MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - SenEx
November 15 2016 – 3:00 p.m.
Provost Conference Room

Approved December 6, 2016
MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Harrington, Pam Keller, Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Tom Beisecker, Pam Fine, Ruben Flores, Charlotte Goodman, Dylan Jones, Jacob Murray, Brian Moss, Gabby Naylor, Brittney Oleniacz, Liz Phillips

FY17 MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzanne Shontz (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Altman and Kathy Reed, University Governance; Cindy Sanders, Assistant Vice Provost, Enrollment Management Services, for Matt Melvin, Vice Provost, Enrollment Management; Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller, Student Account Services; Rachel Rolf, Associate General Counsel; Jonathan Clark, University Senate; Trinity Carpenter, (Chair), Maggie Bears, Mercedes Bounthapanya (Treasurer), Frankie Hernandez, Alex Kinkead (Vice Chair), Christian Roberson (Secretary), Multicultural Student Government (MSG) members; Sara Shepherd, LJWorld, Chandler Boese, UDK (University Daily Kansas); Clarence Lang, African and African-American Studies attended briefly near end of meeting.

Joe Harrington called the meeting to order and asked for announcements.

MINUTES for November 1, 2016 were approved as corrected:

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY SENATE PRESIDENT
Harrington noted that with the election Kansas now appears to have a friendlier legislature. Reporting on status of ad hoc committees he said is waiting to hear back from Rick Levy Ad Hoc Freedom of Speech chair. The Ad Hoc Committee on Gender Equity is gathering data about students, staff and faculty based on gender, following up on the Sexual Assault Task force recommendations, and looking at policies related to gender or gender differences. The Ad Hoc Cost Savings Committee is considering creating an open-ended digital suggestion box, rather than a formal survey, to request ideas about efficient use of time and money. Ad Hoc Policy Library Review is waiting for staff and senate members to be appointed. (Maureen Altman informed that Governance now has the names so a meeting can be scheduled). Harrington reported the Provost will talk to Diane Goddard, Vice Provost for Administration and Finance, about his request for a cost analysis of contractors, Shorelight, etc.

REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT
Pam Keller reported that she and Suzanne Shontz will meet with Rodolfo Torres following up on SenEx’s discussion at the last meeting about the Employment Invention Assignment Agreement. She will attend the November KBOR tomorrow, including the KBOR Governance Committee meeting where the weapons policies will be discussed, and will report at the next SenEx meeting. The chair of the Chancellor’s search committee and the consulting firm which will be driving the search will be announced at the KBOR meeting.

REPORT OF STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT
Gabby Naylor reported that she recently returned from the Big 12 meeting in West Virginia where they discussed college affordability, mental health, sexual assault, diversity among other topics.

REPORT OF STAFF SENATE PRESIDENT
Liz Phillips announced that for the Staff Senate meeting tomorrow Public Safety will give a presentation at 12:30 in Simons Auditorium. She said that the former “Day on the Hill” in Topeka has now been
changed to “Higher Education at the Capitol” and has been reduced to the Chancellor and one public affairs representative from each school so Staff Senate will no longer be involved. The Common Books for Employees of the Month will be distributed tomorrow.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF NEW DISCLAIMER ON ENROLL & PAY (E&P) LOGIN: CINDY SANDERS, ASSISTANT VICE PROVOST, ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES SUBBING FOR MATT MELVIN, VICE PROVOST, ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT; KAREN BAILEY, ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER, STUDENT ACCOUNT SERVICES; RACHEL ROLF, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL

Harrington showed the new Enroll & Pay login which was a concern to faculty and staff who login for University work and not making monetary transactions.

Enroll & Pay Login

Login for faculty, staff and students using your KU or KUMC Online ID and password. Administrative users login using your assigned user ID and password.

By clicking "Sign in", I agree to conduct business electronically with the University of Kansas. I understand that I am responsible for charges incurred (as well as any and all costs, charges, expenses, attorneys' fees, and/or reasonable collection agency fees associated with the collection of outstanding charges by the University, a collection agency, and/or State Setoff) in the course of transacting business with the University of Kansas.

