

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
Emporia State University
September 6, 2005

I. Call to Order

At 3:33pm

II. Announcements of Attendance

Members Present: P. Bland, J. Brewer, B. Bruner, K. Coulson, J. Eberle, J. Hodapp, G. Holcomb, K. Kalu, J. Kord, M. Leftwich, C. Phelps, C. Pimple, A. Piper, N. Pontius, B. Remington, G. Rice, R. Riegler, B. Simpson, T. Slocombe, R. Stow, S. Thayer, K. Thompson, S. Woods, J. Yanik, D. Zelmer.

Members Absent: R. Keith, L. Lillard, B. Obermeyer, J. Sasser

Liaison: None

Visitors: None

Substitutions: Bruce Vieweg for Z. Colorado

III. Announcements

A. ASG President Brett Bruner

ASG had their first meeting. They have 23 out of 27 seats filled.

They want to increase student involvement and improve communication with students. They would also like to examine the Student Code of Conduct and establish a web page that would serve as a general resource for university policies and procedures.

B. Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Grover

Vice President Grover made several announcements:

- Associate Vice President Grover explained that Vice President Schwenn was unable to attend because he is at a meeting for Flint Hills Tech.
- There will be a meeting at 7 pm tonight on the ESU response to Hurricane Katrina
- The Strategic Plan has been revised by the President and will be made available to the Senate. Among the topics that are covered in the Strategic Plan are the First Year Experience and the General Education program

C. President of the Faculty Terri Summey

President Summey mentioned that the intention of the forum is to coordinate the ESU response to the Hurricane. We might “adopt” a campus, for example.

The Faculty Senate will try to continue to sponsor a forum - at least one a semester. The one this semester might be on General Education.

Summey reported on the President’s Cabinet meeting. They discussed renovations, CSI and Banner, among other things. There was a short presentation on the “You make a difference” program.

COFSP will be meeting in a couple of weeks. They will meet with Sheila Frahm from the community colleges to discuss ways of opening up the lines of communication between the four year colleges and the community colleges.

They are working on the Faculty Senate website. Any suggestions for improvements are welcome

IV. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Affairs (Simpson)

They will discuss eligibility for enhancement monies for Library Science faculty. Another issue that they want to take up is the use of social security numbers as ID numbers.

B. Academic Affairs (Zelmer)

They will look at the possibility of including the course grade point average on the transcript. They will also examine the “ghost” credit issue.

C. COCG (Leftwich)

They have worked on the ballot. President Summey said that the ballot should have gone out on Friday, but some people did not get it.

V. Old Business

There was none

VI. New Business

A. Update on Banner – Associate Vice President Bruce Vieweg

Associate Vice President Vieweg presented a number of informational items.

- Internet I bandwidth was expanded when Internet 2 was stopped.
- They have expanded the wireless service with the aid of a grant. It will be accessible from Visser, HPER and the Earl building.
- They put a new smart classroom in Butcher that includes a Smart response system.
- The plug was pulled on the public drive because there was too much student information accessible to the public.
- Banner is intended to replace our legacy systems. The goal is to implement a “vanilla” version of it to avoid the complications caused by too much variation. The “go live” schedule is very aggressive, They are backing off of the port implementation date because of security concerns. The January date will be moved out to March.
- In July they will launch the financial part and the Advancement part. The student part will be done in 2 stages. This will be followed by Financial Aid and, later, Human Resources.
- There is a Banner Steering Committee that is guiding this. Faculty representatives are Gary Wyatt, Kathy Ermler and Cynthia Patton
- Kansas requires oversight from Topeka. We report to them quarterly.
- There are several training rooms for wireless access set up in Visser.

- They had a security audit from Topeka. Cheryl O'Dell is the security officer. We will be walking on thin ice because of our response to this. For example, we will need to require that users use a screensaver with a passwords and other accommodations that have yet to be developed.

Vieweg was asked where the faculty fit into the process of developing the security policy. He indicated that he is not clear on that. They will consult the Computer Advisory Committee.

Vieweg was asked about the removal of the shared drive. It appeared to be done without considering the faculty who relied on it. Vieweg responded that it needed to be done quickly and they will work with faculty to correct the problems that were caused by this. For example, there were grade books on the O-drive. One approach is to enable the faculty member to log in from the smart classroom. Some Senators expressed concern about not having access to a public drive.

Vieweg announced that the office of Institutional Resources was moved to Academic Affairs (from Fiscal Affairs). This allows us to merge the initiatives Banner, Title 9, and Institutional Research.

Vieweg passed around a 3x5 card to the Senators to make suggestions about what they would like to see on the portal when it is implemented. He also passed out a document describing how the social security number is used. There are 201 programs that use it. To convert to another ID number at this time would require resources to be taken away from implementing Banner. Vieweg was asked why the SSN has to be on the back of the ID cards. It is on the magnetic strip on the back. Vieweg said that in order to change this would require changing all the systems that rely on it.

Vieweg was asked why the change could be made for students so quickly but not for faculty. He responded that the issue is the number of programs that use it. There are many more programs that use faculty ID numbers than for student numbers.

B. Election for 1st Vice President

This was discussed earlier.

C. Food for Thought program

Summey asked if there is an interest in continuing this program. She was asked how much it was used and said that she would check on this.

VII. For the Good of the Senate

There was nothing offered in this category.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm.