MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - FacEx
November 29, 2016
Governance Conference Room, 33 Strong Hall

Approved January 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Keller, Joe Harrington, Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Pam Fine, Ruben Flores

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Beisecker (excused), Suzanne Shontz (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Altman, Kathy Reed, University Governance; Provost Neeli Bendapudi

Pam Keller called the meeting to order, informed FacEx that the meeting was being recorded, and asked for announcements. Joe Harrington announced that KU professors would be holding a panel on campus carry at 6:30 tomorrow in the Big 12 Room in the Kansas Union which is open to all. Amalia Monroe-Gulick informed FacEx that there would be a teach-in about Standing Rock on Thursday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in Watson Library. Harrington and Ruben Flores each said they had sent letters regarding the KKK Instagram student photo; Flores said that he received a response from the Assistant Athletic Director informing him that they were taking their time to look at the situation because of due process. Keller said that she learned that the President of Fort Hayes had resigned. She added that the Enroll and Pay login which was a concern to members of University Senate had been changed.

MINUTES for November 8, 2016 were approved.

REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT PAM KELLER
Keller reported that Jeff Chasen, Associate Vice Provost for Compliance, told her that the administration doesn’t want to move on the IP (Intellectual Properties) policy until they can discuss it with Governance. She said that she and Suzanne Shontz are meeting with Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Rodolfo Torres, who was a member of the FY13 IP committee, to discuss the issue. Keller had informed Chasen that Engineering wasn’t in favor of the policy. Noting the need to find out how other schools on campus feel, she asked FacEx to see if they could get that information. Since Amalia Monroe-Gulick said she had had conversations about it with some people in Education Keller suggested she show them the draft policy. Keller speculated whether it might be a good idea to show people the draft policy, perhaps with a presentation at Faculty Senate. Pam Fine suggested that the Provost might explain the draft changes.

In her meeting with the Chancellor about Multicultural Student Government Keller said that her overall sense was that the Chancellor thought the group had important and valid concerns but that the structure they proposed wasn’t a positive step forward either for student representation, democracy on campus or the general long-term good of everyone on campus, and that two student governments would ultimately result in conflict. However she is open to ideas about how the Student Senate could more broadly represent the students. Keller also said that she had asked the Chancellor to speak at a women in higher education leadership conference for Kansas Wheel.

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE HARRINGTON
Harrington said he had nothing to report beyond what was being discussed today.

SENEX CAMPUS CARRY RESOLUTION
Keller asked if FacEx wanted to recommend Faculty Senate join with University Senate in sending the Kansas State Legislature the campus carry resolution SenEx had prepared (at the end of the minutes).
She noted that although Faculty is included in University Senate sometimes the perception is that University Senate acts but Faculty does nothing, which looks bad. By way of information, Keller read the Kansas lobbying law (at the end of the minutes), and explained that a person can speak as an individual but not as a representative of a university. FacEx agreed it was important Faculty Senate join with University Senate in sending the campus carry resolution.

**ACTION:** AT NEXT FACULTY SENATE MEETING PRESENT FACEX’S RECOMMENDATION THAT FACULTY SENATE JOIN WITH UNIVERSITY SENATE ON THE CAMPUS CARRY RESOLUTION.

**AFFILIATES AND VOLUNTEERS POLICY DRAFT**
The only comment received regarding the policy draft were two questions from Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee member Chance Maginness about how it would affect students in volunteering and in practicums.

