

Kentucky State University

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2022

Submitted by Senate Secretary, Danny Collum

Call to Order

Meeting began at 9:01 a.m. with a quorum of senators present.

Approval of Agenda

The proposed meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 4, 2022 Senate meeting were approved unanimously.

Faculty Senate President's Report – President Phillip Clay

All faculty are urged to follow the status of legislation affecting KSU as the legislative session comes to its final days. Also pay attention to developments with the COVID 19 pandemic. Grade changes for “Incompletes” given in the Fall 2021 semester must be submitted by March 28. Student evaluations of faculty will open April 4. Good Friday, April 15, is a school holiday, so no meetings will be held, unless there is an emergency need for a meeting. Last day of class is May 6. Final exams are May 7-12. Baccalaureate is May 12 and commencement May 13.

After his report, President Clay left the meeting due to travel commitments, and Senator Gary Stratton assumed the chair.

Faculty Regent Report

There is no report. There has been no Board of Regents meeting, pending legislation to reconstitute the membership of the Board.

Administrative Updates

Academic Affairs – Provost Leroy Hamilton

Thanks to all faculty for participation in the Atwood Institute convocation, especially all who served on the planning committee for the event.

Distance Education and Technology – Dr. Michael Dailey

KSU has been approved to offer ACUE (Association of College and University Educators) training for online teaching through a master's grant. This training has been shown to improve retention rates. Distance Education is in the final stage of getting out the certificate badges for online teaching certification. The badges are still under review at Brand Management.

Student Engagement - Dr. Charles Holloway

Next week is campaign week for the Student Government Association. KSU's Honda Campus All Star Challenge team has made it to the final eight in the national tournament.

Career Services – Associate Vice-President Daryl Love

Next week, Tuesday March 29, 2022, is State Government Day at KSU. From 11:30 to 1:30, ten of the state cabinets will be participating to make our students aware of the plethora of opportunities for internships and post-graduation employment in those agencies.

Dual Credit – Dr. Kristopher Grimes

Dual Credit is still working with partner high schools on fall schedules, consulting with KSU chairs to make sure we are compliant with SACSCOC guidelines and so on. Also, we are working on improving the pathway for dual credit students to become degree-seeking KSU students.

Faculty Senate Committee Reports

Academic Policy Committee – Senator Kristopher Grimes

The committee is working on an attendance to policy to go in the catalogue. They hope to finalize it at the next meeting. This will cover in-person and hybrid classes, as well as asynchronous and synchronous online offerings. APC is also following up on the “Incomplete” grade policy and revising it.

In addition, the committee is looking at revisions to the Internship Policy handbooks that have come from Career Services. The most significant change is to lower the GPA requirement for an internship from 3.0 to 2.5. There is also amended language regarding faculty supervision of internships for academic credit. Those Handbooks, with the revisions, will be in the APC section of Microsoft Teams for faculty to review before they are approved.

Curriculum Committee – Senator Changzheng Wang

The committee brought forward two action items from the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS). The first was a course change proposal to change all existing IGS (Integrative Studies) courses to BSS courses so that academic planning, assessment and reporting would come under the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. BSS Chair, Dr. Tierra Freeman-Taylor, noted that this is needed due to the departure of Dr. Erin Gilliam and the resulting absence of any designated faculty for the Honors program, which had previously been responsible for these classes.

Senator Danny Collum, representing the Division of Literature, Languages and Philosophy voiced a concern that LLP had not been consulted regarding this action since LLP faculty most frequently taught the IGS classes. He was learning of the proposal for the first time today, and

since none of his colleagues who were directly involved with IGS were in the Senate meeting, he moved to table the proposal.

Dr. Freeman-Taylor said that these action items should have gone out to all faculty with the announcement of the Senate meeting as had been regular practice in past years.

The Senate voted on the motion to table this action item. The vote was 15 in favor of tabling it, none opposed and one abstention.

The next curriculum action item from BSS was to institute a new course, BSS 415 Social Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. This course will be part of a minor in Cultural Diversity Studies that will be coming as a program proposal soon.

This new course proposal was approved unanimously.

Professional Concerns Committee – Senator Gary Stratton

PCC is focusing on development of a mentoring program that is still in process. The Ad Hoc Budget Crisis Committee is still working. Also, PCC has a letter addressing the suspension of tenure and promotion that is being held pending legislative budget action.

Budget and Academic Support Committee – Senator Jennifer Ballard-Kang

Dr. Herman Walston visited the last meeting and shared plans for the upcoming grants training workshop for faculty. The workshop will be Friday April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact Dr. Walston or any BASC member for details.

BASC is following HB 250 carefully. Also this semester, the committee will be meeting with a Frankfort city government representative about possible partnerships with the city on future events.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 10:07

Attendance

Senators

Gary Stratton

Barbara Witty

Kristopher R Grimes

Bobby Walter

Phillip Clay

Fariba Bigdeli-Jahed

Rozina Johnson

Fariba Kashan

Buddhi Gyawalli

Bruce Griffis

Daniel D Collum

Nancy Capriles

Changzheng Wang

Keith McCutchen

Jennifer Ballard-Kang

Absent: Nkechi Amadife

James Obielodan

Jens Hannemann

Shawn Lucas

Noel Novelo

Rene Desborde

Mary Barr

Gavin Washington

Guests

Dantrea Hampton

Berkley N. King, Jr.

Tierra Freeman-Taylor

Debbra Tate

Sheila Stuckey

Deena McGaughey-Summers

Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Sharon McGee

Maia M Langley

Charles Holloway

Kirk Pomper

Mara Merlino

Eric Yang

Michael D. Dailey

Margery Coulson-Clark

Daryl Love

Clifton Wise

Maheteme Gebremedhin

David Shabazz

LeChrista Finn

Keturah Nix

Mary Ellen Broaddus

Joy Cole