

KSU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for 12/06/2010
Attendance (x=present; o=not present; s=substitute)

Name	Constituency/Roll	Attendance
Ethel King-McKenzie	Elementary and Early Childhood Education	O
Doug Moodie	Management and Entrepreneurship	X
Jennifer McMahon-Howard	Sociology and Criminal Justice	X
Stephen Braden	First Year Programs	X
Leigh Funk	Inclusive Education	O
Dick Gayler	Computer Science and Information Systems	X
Kevin Gwaltney	Chemistry & Biochemistry	X
Cindy Bowers	English	X
Xiao Huang	Economics, Finance and Quantitative	X
Cherilyn Hultquist	Health, Physical Education and Sport	X
Jackie Jones	Nursing	X
Susanne Kelley	Foreign Language	X
Teresa Banker	Mathematics and Statistics	X
Alison Mann	Music	O
Robert C. Paul	Biology and Physics	X
Jamie Bullins	Theatre and Performance Studies	X
Arjan Raven	Accounting	X
Susan Rouse	History and Philosophy	X
Barbara Salyer	Secondary and Middle Grades Education	X
Vanessa Slinger-Friedman	Geography & Anthropology	X
Deborah N. Smith	University Studies	X
Keith Smith	Visual Arts	X
Randy Stuart	Marketing and Professional Sales	X
Doc Holliday	Education Leadership	X
Carol Collard	Human Services	O
Chuck Aust	Communication	X
Chris Ziegler	Psychology	X
Ulf Zimmermann	Political Science and International Affairs	X
Veronica Trammell	Administrators Senate	X
Ellen Jones	Staff Senate	X
Queen Okoro	Student Government	O
Visitors		
Jorge Perez	Faculty Exec Asst. to the President	X
Ken Harmon	Interim Provost & VP for Academic Affairs	X
Karim Ismaili	CHSS Dean's Office	X
Kim West	Registrar	X
Beth Tindel	Parking Director	X
Val Whittlesey	Academic Affairs	X
Dan Paracka	IGI	X

Randy Stuart called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Ulf Zimmermann advised his name misspelled on Page 3 of minutes; also indicates wording should be he “knows” instead of “believes” that there is wide-spread support of Deans for +/- grading system. No other corrections requested. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept with corrections.

Information Items:

University Relations – Keia Benefield: Speaker requested postponement of presentation.

University-Wide Competencies – Leigh Funk: Speaker delayed in Kentucky airport; unable to attend. Will schedule this presentation for January meeting.

GEC Council Proposal – Val Whittlesey/ Vanessa Slinger-Friedman: Val and Vanessa presented the handouts: Application for Approval of General Education Learning Outcomes submitted to the USG Council on General Education and the Overlay Approval Form. These have been through UPCC and must go to USG BOR for approval. There are 3 proposed outcomes for Learning Goal A1 because KSU is going to petition to allow our students not to take the Regents exam. These learning goals must be approved by Spring 2011 with implementation to take place by 2012.

Liaison and Committee Reports:

Administrators Senate Liaison/Debbie Smith: Administrator’s Senate met on 11/9. They discussed new federal guidelines for defining race and ethnicity. ADP will be providing more services, specifically payroll. This will allow less flexibility and more rigid adherence to deadlines. Dr. Papp provided an update on football. He also talked about the spring shuttle from Town Point. It will be available to commuter students and these students will receive a reduced parking fee. Beth Tindel added that it is open to everyone; however, the only faculty expected to use it are the ones that work at Town Point and traveling to/from main campus.

Staff Senate Liaison/Jamie Bullins: No issues not previously covered.

Student Government Liaison/Chris Ziegler: No report.

New Business:

Parking Committee Proposal: Proposal presented to faculty. After discussion and revision (the committee reports to University Council in addition to those already listed, deletion of the phrase “as campus parking remains at capacity”, and indications that the Dept of Public Safety & Parking Department members will be by appointment of Beth Tindel, Parking Director), the motion was made to approve as a first reading as amended. The second reading will occur in February.

Old Business:

KSU Consulting and Outside Interest Policy: The senate is unable to vote on this policy as we have not heard from the legal department yet. We will postpone the vote and invite faculty to provide input as desired.

Committee Proposal-IGI/Randy Stuart: The first reading of this committee proposal was in November; it was presented for a second reading. During discussion, two major issues arose: 1) how do we ensure/monitor for academic rigor, that faculty are teaching in their area of expertise; 2) the potential conflict of interest that may exist when chairs, who may benefit financially (when chairs are 12 month and are paid for overload by going on study abroad) are approving the application for study abroad. It was decided that these are concerns for process and not specifically related to the creation of this committee. Senate voted to accept this proposal on second

reading with the provision that Dan Paracka implement the appropriate safeguards to attend to the items of concern. He is asked to return to Senate and discuss final committee policy and safeguards.

+/- Grading-Kim West: Kim West presented the pros & cons of +/- grading from a registrar's perspective. +/- grading impacts students' gpa – this has variable impact based on grade. Some areas that +/- grading may impact: financial aid eligibility, academic scholarships & honors, admission to academic programs, academic standing, academic graduation, degree progression, and academic dismissal. There will be no impact on HOPE gpa. Banner can handle two systems if graduate and undergraduate programs decide to utilize different grading systems. +/- grading may result in increased number of grade appeals. Unable to determine % of students affected if we implement +/- grading. Dr. Harmon, from faculty perspective, appreciates the increased differentiation in grading that +/- grading allows. He, as interim provost, is aware that increased appeals will likely occur. Senators were asked to solicit feedback from their constituencies. Kim will send Randy a list of key issues and concerns related to +/- grading so that she may forward to senators. Senators should include this information in their call for feedback.

Randy Stuart adjourned the meeting at 4:45.