**Faculty Senate Agenda 1/27/2025**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 12:30 PM by FS President Bill Griffiths  
  
**Senators in Attendance:** McCree O'Kelley, Todd Wedge, Pavankumar Meadati, Michael Carroll, Victor Clincy, Ying Xie, Austin Brown, Hassan Pournaghshband, Kent Altom, David Bray, Carole Hollingsworth, Shelby Meek, Randy Stuart, Albert Jimenez, Scott Ritchie, Nihal Khote, Yeol Huh, Jillian Ford, Chad Goebert ,Matthew Lyons, Darlene Rodriguez- Schaefer, Nancy Ballard, Minhao Dai, Heather Pincock, Thierry Leger, Susan Kirkpatrick Smith, Amy Donahue, Rebecca Hill, Tavishi Bhasin, Melanie Holland, Snehal Shirke, Glen Meades, Nicholas Green, William Griffiths, Dale Vogelien, David Garofalo, Mahyar Amirgholy, Walter Thain, Aaron Adams, Ying Wang, Awatef Ergai, Michelle Lee, Nicholas Ellwanger, Christopher Thompson

1. **Minutes from December Meeting (5 minutes)**
   1. Move to approve minutes by Susan Kirkpatrick Smith. Seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
2. **Election – For the Policy Process Council (5 minutes)**
   1. Nominee: Minhao Dai
   2. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
3. **Substance Abuse/Testing Policy – Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker and Karen McDonnell (15 minutes)**
   1. New version of this policy incorporating senate feedback
   2. Moved to approve policy Susan Kirkpatrick Smith. Seconded.
   3. Potential lack of clarity regarding who is under the scope of pre-employment testing.
   4. Friendly motion to alter the term “under the influence” to “abuse of alcohol or other substances” in two places in the document by Amy Donahue. Seconded.
      1. “Abuse” would need to be defined.
      2. “Abuse” may be more indicative of a pattern of behavior rather than a state of being.
      3. 16 in favor and 20 opposed. Friendly motion fails.
   5. 32 in favor and 3 against. Policy passes as originally presented.
4. **Access to University Facilities Policy – Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker, Breana Ware, Kristy Wheeles (10 minutes)**
   1. New version of this policy incorporating senate feedback
   2. Motion to approve by Randy Stuart. Seconded.
   3. 30 in favor and 8 against. Policy passes.
5. **Payment Card Handling and Processing Policy – Ryan McLemore (5 minutes)**
   1. Motion to approve by Susan Kirkpatrick Smith. Seconded.
   2. 30 in favor and none against. Policy passes.
6. **FERPA Directory Information Updates – Paul Parker (5 minutes)**
   1. Two proposals – one for the graduate catalog and one for the undergraduate catalog
   2. Remove the delineation of directory information on the KSU website and refer directly to the USG website.
   3. Motion to approve by Randy Stuart. Seconded.
   4. 34 in favor and none opposed. Motion passes.
7. **First-Year Experience Course Development from GEC and Q&A– Chris Dockery (15 minutes)**
   1. Goal of such a course would be student retention/long-term success.
   2. FYE would be a 3-credit hour course placed in the I2 IMPACTS domain (institutional priority).
      1. It would be major/college-specific
      2. Students wouldn’t have to take the course again if they change majors
   3. Concerns about resourcing both in terms of faculty and classroom space
   4. Soliciting information for course content and specific learning objectives.
   5. Possible implementation for Fall 2026.
   6. Questions/Concerns can be directed to Chris Dockery
8. **President Schwaig’s Comments (5 minutes)**
   1. Building research infrastructure involves hiring great people but having the right resources, which may include facilities and supporting staff.
   2. Ignite HQ has been rebooted to help the KSU community at large incubate businesses.
   3. Strategic plan is being actively implemented at all levels
   4. Budget updates from legislative cycle includes $3M proposed in state budget for KSU capital projects fund to build new research building
9. **Provost’s Pulinkala’s Comments (5 minutes)**
   1. Conversations about FYE course will continue
   2. The start of Fall 2026 will shift later one week due to immediacy of finals starting immediately after Thanksgiving break
   3. Prioritize updating of college and department/school bylaws
      1. College bylaws updates by May
      2. Department/School bylaws updates by December
10. **Calls for Feedback and Volunteers (5 minutes)**
    1. Modified Operations Policy (Success? Issues? We’ve now used twice.)
    2. Conduct Guidelines Policy (Further feedback?)
    3. Posting and Chalking Policy (Further feedback?)
    4. Parking and Transportation Committee (Seeking Nominations for 1 Seat)
11. **Adjournment**  
      
    Meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM by unanimous consent.