Rolf explained that the change addressed legal fees and collection fees and was added in spring at request of Kansas State Setoff and due to a change in the law regarding collection of debts. KBOR has deemed that universities are responsible for collection agency costs and this language guarantees that university costs be passed off to individual debtors. She further explained that there are two reasons for the statement: 1. The Electronic Transaction Act in Kansas requires that if individuals are engaging in business electronically there has to be a statement agreeing to that; 2. There must an ability to prove in court that there is a contract between parties. Commenting that that makes sense with students but not for faculty, Beisecker asked why faculty is in Enroll and Pay. Cindy Sanders explained that E&P is an integrated system and suggested that there could be two sign in pages or new login to remedy the problem. Brittney Oleniacz asked if there could be a pop-up window in the last step before a transaction is made but Sanders explained that that page is too deep in the system and would require major modification, as well as an update four times a year. While faculty and staff sometimes do incur fines (for example library fines) the login creates the perception that faculty and staff are liable when conducting their regular university jobs. Adding a comprehensive fee schedule was considered but SenEx agreed that the login language be rewritten to clarify that the login agreement is not part of an employee’s job. Sanders agreed that Enrollment will work on altering the language, which requires approval from Diane Goddard.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT (MSG) PROPOSAL

Harrington explained that FacEx had asked members of MSG to the meeting to hash out some of the issues with the proposal for an ad hoc committee to “explore the feasibility of a Multicultural Student Government, and if deemed appropriate, propose amendments to the University Senate Code to include the Multicultural Student Government within the University Senate Code” which had been presented at the November University Senate meeting. Trinity Carpenter, MSG Chair, announced that a committee won’t work because a feasibility study isn’t needed since MSG is already functioning, and asked to take the proposal off the table and present another proposal requesting representation in University Senate. Harrington opened the meeting to questions and comments. Responding to a
question, Carpenter said that their work with Student is separate but collaborative, adding that to create change they need power and Student Senate is not meeting their needs. In response to a question Naylor pointed out that there had been conversation last semester and senate has added more appointed seats for multicultural groups and increased multi organizations; Pam Fine added that Student Senate had supported MSG last year. Trinity responded that while many attempts have been made on their part as well, Student Senate is still white and greek and majority rules. She added that even if there is empathy, Student Senate leadership changes each year.

Referring to the new proposal (link at the end of the minutes) Oleniacz expressed concern that increasing the number of students to 26 will quiet faculty and staff; Kathy Reed explained that the reason faculty membership had been set up as more than double membership of the other groups was because there is often voting on academic issues. Acknowledging that there would be difficulties in deciding who would have to give up their membership, it was suggested that student membership in University Senate should remain at 13 with membership from both groups. Carpenter agreed to have a discussion with Student Senate for equal representation and SenEx considered that it would probably be possible that a Code change would be approved to raise student membership to 14 to have an equal 7/7 membership. Since University Senate could not consider Student Senate representative changes until they were approved by Student Senate Harrington suggested, in the interest of time, proposing University Senate consider changing the University Senate Code contingent on approved changes to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations.

**ACTION:** TRINITY CARPENTER WILL MEET WITH STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT STEPHONN ALCORN TO DISCUSS CHANGING STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE TO INCLUDE SEVEN MEMBERS OF MSG.

**CAMPUS CARRY STATEMENT**
Harrington read the Campus Carry resolution which had been amended by Amalia Monroe-Gulick and others and asked if SenEx approved of sending it to University Senate with the suggestion they send it to KBOR.

**Motion to accept the Campus Carry resolution and forward it to University Senate.**
Beisecker/Oleniacz. Passed.
Carpenter said that she will need SenEx to talk about the impact campus carry will have on students of color and international students. Keller said that KBOR had referenced that.

**CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPORT AND 5-YEAR CALENDAR**
Harrington explained that the calendar committee adds a new school year to the Academic Calendar every year which needs to be approved by SenEx and forwarded to University Senate for approval.

**Motion to approve the Academic Calendar for the FY22 school year.** Beisecker/Keller. Passed.

**FALL BREAK CHARGE FOR CALENDAR COMMITTEE**
Harrington asked SenEx to decide whether University Senator Geraldo Sousa’s suggestion to extend the two day fall break to one week should be made a charge for the Calendar Committee to consider. Disadvantages and advantages were discussed. Harrington pointed out that it would throw off other schedules, for example the military, Medical School, minimesters, and processing probations and dismissals. Phillips pointed out that it could impact the day care schedules and Naylor said it could cause difficulties for International students who may have no place to go. Beisecker reminded that the days would have to be made up at the beginning or end of the semester. On the plus side Monroe-Gulick was in favor of the extension, and Oleniacz said that it would provide TA’s more time for field work; Pam Fine suggested it might be better for out of state students if Thanksgiving break were
extended. Noting that the issue has been studied in the past and extension was not recommended, and that there is currently no clamor for change, SenEx agreed not to pursue the suggestion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
Harrington reported that at the request of Governance Jan Sheldon had written a tribute to the late Nancy Kinnersley, and asked SenEx what form the recognition should take. It was decided that the resolution would be read aloud at University Senate.

