

Minutes
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
February 21, 2019

Approved: March 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Faculty: Ben Chappell, Jerry Crawford, Melanie DeRousse, Mohamed El-Hodiri, Michael Engel, Bruce Frey, Jane Gibson, Megan Greene, Ashley Herda, Sanjay Mishra, Cambrey Nguyen, Rebecca Orozco, Paul Outka, Gene Parker, Allan Pasco, Edward Peltier, Dorothy Pennington, Laurie Ramirez, Paola Sanguinetti, Emma Scioli, Sean Seyer, Suzanne Shontz, David Smith, Suzanne Valdez, Lorie Ann Williams, Lua Yuille

Students:

Staff: Todd Carpenter, Teri Chambers, Connie Jordan, Samantha Montague, Chris Wallace, Robert Waller

ABSENT:

Faculty: Jon Giullian, (excused), Matthew Jacobson (excused), Margret Marco (excused), Jacob Moskovitz (excused), Shawn Alexander, Dietrich Earnhart, Nancy Jo Kepple, Forrest Pierce, Thomas Prisinzano, Lance Rake, Hossein Saiedian,

Students: Tiara Floyd (excused), Charles Jetty (excused), Wassen Ahmad, Kathryn Ammon, Bisher Anadani, Grant Daily, Eliza Kassebaum, Antonio Lopez, Apramay Mishra, Sydney Summers, Addison Henson, Ember Krech

Staff: David Day (excused), Emily Gullickson (excused), Charlotte Goodman, Tim Spencer, Richard Stephens, Jessica Webb

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Reed, Ellen Slikker, University Governance; Michelle Ginavan-Hayes, Staff Senate President; Jim Marchiony, LJWorld, Cortland Triplet

I. Approval of Minutes from November 01, 2018

- Valdez moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Passed

II. Program Discontinuance-Center for Global & International Studies, GIST Graduate Certificate (attached)

- USRR 8.3 describes the policy for a Recommendation of Discontinuance
- The request was sent on Oct 10, 2018 based on failure to draw sufficient student interest. AP&P approved of the request. Our recommendation will go to the Provost, then the Chancellor.
- Pennington asked if KBOR has to approve of certificates. Flores responded that everything must be approved by KBOR when there are students who would be affected.
 - o There is one inactive student in the program, they are currently on a leave of absence and not enrolled for Spring 2019. The student has not taken any coursework toward the certificate thus far. The student was notified that the program may be discontinued. There is a provision that for up to five years the student can take the two courses involved.
 - o 8.2.5 requires "adequate provisions"

- Yuille motioned to approve AP&P's proposal.
Vote: Approved

III. Standing Reports

a. Faculty Senate President Kirk McClure

- See attachments
- McClure read in the news today an announcement that there will not be a search for the Dean of the College until a permanent Provost is in place.
- Questions
 - o Pennington asked if the Chancellor uses the aircraft how it would be paid, it would come out of the budget of the Chancellor's Office

b. Student Body Vice-President Charles Jetty

- No report.

c. Staff Senate President Michelle Ginavan Hayes

- See attachments
- No questions.

d. University Senate President Ruben Flores

- Flores and McClure met with Chancellor Girod on Feb 11. Flores felt Girod was very candid in his responses.
 - o At the time, Girod seemed optimistic about the possibility of a restoration of some state funding. However, Flores said that Governor Kelly tied the raises to the passage of her pension plan, which has since failed and last week said she would only support an additional \$23 million (about a quarter of what the Regents schools requested).
 - o Girod mentioned an increase in football season ticket sales, implying Kansas Athletics (KAI) is making headway in increasing revenue.
- On the matter of the budget cut and budget model – the next town hall will be held on Feb 26 at 11:30 in Watson Library. It will be streamed via Zoom. Governance will send the announcement from the Provost as a reminder. Flores encouraged Senate representatives to attend and to ask questions.
 - o Hayes said that in the last budget down hall there was some information provided on specific department cuts.
 - o McClure said that due to attrition, it appears there will be no layoffs of faculty.
 - o Waller stated that budgets are done from the top (unit) level down. The targets have been published, but questions about departments will have to be specifically asked.
 - o Greene would like to know what is the impact of the cuts on academic programs and services for students. That impact is not discernable without knowing who has been lost.
- The Dec 6, 2018 Open Forum audio/video is posted on the Governance website. On January 15, 2019 the questions from the forum were sent to the administration. Flores asked Lejuez about it on Jan 23 and he asked for further clarification on the questions. Flores will continue to press for answers.
 - o Yuille asked if anyone has considered asking about these questions at the Town Hall. Hayes added that the community can bring them forward in that setting.

- Greene asked if there is an opportunity to ask questions at the Town Hall anonymously.
- Flores has been critical about the matter of the appointment of the Interim Dean and stands by those statements.
 - He stated that he appreciated that the Lejuez allowed him to participate in reviewing comments but felt that the numbers were more ambivalent than represented by Lejuez.
 - If anyone would like to speak about representations that he made, he would be happy to discuss it.
 - The recent news does not contradict the statements made by Lejuez in the fall and it's good that the process for thinking about leadership for the CLA deanship has slowed down.

