

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 23,
2022 MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Dr. Keith Mccutchen, Johnathan Rogers, Deena Gaughey-Summers, Debra Tate, Rozine Johnson, Herman Walston, Kirk Pomper, Patrese Nebbit, Tierra Freeman Turner, Lisa Turner, Michael Dailey, David Shabazz, Buddhi Gyawali, Krissalyn Love Shawn Lucas, Kris Grimes, Sheila Stuckey, LeChrista Finn, Barb Witty, Swagata Banerjee, James Obielodan and Charles Nichols

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by president Mccutchen, The agenda for the meeting was presented to the body for approval and it was so moved. The previous meeting's minutes were presented to the body and approved with necessary corrections.

President Mccutchen informed the body that he and some colleagues presented musical pieces and poetry selections at the Frankfort Farmer's market on September 16th in recognition of KSU's Land Grant university status. The program was coordinated through our Land Grant office and they were well received. Dr. McCutcheon and Dr. Phillip Clay attended the state University Faculty Senate Conference. Dr. Clay informed the body that many other state institutions are struggling with financial issues (faculty hiring, in particular). Dr. Clay also let us know that statewide college enrollment is down 1% per Dr. Aaron Thompson of the CPE.

Dr. Herman Walston updated the body on the Board of Regents meeting earlier in the week and noted that Board training will be considered for the members. He also informed us that a special call meeting has held in which 2 action items were addressed. 1) The Board approved the use of an external auditor to close out the university's fiscal year 2022 books and it's hoped we'll locate an auditor for that purpose soon. 2) E&G Funds will be used to cover the expense/salary of the football coaches, the accountant and other positions including adjunct faculty overloads. A closed session was held to address pending litigation and the items discussed were approved.

We next received a report from the Safety Committee and Nurse Turner had been communicating with Dr. McCutcheon on issues that needed to be sent out regarding campus health matters.

Dr. Michael Dailey presented his report for Online Studies. He let us know that there will be faculty engagement opportunities to provide faculty online course training both online and face to face. The Quality Matters program will be utilized to provide faculty training for teaching online courses. Faculty evaluations are available for those who want it.

Student Engagement had no report but it was mentioned that Krissalyn Love informed the body that Mr. Travis Haskins has been returned to student advising and he will be primarily working with undergrads (mostly freshmen students). The Learning Center is running again. Bred Leadership is currently working on a leadership conference.

Dr. Kris Grimes gave an update on the Dual Credit program. While spring course requests have been cancelled, he anticipates that in the future, more dual credit courses will be added. He said that those coming students will be enrolled in both our regular courses and in dual credit options. The program is being redesigned to offer maximum credit for the students.

Dr. Grimes continued on presenting the Academic Professional Committee's report. An action item discussed involved PAFs and some adjustments need to be done regarding pro-rating based on the class size. IRB requirements will be reviewed.

Dr. Chris Wang presented the Curriculum Committee report. There is a program change proposal regarding the mass communication and journalism program course hours as the journalism minor has been removed due to low student enrollment. The mass communication planning ladder has been updated to reflect the change. The motion to accept the change was approved.

Dr. Mccutchen stated that the faculty evaluation rubric will be reviewed and he is sending the Provost an article on how it can be effectively used.

Dr. Swagata Banerjee Professional Evaluation Concerns committee report. The mentioned the issue of campus maintenance and housekeeping. The committee was also made aware that there are elevator buttons that are not working and unpaid student bills are negatively impacting enrollment. The ADP system is reflecting incorrect leave hours and Sharon MGee has joined the committee as a new member.

Budget and Academic Support Committee

Dr. James Obielodan noted that issues from the previous committee meeting were addressed. The instructional budget suffered a decrease. The committee discussed student technical challenges as how their accessing Blackboard using their personal email address rather than their campus one is creating problems for them in regard to their being able to access their Blackboard account.

Other concerns

Dr. Dailey intervened to say that the cost of textbooks is being addressed in the university's strategic plan. The city of Frankfort's strategic plan may be working with the university to determine how KSU's strategic plan could align with the city's and what (if any funding) the university would receive from the city's planning.

Additional considerations came from Dr. Obielodan as he asked if students would have to pay for their textbooks in the coming semester. Dr. Clay encouraged the faculty to attend Homecoming events in order to show our presence to the students during that period. Dr. Mccutchen provided a link or will provide one be able to access the committees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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