

Minutes
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
November 1, 2018

Approved: February 21, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Faculty: Ruben Flores, Kirk McClure, Sean Alexander, Ben Chappell, Jerry Crawford, Melanie DeRousse, Michael Engel, Jane Gibson, Ashley Herda, Nancy Jo Kepple, Margaret Marco, Sanjay Mishra, Jacob Moskovitz, Cambrey Nguyen, Rebecca Orozco, Paul Outka, Gene Parker, Allan Pasco, Dorthy Pennington, Thomas Prisinzano, Lance Rake, Laurie Ramirez, Emma Scioli, Suzanne Shontz, Sean Seyer, Suzanne Valdez, Lori Williams

Students: Kathryn Ammon, Grant Daily, Tiara Floyd, Eliza Kassebaum, Apramay Mishra, Addison Henson

Staff: Teri Chambers, David Day, Connie Jordan, Tim Spencer, Richard Stephens, Chris Wallace, Jessica Webb, Robert Waller

ABSENT:

Faculty: Dietrich Earnhart (excused), Bruce Frey (excused), Matthew Jacobson (excused), (excused), Mohamed El-Hodiri, Jon Giullian, Megan Greene (excused), Matthew Jacobson(excused) Edward Peltier (excused), Forrest Pierce, Hossein Saiedian, Paola Sanguinetti, David Smith, Yua Yuille

Students: Charles Jetty (excused), Wassem Ahmad, Bisher Anadani, Antonio Lopez, Sydney Summers

Staff: Todd Carpenter (excused), Emily Gullickson (excused), Charlotte Goodman, Samantha Montague

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Reed, Ellen Slikker, University Governance; Michelle Ginavan-Hayes, Scott McEathron, P&R Committee

University Senate President Ruben Flores called the meeting to order and introduced Athletic Director, Jeff Long.

I. Athletic Director Jeff Long

- Athletic Director Long said he appreciated the opportunity to speak with University Senate. He has been in Kansas for three months. Long said he considers sports part of the educational process. He described three ways that KAI supports the education of student-athletes:
 - o Education through sport - teamwork, dedication, overcoming adversity
 - o Education in the classroom
 - o KU Leads - community service opportunities and career guidance
- Long said takes KAI's responsibility to the community and athletes seriously.
- Long identified the following priorities of KAI:
 - o The first priority is the health, safety and well-being of student athletes. They have a team physician that works solely with KU athletes and are looking to work more with KUMC and LMH.
 - o Compete with honesty and integrity and in accordance with NCAA rules
 - o Support students in pursuing their degrees and graduating.
 - o Diversification of degrees among student-athletes.

- Long stated is aware of and following the discussions around the Provost's budget cut. It's a concern for everyone, including Athletics. The 5.7% cut also applies to Athletics but he recognized it has a larger impact on other parts of campus.
- Athletics is continuing to review the shoe and apparel contract with Adidas and still considering with the Chancellor whether to renew the contract. This contract is an important piece that provides equipment and cash payments to support athletes. There are several components that affect the campus as well, such as the Adidas scholars program.
- Long said that KAI is waiting for Dept of Justice finish their investigations before Athletics can pursue matters within NCAA. They are withholding one athlete from competition while waiting on a response from the NCAA.

Questions:

- Scott McEathron raised a concern with the renaming Memorial Stadium to David Booth Stadium. He asked if it could be reconsidered, since it was originally built to honor students and alumni who died in WWI. Long said that was done before his tenure, and he is not aware of an avenue to change that or any objections to it until now.
- S Mishra said that stories in the LJWorld of withholding information doesn't give a sense of transparency. Long responded that increasing legal prohibitions don't allow them to be as open, but more information will be shared in time.
 - o Flores followed up on the question of transparency, and said that learning of real estate deals or the Adidas contract in the paper and not from KAI contributes to cynicism from the faculty.
 - o Valdez added this is the first opportunity University Senate has had to talk to an Athletic Director in years, so naturally there has been a build-up of cynicism. Long agreed there is also some cynicism among Athletic staff. This is the first time he's worked in an Athletic Dept that is a separate 501c3, which can contribute to a lack of transparency.
- Williams read a report from the Chronicle of Education about contributions by various Athletic Departments to their university and asked how KAI plans to contribute. Long said while at Arkansas he increased the contribution and it is his goal to do the same here.
- Waller asked how KAI will cover their \$90,000 cut. Long said it will come from operating funds or donations or ticket revenues. Waller also asked for a comment on the Chancellor and Provost saying they were working to eliminate the 1.5 million dollars that goes from the University to Athletics. Long said he was not familiar with it. McClure said that NCAA requires the University to cover some amount of coach's salaries, and that is part of why the transfer of money exists.
- Floyd asked what the plan is to improve student-athlete GPAs while not depriving non-athletic students. Long said that all student-athlete scholarships, fees, and room and board are paid for. Additionally, KAI employees many students, supports band students, and provides funding back to other areas of campus.
- McClure said that the budget cut and reductions to faculty could take us out of AAU and asked why KAI cannot contribute. Long said they are not financially solvent to be able to, and are likely years away from being in that position and had not heard that AAU status was in jeopardy. Floyd asked if Long had a number in mind when KIA could start contributing. Long said he does not. Waller asked what the number was at Arkansas. Long said they increased revenue from 59m to 125m but that included the creation of the SEC Network, which does not exist in the Big 12.
- Pennington asked what made attendance checkers necessary? Long said it's an antiquated system, there should probably be a more efficient system with technology.

- Flores emphasized University Senate is glad Long attended today's meeting and wants to continue to have a relationship with Athletics.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2018

- Seyer moved to approve the minutes, McClure seconded.

Vote: Passed

III. Standing Reports

- Flores has been in contact with the Dean of the Libraries and the Libraries Committee chair in an effort to change some of the committee charges.
- The Interim Provost Lejuez met with SenEx on 10/9 and 10/30 about the new Budget model. There have been no final decisions made but Lejuez has set a number of priorities such as annual raises, deferred raises, etc. Flores asked for feedback that he could return to Lejuez.
 - o Ben Chappell asked if any part of the budget conversation concerned contracting firms metrics. Flores said the provost had previously discussed those firms and he would send a response to Chappell via email.
- Flores proposed holding an Open Forum in December, so we can determine a response and consensus to the fall town halls held by the provost.
 - o Seyer said we need some time to discuss the presentations by the Provost, Chancellor and A.D.

a. Faculty Senate President Kirk McClure

- *Proposal to Reduce Number of Credit Hours from Transfer Students from 60 to 45*
KU, through its Edwards campus administration, is proposing to KBOR that transfer students from a community college to a four-year institution could graduate with a minimum of 45 credit hours completed at the four-year institution. A conference call meeting of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents found no support for the proposal.

b. Student Body Vice-President Charles Jetty

- Daily read a statement from Jetty: We're making significant headway on planning our Women in STEM program to be held in late February or early March. Hope to bus in high school students from across the state to attend the event with particular emphasis on recruiting women from under-represented areas, such as inner city Kansas City and western Kansas. They are working with KUEA and the alumni association, among others, to execute the event. Please email sbvp@ku.edu with questions.

c. Staff Senate President Michelle Ginavan Hayes (given by President-Elect Robert Waller)

- Staff Executive and Full Senate continue to work with committee chairs to work on top priorities of from the Employee Value Proposition.

IV. Unfinished Business

- None

V. New Business

- None

Wallace moved to adjourn, Waller seconded.

- **Vote:** Passed