, 1994 3:30 p.m. in Pioneer Room.