

**Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Emporia State University**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**Kanza Room 3:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order Time:** 3:31 p.m.

**II. Announcement of Attendance:**

Members Present: Aber, Borst, Butler, Chase, Church, Coulson, Costello, Dobbs, Dobler, Dougherty, Durler, Eberle, Foyle, George, Hamilton, Hodapp, Hogan, Holcomb, Hollenbeck, Kjellman-Chapin, Megreedy, K. Miller, Pimple, Roach, Schwenn, Shinge, Sudlow, Wade, Webb

Absent: Chowdhury, Larson, Miller, O'Neal, Sward

Substitutions: Bogan for Wade, Roland for Chase, Swanson for Dougherty

**III. Approval – February 5, 2008 Minutes:**

Coulson moved, Holcomb seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**IV. Announcements:**

**A. ASG President – Courtney George:**

- This Thursday ASG will pass resolutions for Schwenn and the students at NIU.
- RSO allocation packets are due to CSI at 5:00 today.
- Petitions for ASG elections have been released and new people are interested. The date of the debate has been moved to March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Faculty may nominate an RSO for RSO of the year soon. There is a link or an attachment on to do so. They are due on February 29<sup>th</sup>. ASG will notify the RSO that they have been nominated and then that RSO must also fill out the application.
- ASG and UAC are planning an alumni event at the Homecoming celebration next year.
- Foyle pointed out George's recent newspaper article.
- Schwenn said that at the last BOR, George did very well.
- George said that while KU spoke in favor of capping tuition, that George and the KSU ASG President spoke against it and in favor of having education that "means something," cost not being the only issue. Schwenn stated it was the best discussion between students and the BOR in his 10 years of experience.

**B. Vice President of Academic Affairs – John Schwenn:**

- An alternative teacher certification bill will be discussed in Topeka tomorrow. Phil Bennett and others from ESU will attend to oppose it. Key legislators are aware of opposition.
- Schwenn thanked everyone for all of their service and friendship throughout his years at ESU.

**C. President of the Faculty - Harvey Foyle:**

- Foyle thanked VP Schwenn for his role as faculty advisor and facilitator of faculty governance.
- Faculty Senate standing committees are doing good work, with many things going on currently.
- Foyle and Webb are having monthly meetings with President Lane, who remains committed to communication with faculty leadership. Lane will continue those meetings with the Faculty President and First Vice President next year.

**V. Committee Reports:**

**A. Academic Affairs (Jim Roach, Chair):**

- Last Tuesday AA considered the General Education Council's changes to the General Education curriculum. The vote failed. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, AA will discuss what happens next. Roach anticipated that Faculty Senate Executive Committee would bring the proposed General Education curriculum changes to the full senate with a negative vote from AA.
- Foyle asked Schwenn to share what can happen with GenEd if it is voted down or if it passes in the Faculty Senate.
  - A negative vote in Faculty Senate would send the proposed curriculum back to the General Education Council.
  - A vote in favor would send the curriculum to Faculty Administrative Intern Betsy Yanik, who would oversee it as part of the Interim VPAA duties she shares this semester with Rod Sobieski. Yanik (acting for the VPAA's office) could recommend the proposed changes or not, at which point General Education could be changed.
  - Faculty Senate provides an important oversight role in the decision between General Education Council and ESU Administration. Schwenn said that in voting on the proposed changes to the curriculum, he hoped faculty would look at what was best for students and not just their own disciplines. He encouraged areas not to think of gaining or losing something with regard to changes in General Education, but instead to think of ways that resources could be used differently if General Education needs or demands changed in an area.
- Durler commented that he had served on General Education Council, and the committee had very much considered the things Schwenn mentioned while developing the proposal.
- Borst raised a concern from her colleagues regarding the number of abstentions in the vote in AA.

- Roach said that non-faculty may not have voted. Also, the snow day may have prevented some faculty from going to departmental meetings to see how they should vote.
- Schwenn added that faculty should consider how many departments are affected by General Education. Another reason for the full senate to consider the proposed changes to Gen-Ed is that AA is a small body.
- AA will be looking at mobile computing devices legislation. They currently have some new directives from TCS and University Legal Counsel.
- AA will be looking at a statement regarding outcomes-based assessment.

