

**Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate Annual Meeting**  
**Emporia State University**  
**May 5, 2009**  
**Kanza Room 3:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order: 3:30**

**II. Announcement of Attendance and Introduction of New Senators:**

Present: James Aber, John Barnett, Angela Blaufuss, Mike Butler, Mohammad Chowdhury, Edwin Church, Zeni Colorado, Beth Dobler, George Durler, Stanford Felix, Harvey Foyle, Heidi Hamilton, Eileen Hogan, Gary Holcomb, Kevin Johnson, Monica Kjellman-Chapin, Joella Mehrhof, Ann Miller, Tes Mehring, Katrina Miller, Alfredo Montalvo, Dwight Moore, Mike Morales, Ann O'Neill, Chuck Pheatt, Cathy Pimple, Kevin Rabas, Carol Russell, Manjula Shinge, Christy Schreck, Heather Wade, Amy Sage Webb, George Yancey

Absent: Gary Holcomb

Substitutions: Stacey Braun for Gregory Larson, and Sharon Woods for Marjorie Werly.

**III. Budget update from President Lane**

\* To date there has been a 7.3 % cut in the budget. The house overwhelmingly voted against salary reductions. Leadership needs to be looking at revenue, such as delinquent taxpayer collection, in order to balance the rest of the budget. There would also be tax reduction delays that would impact mostly business, depending on what range of kinds of things they did. Last President Lane heard; the senate was talking about pay reductions at 2.5 %. The regents have done an exceptional job this year speaking on the university's behalf, saying 7.3% is enough, and to look elsewhere. The best case is that they take a serious look at revenue side, and there is 1.5% reduction in our budget. The worst case is an additional 3.5-4% cut in the budget, which will mean we lose maintenance and lose 49 million in stimulus money. Most likely, they will reduce another 2.5-2.75% of the budget on top of 7.3%. This would stay in stimulus range. The plan is to send half of the stimulus to financial aid and the other half to temporary faculty lines that ESU has had to temporarily freeze. May have to use the one time money to replace capital? Budget and move money to do the same thing.

\* The floor is opened for questions. Senator Morales asks about the salary reduction being just here, or for everywhere. President Lane says it depends how the bill is written because it has to be that specific.

\* Past President Foyle asked about tuition raises. President Lane says it will be interesting because when KBOR discussed it two members are extremely opposed and a couple members are proposing to increase tuition to make up for the increased reduction. President Lane says he will cap ESU at 5% as the max, but what the members are proposing could be a 9% increase. President Lane will share reminder that students voted the MU renovations funding. ASG President Blaufuss

says the worry of the students is that without a tuition increase they won't have the program they are paying for and that the students understand they need to take some of the burden. There is concern that without some increase, the quality may not be there. ASG Vice President Kruger says that KBOR has stated that they agree with students, but legislature may vote differently. President Lane encourages the senate to contact the legislators as citizens of Kansas. He adds that they should know by May 13, 2009 what will be happening.

- Reminder that an update from President Lane will be on Wed. 5/13, and Tuition and Budget Committee meets this Friday.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes from April 21 and April 28, 2009:**

- Chair Moore moves for acceptance of the April 21 minutes and Senator O'Neill seconds. Senator Durler says on 4th page under part 7D, clarify what "share means and exceptions" and under 7J, Strike word "hour". Durler with give corrections to Sarah.

Approved as corrected.

- Chair Moore moves for the acceptance of the April 28 minutes and Senator O'Neill seconds. The minutes are unanimously approved.

#### **V. Announcements:**

1. ASG President, Angela Blaufuss:

- ASG President Blaufuss officially wishes Jonathan good luck.

- Blaufuss adds that there are five ESU students on the Tuition and Budget Committee, more than any other regent university. They want ESU to grow, and do not want burden on students, but the money is for their benefit.

Webb thanks student group and Blaufuss for their service and input.

2. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Life, Tes Mehring:  
Provost

- Mehring thanks the faculty senate for their service. She acknowledges how time-consuming senate is and congratulates the senate on moving several issues forward very well. She thanks the executive committee and President Webb's leadership and looks forward to another positive year next year.

3. Faculty President, Amy Sage Webb:

- Last week President Lane signed all pieces of legislation. Overall, we've passed 22 bills, 5 resolutions and 4 reports. President Webb continues to say that the way we do things is more important than work we do. She commends the work of the senate, especially for working well together, VP Russell, Chair Morales, Chair Miller, and Chair Moore.

#### **VI. Old Business:**

1. FSB 08022, Background Check Procedures: The bill is on the floor. Senator Barnett believes sex offender can be taken out because of redundancy. President Lane says there is a difference and for certain positions that only run a sex offender check for residents hall RAs, which is why it is included. The bill passes unanimously.