**KATHY REED WILL EMAIL THE COMMENTS TO HUMAN RESOURCES AND COPY KELLER AND HARRINGTON.**

**MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GROUP PROPOSAL (at the end of the minutes)**
Regarding the December 1 University Senate meeting Harrington said he had emailed MSG representatives and others involved with the issue explaining that because of University Senate Code requirements the process of changing the Code couldn’t begin until February 9; his only response was from Jennifer Hamer, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. His plan for Thursday’s meeting was to have MSG’s November 3 motion for an ad hoc committee taken off the table, and allow about ten minutes to talk about MSG’s new proposal in a closed session. Keller asked for thoughts about the new proposal. She noted that there were two worries—if the proposal is passed it seemed unlikely that the Chancellor would approve the amendment, but if it wasn’t passed by senate the narrative would be that senate doesn’t care which isn’t true. The committee noted that adding the thirteen seats MSG requested wouldn’t be tantamount to having two student governments since MSG is a group not a government. However Keller pointed out that the addition would give the perception of recognizing them as a separate government and questioned whether a group rather than a government could have seats on the University Senate. Since the prospect of shared representation between MSG’s and Student Senate had failed, Keller asked FacEx to consider alternatives. The committee agreed that there are several things to consider to implement long-term effective changes for better representation of marginalized students; Flores added that extended negotiation, rather than a quick decision, would be valuable.

Harrington read the following excerpt from the Report of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Group:

Notwithstanding the admirable work of the Status of Minorities Subcommittee, the MSG campaign symbolizes a deep sense of alienation from the Student Senate among KU students of color; it also speaks to a general crisis in the functioning of student governance. For many years, the KU Student Senate has been criticized for its exclusivity and Greek life-centeredness. Although power has shifted in rare instances, it generally has been retained by a small group of students, to the detriment of the larger student body. This crisis in student governance warrants the direct attention and intervention of University leadership at the highest levels. We recommend that the University place the Student Senate under immediate review and restructure the organization of student governance at KU. Specifically, we urge the University Senate to take special action to review: the structure of student representation in University governance to ensure equitable representation between the MSG and the current Student Senate; Student Senate elections processes to determine if Student Senate elections might be best administered by a University Senate committee comprised of students, staff and faculty; how to disrupt concentrations of power within the Student Senate in order to ensure that the Student Senate is inclusive, representative, and allows for broad participation from the student body; and whether coalitions should
be abolished in the Student Senate elections process, thus requiring students running for Senator seats to campaign directly with the constituent students they seek to represent.

As an alternative to the MSG proposal for more members in University Senate, FacEx agreed that the DEI Committee recommendation “to take special action to review” was a charge that warranted a committee. Harrington and Flores agreed to put together a proposal for an ad hoc committee of two faculty, two staff, two students from Multicultural Student Government, two students from Student Senate and a faculty chair to look at, with a serious expectation of reform, how to implement the DEI charges; Monroe-Gulick will motion to amend the tabled MSG ad hoc committee proposal with the FacEx ad hoc committee proposal at the December 1 University Senate meeting. Flores offered to chair and also to inform MSG of FacEx’ intentions.

**ACTION:** Harrington and Flores will put a resolution together, implementing the DEI charge which Monroe-Gulick will present at Thursday’s University Senate meeting. Flores will let MSG students know about the resolution before the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
Keller asked if FacEx wanted to invite Josh Bolick, Scholarly Communications Librarian, to a Faculty Senate meeting to discuss OER, Open Educational Resources. FacEx agreed.

**ACTION:** Invite Josh Bolick to a Faculty Meeting to Discuss OER.

**NEW BUSINESS**
No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18

Respectfully submitted
Maureen Altman
MEETING MATERIALS

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO ALLOWING CONCEALED WEAPONS ON KU CAMPUSES

The University Senate of the University of Kansas is composed of the elected representatives of staff, students, and faculty at the University and is charged with acting in behalf of the staff, students, and faculty.

Eighty-two percent of the KU staff, students, and faculty who participated in the January 2016 Docking Institute survey expressed opposition to allowing concealed weapons on campus.

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.

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.


