

Randy Stuart, Chair KSU University Council, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

Members in attendance: Dr. Dan Papp, President, Randy Stuart, Faculty Senate; Doug Moodie, Faculty Senate; Rifka Mayani, Administrators Senate; Christina Coronado, Administrators Senate; Tisha McCalla, Staff Senate, Debbie Chimeno, Staff Senate; Ali Kamran, SGA; Ronald Wilson, SGA, Keith Tudor, Chair's Council; Charlie Amlaner, Dean's Council; Jorge Perez, President's Cabinet

Old Business:

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Fee committee – The Fee Committee has not come to Faculty Senate because the proposal has not been received. This will be moved to next year.

STP Committee – The STP Committee has moved into a working phase. Its mission includes:

- Teaching as KSU's Core Mission
- Raising the Level of KSU's National Recognition and Ranking
- Identifying and Developing More Sources of Funding
- Focusing on Innovation and Collaboration
- Creating a More Engaged and Welcoming Campus Community

The chairs of the subcommittees are submitting reports on their findings. The Committee will meet May 6, 2011. A survey will be composed over the summer to be launched at the start of next fall.

New Business:

Outside Consulting Document - Kurt Schulzke and Charlie Amlaner may need to have a discussion about Charlie's concerns. Charlie has sent Kurt a detailed report about his concerns, so the document is not quite ready to have its first reading in the senate. The first reading should take place at the August Faculty Senate meeting.

Final Exam Policy - When the final exam policy was presented to the senate, only one person came back with comments, policy was approved as written.

Grade Appeal Policy – The Chairs were concerned about the statement that said a student who pursued a grade appeal “should” talk to the faculty member first. The Chairs preferred that the policy should state that the student must go to the faculty first, except in cases of harassment. The Faculty Senate had left the statement as it was because there was a conflict in a later paragraph. Keith expressed concern that this does not give the faculty member a chance to work out the situation with the student. Since the document is now with the Provost/VPAA, both Randy and Dr. Papp stated that the Chairs should take up their concerns with him.

Policy Guidelines for Faculty Vacancy - Thanks to Val Whittlesey, there is now a policy created. It went before the Chairs' and Deans' Councils and was approved by the Faculty Senate on April 11.

Facilities Use Policy – A much needed proposal was created by Kevin Gwaltney, Bob Lang, Lori Meadows, and Randy Stuart. Debbie Chimeno asked if non-KSU people who have functions on campus give us a certificate of insurance. Dr. Papp stated that for Cobb County graduations, we do receive one; however, for Boy Scouts and merit badges, we do not. If someone trips and breaks a leg, they could sue KSU. We have been sued because of a loose brick, but the judge threw it out. Anyone who comes on campus can sue us even if there is an insurance policy. Debbie asked for events after hours, how do you identify who is involved with that event? Rifka replied there is a form that University Events has to fill out, and either the dean or University Relations has to give approval for the event. Someone from KSU has to be present to be responsible. Tisha stated that Card Services can create name tags, but Dr. Papp said there is no way to associate someone with each event. Rifka asked if Events had been part of the Facilities document, because it seems so tightly knit into this situation. Dr. Papp said that the policy should be sent to Lynda Johnson for review. Ali stated that in the Student Center, for events after midnight, people had to register with Student Life, and they wore bracelets to show they were part of a student organization, plus they have to pay for event security too.

Other matters –

In the news - In the AJC on April 17, KSU was listed in the top 100(top 20 of large employers) places to work in metro Atlanta.

Student Code of Conduct - Diane Walker is proposing changes to the Student Code of Conduct. It is going to the SGA next week, then to the University Council. Ali stated that he had not seen the changes yet, but Randy stated that they were not major.

Grants and funding - Charlie reported good news in that, this year, KSU received \$14 million in outside money, compared to \$9.4 million last year.

President's Minute – It looks like KSU got the \$18 million for the Bagwell College expansion, but it still has to be signed by governor, but looks favorable. Through the work of the Cobb County delegation, there is an entry in the budget of \$6.2 million for equality of funding for higher education. Earl Ehrhart went to bat for KSU and other underfunded campuses. We could get \$3.1 million from that, which will help with the reduction in state monies. An increase in tuition will mean we can hire some faculty and staff. Kudos go to Nancy Hall and Arlethia Perry-Johnson who were on phones with legislature, to help us get the \$18 million. The new Athletic Director, Vaughn Williams, starts May 2, and will meet with Faculty Senate that day. Within the next two weeks we will hire a new basketball coach. The Provost search will start next August, and we expect it to go more rapidly, because we have a position description ready. We could have a new provost by late 2011, depending on the person's commitments, s/he could be here in January, end of spring, or July. Dr. Papp will ask if the same committee members want to return. It is very time consuming, so he expects some to say yes and some to say no.

Debbie asked how football was coming. Dr. Papp replied that fundraising has been slow, but we have not kicked off a concerted drive. Every two weeks or so, the Alumni Association has met and they have asked people to fill out forms that say "yes we are interested in donating to football", and they have obtained about four to five hundred of those. For potential donors for a stadium, they have discussed granting the naming right for ten years, etc. When Vaughn Williams comes on board we will kick off fundraising on May 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.