## **VII. New Business:**

1. FSCR 080023, 2008-2009 Academic Affairs Committee Report: Chair Moore moves for acceptance of the report and Chair Miller seconds. Chair Moore thanks committee for work. There are no questions. The report is accepted unanimously.

2. FSCR 08024, Committee on Campus Governance Summary Report 2008-2009: Chair Miller moves that the report be brought to the floor and Chair Moore seconds. Chair Miller thanks dedicated members of COCG, especially Kevin Johnson and Greg Larson for their work on the Transparency bill and Kevin Rabas and Zeni Colorado for grammatical edits to constitution. No comments on report. The report is unanimously accepted.

3. FSCR 08025, Faculty Affairs Committee Report for Academic Year 2008-2009: Chair Morales moves that the report be brought to the floor and Chair Moore seconds. Thanks committee members, and reports that they had heated discussions that never ended up hostile. The report is accepted unanimously.

4. FSR 08026, Resolution Supporting Email and Home Directory Quotas

\* Chair Moore moves that the resolution be brought to the floor and Senator O'Neill seconds. Moore explains the resolution as TCS has found some people have huge mailboxes and are trying to get a better hold on the system. The resolution is to bring forth discussion. Senator Pheatt has some concerns and has an amendment and moves that the title be changed to "Resolution supporting the TCS Effort to Address email and Home Directory Storage" and Senator Durler seconds. In favor of changing title. 27 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain, and 1 nonvoting. The amendment carries.

\* Senator Pheatt moves that the resolution be amended by replacing lines 32 and 33 with "Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Faculty Senate of Emporia State University recognize and support the need to address email and other storage concerns raised by TCS. TCS is strongly encouraged to pursue alternatives to imposing storage quotas through user forums, user education and measures other than storage quotas as appropriate" and Senator Durler seconds. Senator Pheatt's concern is lack of knowledge on the subject but believes it is a heavy-handed issue that could be handled through friendly cooperation. Senator Johnson says his department had concerns and that the amendment may go a long way to address the concerns of the quota. Chair Miller says there were concerns from her department that if the mailboxes from former students are being eliminated. President Webb says they wait for two years before the students lose their e-mail account. Senator Moore says he agrees with the amendment, but, he knows they have asked numerous times to have people reduce the size of mailboxes only to be ignored. Senator Butler addresses that education has been attempted by TCS and believes it reasonable to pursue alternatives of quotas. Senator Morales says his reading was that other options be looked at but does not preclude storage quotas. Senator Pheatt has been asked over the years to take things off the website and then put back on, so storage changes, but he has no idea if he is being greedy with space because there are no tools to tell him so. President Webb says there is a tool on GroupWise to check email and storage use. She states that you can receive emails, but eventually you can no longer send e-mails if you've used your quota, and the TCS has looked at everything senator Pheatt has raised. Senator Butler says that

in the past TCS has sent out the statistics and the tools, but Senator Pheatt says he knows he takes up a lot of space but has never been contacted. Vote on the amendment: 20 in favor, 6 oppose, 2 non-voting. The amendment carries.

\* The vote on the resolution as amended: 26 in favor, 2 oppose. The resolution is passed.

5. FSR 08027, Resolution Commending Phyllis Wenger for Her Service to Emporia State University Faculty Senate: Senator O'Neill moves for the acceptance of the resolution and Chair Moore seconds. President Webb reads the resolution. It is to commend the service of Phyllis Wenger. The resolution is passed unanimously.

6. FSR 08028, Resolution Commending Judith Heasley for Her Service to Emporia State University Faculty Senate: Senator Aber moves for acceptance and Chair Moore seconds. President Webb reads the resolution to commend Judy Heasley. The resolution is passed unanimously.

7. FSR 08029, Resolution Commending Sarah Diane Sadowsky for Her Service to Emporia State University Faculty Senate: Chair Moore moves for acceptance of resolution and Chair Morales seconds. President Webb reads the resolution and it is passed unanimously.

8. FSR 08030, Resolution Commending Amy Sage Webb for Her Service to Emporia State University Faculty Senate: Chair Moore moves resolution and Chair Morales seconds. Chair K. Miller reads the resolution to commend President Amy Sage Webb. Presentation to President Webb of the resolution and plaque by VP Russell. The resolution passes unanimously.

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

- Kevin Rabas's new book arrived on campus this week. It is his second book. Congratulations to Dr. Rabas.
- Dr. Shinge was awarded the Liberal Arts and Sciences outstanding teaching award.
- Senator Holcomb will be leaving ESU to go to Ohio University.
- President Lane thanks AAC, FAC, COCG, VP Russell and President Webb.
- President Webb adds thanks to Provost Mehring.

#### **IX. Adjournment:**

Senator Durler moves and Senator O'Neill seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 4:40