Retrieved 11/15/16:
https://www.fhsu.edu/uploadedFiles/executive/docking/Regents%20FacultyStaff%20Gun%20Survey%202015%20(2).pdf


HOUSE BILL No. 2162

AN ACT concerning the use of state appropriated moneys.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:
Section 1. (a) No portion of any money appropriated by the state legislature shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive and legislative relationships, for:
(1) Publicity or propaganda purposes relating to gun control; or
(2) preparation, distribution or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, electronic communication, radio, television or video presentation designed to support or defeat:
(A) The enactment of legislation before the federal government, state legislature or a local government legislative body relating to gun control; or
(B) any proposed or pending regulation, administrative action or order issued by the federal government, any state agency or local government relating to gun control.
(b) No portion of any appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting on behalf of such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, an appropriation, a regulation, an administrative action, or an executive order proposed or pending before the federal government, Kansas legislature or local government legislative body relating to gun control.

(c) The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (b) shall include any activity to advocate or promote any proposed, pending or future:

1. Federal, state or local tax increase relating to gun control; or
2. Requirement or restriction on any legal consumer product, including its sale or marketing, relating to gun control.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above bill originated in the House, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report
Speaker of the House.
Chief Clerk of the House.
Passed the Senate
as amended
SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report
President of the Senate.
Secretary of the Senate.
APPROVED Governor.

AFILIATES AND VOLUNTEERS POLICY DRAFT

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT GROUP PROPOSAL

Section 4. Student Members on University Senate: Nomination, Election, Term of Office and Vacancies

1.4.1 There are thirteen twenty-six student members on the University Senate.

1.4.2 At its regular joint meeting of the newly elected and outgoing Student Senates, outgoing Student Senate shall nominate and elect from among its members the three Special Representatives (Holdover Senators) to the University Senate. The method of election shall be in the descending order of most votes received. The thirteenth Student Senate member of the University Senate shall be the Student Body Vice President serving as an ex-officio, voting member.

At the Joint Student Senate meeting, the incoming undergraduate student members of the Student Senate shall nominate and elect seven undergraduate student members of the University Senate, and the graduate student members shall nominate and elect two graduate student members of the University Senate. The graduate student membership bloc of the Student Senate is composed of all those Student Senators pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees at the time they declare their candidacy for the Student Senate. The method of both elections shall be in descending order of most votes received.

Members of the Student Senate elected as Special Representatives in accordance with the first paragraph of this section shall take office immediately upon election and shall serve until their
successors have been elected. Other members of the Student Senate elected to the University Senate shall take office on the day after the University Commencement exercises of the year of their election and shall serve a one-year term. A member of the Student Senate who has served three successive terms on the University Senate shall be ineligible for re-election to the University Senate at the end of the third term but shall become eligible to serve again after one year has elapsed from the end of the last term.

Student members of the University Senate, of the University Senate Executive Committee, and of other bodies whose members are chosen by the Student Senate shall be subject to removal by the Student Senate according to Rules and Regulations duly promulgated by the Student Senate.

Vacancies in the undergraduate Student Senate membership on the University Senate shall be filled by election by and from the undergraduate student membership of the Student Senate. Vacancies in graduate student membership on the University Senate shall be filled by election by and from the graduate student membership of the Student Senate.

1.4.3 At its regular joint meeting of the newly elected and outgoing Multicultural Student Government (MSG) members, outgoing MSG shall nominate and elect from among its members the three Special Representatives (Holdover Senators) to the University Senate. The method of election shall be in the descending order of most votes received. The thirteenth MSG member of the University Senate shall be the MSG President serving as an ex-officio, voting member.

At the Joint MSG meeting, the incoming undergraduate members of the MSG shall nominate and elect seven undergraduate student members of the University Senate, and the graduate student members shall nominate and elect two graduate student members of the University Senate. The graduate student membership bloc of the MSG is composed of all those Student Senators pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees at the time they declare their candidacy for the MSG. The method of both elections shall be in descending order of most votes received.

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Student members of the University Senate and of other bodies whose members are chosen by the MSG shall be subject to removal by the MSG according to Rules and Regulations duly promulgated by the MSG.

Vacancies in the undergraduate MSG membership on the University Senate shall be filled by election by and from the undergraduate student membership of the MSG. Vacancies in graduate student MSG membership on the University Senate shall be filled by election by and from the graduate student membership of the MSG.