**B. COCG (Jane Eberle, Chair):**

- COCG reviewed three committees during the last meeting and unanimously recommended that two of them continue as is: the Disability Services Advisory Committee and the Human Subjects Committee. The Information Technology Advisory Committee was asked to submit more information. COCG will revisit that review on 11 March.
  - Dobbs asked for clarification of what was meant by committee reviews and what was involved in a second interview. Eberle said Faculty Senate committees are on a four year rotation. The committees are asked to tell what they are about and COCG makes sure they are still a viable committee and that they are working and things are functioning.
  - Butler asked for a clarification if that means COCG has jurisdiction? Eberle said the committee can only make a recommendation. After that, it would go to the VPAA.
  - Schwenn added that if the committee is one that is formed by Faculty Senate, then it is the Senate that must dissolve it. He clarified that only Faculty Senate-approved committees are reviewed by COCG. Advisory committees and those formed by the University President do not.
  - Foyle added that review by COCG is a form of oversight to make sure committees are meeting. Faculty Senate authorized those committees because they are extremely important, and their work has impact on the lives of students and faculty.

**C. Faculty Affairs (Kevin Coulson, Chair):**

- FA is bringing forward a bill to alleviate the requirement for someone to serve consecutive terms on grievance panels or as ombudsmen. Dobler and Durler are drafting a bill, which should come to the next Faculty Senate for first reading.
- Foyle added that all grievance panels are filled.
- Coulson recommended that, to find out what is going on, senators talk to at least three members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in order to better make informed decisions.

**VI. Old Business: None**

## **VII. New Business:**

### **A. Kansas Board of Regents**

1. Foyle stated that with the Five Strategic Questions, the Faculty Senate Presidents see a mechanistic approach. They tried to dampen, soften, adjust, and provide more information for the BOR draft. COFSP has contacted Regents' President Robinson regarding their desire to provide a response to the BOR's calls for accountability, looking for measures that address some of the larger purpose of higher education.
2. Foyle reviewed the COFSP *Statement on the Value of Higher Education* (email attachment) and the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), *College Learning for the New Global Century*.
3. *A Liberal Education Is Not a Luxury* (article) was presented by Foyle. This information was given to BOR President Robinson as background information.
4. COFSP Desires Faculty Input
  - Schwenn commented that it is not just Kansas, it is national and that institutions' approaches have been to try to stay ahead of the game by drafting meaningful measures instead of having measures imposed from outside.
  - Coulson commented that a qualitative interpretation of numbers is necessary for them to be meaningful.
  - Schwenn commented that there are so many things that cannot be put into a number. Over time, all ESU's Performance Indicators have become numbers. We need to supply numbers to external agencies or have the need for numbers imposed on us.
  - Hogan encouraged COFSP to continue softening the mechanistic approach, because she has seen the effects of the No Child Left Behind bill in public school.
  - Foyle said the BOR will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> and COFSP will share input from their faculty. He asked that FS members to think about this information. Faculty are encouraged to send potential measures for some of the five points, or to add to the five points. Any information faculty would like included should be sent prior to March 12. If FS members send an email regarding this, it will be considered public.
  - Foyle commented that he appreciated everyone listening and collaborating.

## **VIII. For the Good of the Senate:**

- Hodapp announced that ESU Jazz Ensemble performs with Emporia High School Thursday at 7:30 in Albert Taylor Hall. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Wind Ensemble performs with All-Star Brass, consisting of faculty from around the state.
- Hamilton announced that ESU Theatre Department is presenting *The Woman in Black* next week.
- Webb announced that nationally-distinguished poet and activist, Eloise Klein Healy will perform a reading of her work Wednesday, March 5 at 3 p.m. in Sauder Alumni Center as the keynote speaker for Women's History Month.
- Webb asked members of the Second Vice-President nominating committee to stay a few minutes after the meeting.
- Upcoming meetings:

Faculty Senate Standing Committees - Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm on February 26th

Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm on February 28th

Next Faculty Senate Meeting Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm on March 4th

Faculty Senate Meetings remaining

March 4

April 1

April 15

May 6 (old and new Senators)

Kansas Board of Regents Meeting – Wednesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 13th

**IX. Adjournment:** 4:28 p.m.