

Minutes

Faculty Senate, May 1, 2012

Plaza Room, Administrative Center, 3 p.m.

Present: Ebersole, Ward-Smith, McArthur, Burnett, Wyckoff, Plamann, Taylor, Durig, Peng, Ellinghausen, McDaniels, Thiagarajan, Butner, Luppino, Sykes Berry, Alleman, Gerkovich, Krantz, Stanley, Kumar, Igwe, Bethman, Lyne, Madison-Cannon

Excused: Stancel, Sohraby, Sherburn, Holt, Nickel

Absent: Gardner, Odom, O'Brien, Hermanns

Guests: Leo Morton, Chancellor; Gail Hackett, Provost ; Anne Spenner. Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications; Tom Stroik, co-chair of GEOC

Welcome and Informational Items

At 3:05 p.m. the Chair welcomed everyone to the last regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting. Chair Ebersole thanked all those senators whose terms are ending this year.

The chair announced that the Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Cathleen Burnett, has been elected chair of the Faculty of the College of A&S and also that the incoming Vice Chair/Secretary for the College A&S is Senator Laurie Ellinghausen. Ebersole asked approval to appoint a Faculty Senate Secretary to begin August 1st for next year until the regularly scheduled election cycle in the Spring. He invited nominations to be sent to him or to anyone on the Executive Committee. There was no dissent.

There is a reception from 4-6 pm this afternoon in 408 Student Union to honor the Guggenheim Fellows in the College and the Conservatory. If this meeting ends early, that event might be something for Senators to attend.

Express Scripts is sending three notices to persons in the medical plan requiring that we respond. It is not necessary to sign up for ES home delivery, but you must respond to let them know you go to a retail pharmacy. Otherwise, after the third refill you will be charged full price. For maintenance medicines you are automatically put into category you will be charged full price. An active decision is necessary. You must make a choice. Please pass the word to faculty and staff to pay attention to what might be thought to be junk mail. It is not.

Approval of Agenda

Senator Butner moved to accept the agenda and IFC Representative McArthur seconded the motion. All approved.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Wyckoff moved to accept the minutes of April 17 and Senator Thiagarajan seconded the motion. All approved.

Chancellor's Remarks: Leo Morton

Should we change our name? The Rolla name change worked out well because their title explains who they are—and their enrollment is now maxed out. Why would we do it? It is about clarifying who we are and distinguishing ourselves from others. A name change could increase enrollment and philanthropy. It would not be a move away from the UM System.

In 1933, the University of Kansas City emerged out of the depression because Kansas City needed a University. The city supported it. A name change could put us into good company. U of Cincinnati, U of Chicago, etc...

75% of this University's enrollment comes from this SMSA. The National Goal for 2020 IS that 65% of adults have a post- secondary degree. Now only 38% do. Therefore, there is plenty of potential to grow. The University is mentioned in 3 of 5 of the Chamber of Commerce's Big 5. We are the envy of every University within 200 miles because of the companies in this city from which to draw support; Kansas City is the most giving city per capita in the nation. A name change could also be a defensive move. KU, MU, KState are all coming to Kansas City to raise money. But what are those universities doing for Kansas City?

The timeline is spring-summer-fall 2012. The Chancellor hopes to have something to the Board of Curators before the end of the calendar year. Some challenges include the need for outside support, although there is a Campus Beautification fund that could be tapped for some funds. The costs are just north of \$1 million.

The Chancellor received strong positive reactions from the Senators. Some raised questions about whether the University has the right to the name. Senator Hermanns thought that the School of Medicine might be concerned about another medical school in the city. Alumni might also be concerned.

Provost's Remarks: Gail Hackett

The Chancellor is signing the letters for Promotion and Tenure decisions. One observation from this year's review, related to the issue of a possible name change is that there appeared to be some bias on the part of external reviewers to view us as not being a research institution.

General Education motions

Two motions were discussed. A suggestion was made to add an ex officio member from the Law School to the ad hoc committee. The standing committee would not be working over summer. Units would be asked to elect or appoint ad hoc committee members to work over the summer and that committee will bring to the first September Faculty Senate meeting recommendations for the process for course approval, then that work will be handed over to the standing committee. The ad hoc committee will

meet by the end of May. The Standing committee will start early in the Fall semester but will need some time for unit elections to populate the committee.

The ad hoc committee will be tasked with getting ready for approval of courses, guidelines for faculty, procedures and processes for course approvals. This will include helping programs identify existing courses that could fit into the Student Learning Outcomes.

Chair Ebersole recognized that this will be a significant summer commitment and suggested a modest honorarium from the Senate for those especially on nine-month contracts to participate.

The Provost was concerned that there be a critical mass of GEOC folks on the ad hoc committee. The proposal accepted was that if the unit elections don't accomplish that goal, then the Provost could appoint up to four members from the GEOC to continue this work on the ad hoc committee.

Faculty Senate Committee Charge #1

The Faculty Senate General Education Implementation Committee

Over the summer of 2012, this ad hoc committee shall develop recommendations that will be brought to the full Faculty Senate at the September 4th meeting on the following:

1. A process or "flow chart" of how General Education courses shall be proposed, reviewed, and approved or denied by the University General Education Committee;
2. A template for course proposals for the General Education Curriculum;
3. A timetable for the proposing and approving the first batch of courses for the General Education Curriculum to be offered in AY 2013-2014;
4. An initial assessment plan for the new General Education courses, including the learning outcomes or objectives to be assessed.

Motion #1

It is moved that the Faculty Senate shall create an ad hoc committee, the "Faculty Senate General Education Implementation Committee" that will, in coordination with and with support from the Provost's Office, implement the general education model as adopted by the Faculty Senate. This committee will consist of the following members:

a) one faculty member from each of the three divisions in the College (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences); one elected faculty member from each of the remaining schools with an undergraduate program (including the Medical School), and one representative from the University Libraries. One member from the Law School will be ex officio.

b) two members elected from the Faculty Senate;

c) two to four faculty members, selected by the Provost, from the current General Education Oversight Committee, in order to facilitate continuity of purpose during implementation.

d) one liaison from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, who may be appointed from that committee.

e) the Provost, or two representatives from the Provost's office, acting as non-voting members.

This ad hoc committee shall exist for no more than six months or until such time as, having met its responsibilities, the Faculty Senate and Provost move to dissolve it. The Faculty Senate and Provost may, if needed, agree to extend the term of this committee.

N.B. If this motion is approved, the Faculty Senate will immediately request that units hold elections for these positions, charge this committee to start its work no later than May 30, 2012, and request monthly updates regarding the progress of this committee with recommendations to be brought before the Faculty Senate at their meeting on Sept. 4th, 2012.

Senator Sykes Berry made a motion to approve Motion #1 with the amendments. IFC Representative McArthur seconded the motion. There was no opposition or abstentions.

Discussion continued regarding Motion #2. It was the consensus of the Senators that it was not necessary to include advisors or publicity people on the Standing committee, although they might participate on occasion. However, adding the Registrar to the Standing committee was considered an important addition.

Faculty Senate Committee Charge #2

The University General Education Committee

This standing committee shall oversee all aspects of the university-wide General Education Curriculum, ranging from the approval of courses to the assessment of student learning. The Committee will establish a regular meeting schedule for each academic year when new course proposals and course modifications will be considered. All requisite calendars, forms, information for faculty, and instructions shall be maintained on the Faculty Senate web site. As a standing committee, the University General Education Committee shall report regularly to the full Faculty Senate.

Motion #2

It is moved that the Faculty Senate shall create a standing committee, the University General Education Committee, to establish procedures for and to oversee the approval of new courses for the university-wide General Education Curriculum. This committee shall consist of:

- a) one faculty member from each of the three divisions in the College (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences); one elected faculty member from each of the remaining schools with an undergraduate program (including the Medical School), and one representative from the University Libraries. One member from the Law School will be ex officio.
- b) two members elected from the Faculty Senate;
- c) one liaison from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, who may be appointed from that committee.
- d) the Provost or two representatives from the Provost's office, as non-voting members. In addition, the Registrar would also be a non-voting member of this committee.

This committee will additionally work with the Provost's office to develop and review assessment criteria for the University Wide General Education Program and courses, in coordination with the existing Faculty Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. During the implementation period, the committee will also coordinate with the Faculty Senate General Education Implementation Committee and report regularly to the full Faculty Senate.

Senator Thiagarajan moved that Motion #2 be approved as amended and Senator Stanley seconded the motion. The motion passed with 20 in favor, 0 negative, no abstentions.

Now it is important that the Senators spread the word.

To begin the process of populating the Ad Hoc Committee, Senators Wyckoff and Sykes Berry were elected by acclamation to represent the Faculty Senate on this implementation committee.

Other Committee Reports

As there were no other committee reports, the Senate adjourned.