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Randy Stuart, Stephen Collins, Minhao Dai, Darina Lepadatu, Doreen Wagner, William Griffiths, David Bray, Dabae Lee, Autumn Eckman, Daniel Ferreira, Jillian Ford, Craig Brasco, Hassan Pournaghshband, James Davis, Heather Pincock, Lantz Holtzhower, Albert Jimenez, David Garofalo, Geza Kogle, Daniel Rogers, Lin Li, M.A. Karim, James Stinchcomb,

Sumanth Yenduri, Neporcha Cone, Kat Schwaig, Michelle Head, Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker, Lori Lowder, Alexander McGee, Pam Cole, James Taylor, Doug Moodie, Ivan Pulinkala, Aaron Howell, Amy Buddie, Paul Parker, Chris Sharpe, Tricia Chastain, Philip Mayer, Phaedra Corso, Anissa Vega, Sheb True

Senate Agenda

December 5, 2022

12:30-1:45

Virtual Meeting

Opening Remarks

Welcome – M. Todd Harper

Adhoc secretary: Darina Lepadatu

Online Faculty Senate Meeting Expectations

a. Voting will be carried out electronically (link will be available in the chat window) and will be tracked. Please only vote if you are a senator. A non-senator voting will result in an immediate permanent ban from the faculty senate.

b. Use the “Raise your hand” feature in order to be recognized. iv. As we move forward with our senate meetings, the FSEC has heard from its members and agrees on the need to hold to correct parliamentary procedure. Motions will be preferred over discussion items so that we typically have action items on the floor. We would like to point out that there will be less time in our meetings used to announce our business items, so it will be more important than ever to be familiar with all documents pertaining to our meeting. To further promote discussion, the president of the faculty senate will begin by calling for dissenting opinions. If there are no dissenting voices, we will be able to call for a vote directly and increase efficiency in our meetings.

c. Please get familiar with Robert’s Rules of Order: https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts\_rules\_simplified.pdf

Old Business:

**1. Approval of Faculty Senate October Minutes.** (M. Todd Harper 12:30)

New Business

Minutes approved.

1. **Motion to eliminate WF (Paul Parker 12:35-12:45)**

Paul Parker: proposal to remove WF from both the undergraduate and graduate catalog. WF equates to F, so it has a negative impact on students’ GPA. The benefit for students was that it is not an earned F. Students should be informed that there is no WF if they withdraw after the last day of withdrawal and must continue with the work in the class. Sometimes students earn a better grade than the expected F. UGA and GT have also removed WF from their grading scale.

Last day of withdrawal is the midpoint of the semester.

Heather: important to know how the shared governance process works at KSU because chairs have already announced this change of policy as approved.

Glen Meades: Could WF be extended with one week after the midpoint? Paul Parker will check with the USG if this is possible.

Albert Jimenez: if I was a graduate admission officer, I would treat WF differently than a F bc sometimes students get a WF because of life circumstances and did not have the time to withdraw.

Motion passes with 91% Yes and 8% No (36 votes). Implementation will be in Fall 2023.

1. **Motion to create FS Best Practices Study Committee. (M. Todd Harper 12:45-1:00)**

Todd Harper: Faculty complain that shared governance is broken. So, we must look at how shared governance is done at other institutions and which best practices to implement at our institution. This Committee will be chaired Dr Susan Kirkpatrick Smith in Spring and should propose some recommendations next Fall. We do not use our standing committees effectively at KSU. Perhaps we need a Budget Committee. We are asking for 5-7 nominations (eligible faculty senators with representation from both campuses and a variety of colleges) by Friday December 9th. Please submit nominations to Todd Harper. A survey will be sent out to senators next week.

Electronic vote: 100% support (32 votes Yes).

Susan: Motion to approve electronic vote for composition of taskforce. 100% voted Yes.

1. **Library Update (Chris Sharpe 1:00-1:10)**

There are a few concerns about some journal cancellations. Library budget is a little over 2 million $. Some journals may cost between 5,000-10,000$. We get journals through subscription to big packages (GALILEO)- big package deals are more convenient. The benefit is that they are cheaper; the disadvantage is if a journal is present in multiple of these packages. Some journals put a restriction to not see the most recent articles. Alternative suggestions: go directly to Sage Premier 2020 or Open Access. No plans for the KSU Library to have budget cuts. We have college liaisons to library to communicate concerns as well as Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee.

Stephen Collins: it seems to be an increase in journals with no recent issues available. We need recent issues for our research. So, thanks for sharing these tips. Can these other sources be brought in the SuperSearch? Chris Sharp pointed out that to do this is very labor intensive. Has our library budget grown with the size of our university?

Chris Sharpe: We will look at the aspirational institutions to see what level of funding they have. ILL- requests may be processed even within 24 hours. We cancelled the big account with Elsevier, but we still have an account to purchase individual articles to deliver article within 8 hours.

1. **Presidential Report (Kat Schwaig 1:10-1:15)**

We will start a new process for Strategic Planning at KSU in Spring. The current R2 Roadmap (2019)-fundamental strategic plan. Other universities are in line with what we are doing. We will have an inclusive process of how to best engage our faculty, staff and students in the strategic planning. We will start in January and explain the process. The strategic plan is important on how to allocate resources and funding. We must revisit the mission, vision and values of KSU for the next 3 years. It is important to have inclusivity in this process.

1. **Provost Report (Ivan Pulinkala 1:15-1:20)**

Student responses to course evals is very low (16%). We would like the Taskforce on Course Evaluations to continue their work in Spring to discuss best practices on how to improve response rates.

We would like to thank Curriculum committees for their hard work. We had a huge backlog of proposals this semester. We added two meetings in December to expedite the approval process. Thank you for your hard work.

1. **Taskforce on Course Evaluations Update (Darina Lepadatu)**

The Taskforce has met monthly to work on drafting a new course evaluation survey. The committee members have discussed with students on how to improve the survey. Darina will meet with the leadership of Student Government Association to discuss how to improve response rates. We will seek input from SGA in Spring. UITS will develop an app, so students could take the survey on their phones. The taskforce will provide an update to the Senate during the January meeting.