Brian Moss asked SenEx to consider how the safe escort program begun by ISS (International Student Services) could be expanded since it was beyond the resources of one small unit. Naylor said that SILC (Student Involvement and Leadership Center) had involvement in Jaywalk. Phillips pointed out that SafeRide had taken over that program, and that fraternities, sororities and other groups had created their own programs. Oleniacz observed that the University of Colorado funds Uber to provide free rides. She noted that, unlike SafeRide, Uber isn’t limited to only providing rides home; Moss added that SafeRide is only for students, not staff and faculty. Oleniacz acknowledged that an Uber program might conflict with SafeRide which is funded through the transportation fee. Naylor offered to contact SafeRide and to look into possibilities. In response to Harrington’s question, Fine said that no one had asked for a safe escort yet. Regarding safety Naylor also informed that there is a safety app that can be set to alert friends if the user isn’t heard from in 15 minutes; Phillips said the app isn’t ready yet but will be ready by spring.

ACTION: GABBY NAYLOR WILL CONTACT SAFERIDE AND LOOK INTO A SAFE ESCORT PROGRAM

Meeting adjourned at 4:37

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Altman
MEETING MATERIALS

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MSG Proposals
Proposal sent with agenda email
The University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Multicultural Student Government
The purpose for this committee will be to explore the feasibility of a Multicultural Student Government, and if deemed appropriate, propose amendments to the University Senate Code to include the Multicultural Student Government within the University Senate Code at the University of Kansas. The committee shall be comprised of the following. The student appointments shall come from the current Multicultural Student Government Board. The committee shall report to University Senate with proposed amendments to the University Senate Code by February 09, 2017.
Chair:
Faculty:
Faculty:
Faculty:
Staff:
Staff:
Staff:
Student: Trinity Carpenter
Student: Alex Kinkead
Student: Mercedes Bounthapanya

Proposal presented at meeting

Campus Carry Resolution
Resolution sent with agenda email
Resolution Objecting to Allowing Concealed Weapons on KU Campuses
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The vast majority of staff, students, and faculty who participated in the January 2016 Docking Institute survey expressed opposition to allowing concealed weapons on campus.
Current research indicates that the net effect of campus carry on the safety of college students, faculty,
and staff is likely to be more deaths, more nonfatal gunshot wounds, and more threats with a firearm that are traumatizing to victims.¹
Therefore, the University Senate wishes to express its opposition, in the strongest possible terms, to allowing concealed weapons on the University of Kansas campus.
On behalf of our constituencies, we urge the Kansas State Legislature (1.) to respect local control by continuing the exemption to the Personal and Family Protection Act and (2.) to allow our campus communities to choose whether or not weapons are allowed on our KU campuses.


Edited resolution presented at meeting
Resolution Objecting to Allowing Concealed Weapons on KU Campuses
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Moreover, current research indicates that the net effect of campus carry on the safety of college students, faculty, and staff is likely to be more deaths, more nonfatal gunshot wounds, and more threats with a firearm that are traumatizing to victims.²
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Calendar Committee Report and 5-Year Calendar
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INFORMATION REGARDING CALENDAR COMMITTEE AND FALL BREAK

In February 2010, the administration requested that the KBOR change the number of instructional days from 150 to 146. The change of hours also required a complete overhaul of the academic calendar. The committee spent many hours reviewing the possible scenarios, and also requested feedback from numerous members of the university committee. The final outcome allows time between semesters, works with KUMC medical rotations, adds time for short courses and (one of the largest complaints) adds times for processing of probations and dismissals. To even out MWF classes, fall break was change to a Monday-Tuesday.

- 73 days in both Fall and Spring semesters
- Fall grades always due on or before 12/24.
- Fall semester always begins on a Monday.
- Spring semester always begins on the Tuesday after MLK, Jr. Day.
- Both semesters have a Stop Day.
- Fall Break is moved to Monday-Tuesday to balance out numbers of MWF classes.
- A longer Winter Break benefits international students and Study Abroad opportunities.

Again in 2013 the Calendar Committee reviewed the possibility of a full week off, post-Thanksgiving. The committee was unable to obtain the extra days and meet all of the various other requirements.