IV. Unfinished Business

- **None**

V. New Business

- **None**

El-Hodiri moved to adjourn, seconded.

Vote: Passed

Attachments:

For Discussion and Vote by the University Senate, February 7, 2018

Program Discontinuance- GIST Graduate Certificate

On October 10, 2018, the Director of Graduate Studies, Center for Global and International Studies, Prof. Tosta, sent a request to Interim Dean Lang, requesting the GIST Graduate Certificate be discontinued. The request was based on failure to draw sufficient student interest.

October 22, 2018, Interim Dean Lang, sent the request to Interim Provost Lejuez, endorsing the request.

November 16, 2018, received Discontinuance Request from Provost Office.

November 19, 2018, the request was forwarded to AP&P.

The GIST Graduate Program Certificate was first offered Fall 2015. A total of four students have participated in the program, with the last completion date of May 2018.

Currently there is one inactive student that enrolled in the program in fall 2017, but subsequently asked for a leave from August 2017- January 1, 2019. The student has not yet enrolled in for spring 2019.

Per the USRR Article VIII. Section 3. Recommendations for Discontinuance of Inactive Academic Programs, The AP&P committee has reviewed and made a recommendation to support (received from AP&P December 7, 2018.) The committee is submitting the request to the University Senate for review.

Report of the Faculty Senate President, February 21, 2019

A meeting of the University Senate President and Faculty Senate President with the Chancellor was held on February 11, 2019.

The following issues were discussed

Faculty proposals on the Budget cuts:

1. FacEx stated that KAI should demonstrate to the Senates why it cannot be weaned off KU support and cannot make an annual contribution as is done with other comparable universities and why the faculty and staff should bear the full brunt of the budget cuts.

Long did speak to the University Senate but did not address these issues other than to say that he would not consider a contribution until he has "surplus cash."

The Faculty Senate President and the University Senate President requested that the Chancellor instruct Athletic Director Long to demonstrate why an alternative budget is so damaging that faculty and staff positions should be lost.

The Chancellor responded that he did not disagree with the notion that KAI should be self-sufficient. He indicated that he hoped to wean KAI off of KU support within the next 18 to 24 months. He indicated that he would like to see KAI move to a position where it could make a contribution, but he felt that such contributions would happen only after KAI was in a position to see its football team draw in greater revenue.

The Chancellor confirmed that no KU funds are being used in the Memorial Stadium expansion project nor is KU providing or guaranteeing any KAI debt.

2. FacEx stated that KUEA should explain to the Senates why it cannot increase its annual contributions and why the faculty and staff should bear the full brunt of the budget cuts.

Seuferling did speak with University Senate and Faculty Senate Presidents, but he has not spoken with the Senates.

The Presidents requested that the Chancellor instruct Seuferling to demonstrate why an alternative budget is so damaging that faculty and staff positions should be lost.

The Chancellor did not offer much help on this topic. He indicated that he has met with the KUEA Board. The Board continues to suggest that it finds it difficult to raise funds to budget cuts. The Presidents continued to ask the Chancellor to push KUEA for assistance to cover the debt service from the Central District project which is the cause for much the budget cuts.

3. FacEx stated that KU aircraft should be reconfigured to both save operating expenses and to rid KU of the symbol of luxury that it maintains, contrary to the fiscal distress of the University.

The Faculty Senate President and the University Senate President asked for an update on this issue.

The Chancellor stated that the aircraft are being transferred into a private entity. The aircraft could be used by any KU department on a fee for service basis, including KAI. No KU funds would be used to support the aircraft entity.

This arrangement will require continuous monitoring.

4. The administration should bear a greater proportionate share of the budget cuts than is being imposed on the faculty and staff.

The Faculty Senate President and the University Senate President requested before and after budgets for your office with supporting documentation to demonstrate that your office has absorbed cuts significantly in excess of 6 percent.

The Presidents requested that a reporting system be established to assure that the administrative budgets were adjusted. The Chancellor acknowledged the request.

State appropriation

The Faculty Senate President and the University Senate President asked for an update on the \$33 million restoration request to the regents and how such a restoration would be distributed within the university.

The Chancellor indicated that the Governor is proposing funds for restoration of some of the prior budget cuts experienced in the past. He also explained that the Governor is calling for a 2.5 percent wage and salary increase for all state employees including those at KU. The difficulty is that state support is only 18 percent of KU's revenues, thus the proposed state support for a 2.5 percent wage and salary increase will only cover 18 percent of the wages and salaries at KU. If passed, KU will have to find a way to pay for the remaining 82 percent of the costs of the wage and salary increases.

Provost Search

The Faculty Senate President and the University Senate President asked, when can governance expect to hear a decision on implementing a provost search?

What will be the role of Governance in any decision on the provost search?

The Chancellor indicated that there will probably be a search for a Provost beginning in the spring with completion in the fall. The same search firm used earlier would probably be used again.