

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

Room 126 CH

3:30 p.m.

Meeting Notice: Monday, October 9, 1995

Order of Business:

- I. Calling of the Meeting to Order
- II. Informal Statements and Proposals
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. President's Report
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Rules Committee
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Childcare at WSU discussion
 1. SGA Resolution R044-031495 - Angela May
 2. Sense of the Senate Statement
(salmon attachment) - A.J. Mandt
- VII. New Business
 - A. Distinguished Scholarship Invitational -
Suzanne Vogel, Admissions Office
 - B. Reflections on State Budget & Faculty
Priorities discussion
- VIII. As May Arise

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SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

The Faculty Senate shares the concerns expressed by the Student Senate in its resolution urging University action to assure affordable, accessible child care for students with children. We agree that the availability of affordable child care affects the ability of many students to attend the University, and that the University needs to consider these needs, along with others, when it provides financial support to students. Student financial aid should have a very high priority in University planning. We urge the University to develop a comprehensive plan to increase student financial aid, and that its planning take into consideration the whole range of financial obstacles, such as the cost of child care, that affect the ability of students to attend Wichita State University.

At the same time, we recognize that the University has many pressing needs. These needs must be identified and priorities established between them. The University's resources need to be focused on maintaining and enhancing its academic mission.

SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH BOARD OF REGENTS PRESIDENT,
SEPTEMBER 28, 1995

Attending: Chair of Ks. Board of Regents, John Hiebert, Executive Director of Board of Regents, Dr. Steve Jordan, from WSU, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bobby Patton, Jolynne Campbell (President Faculty Senate), Donna Hawley (Vice President, Faculty Senate), and Jean Eaglesfield (Secretary, Faculty Senate).

Introduction:

President Campbell began as a means of introduction stating that the campus is adjusting to a new administration. She stated that overall this administration is supported by faculty. The budget has people nervous. She commended the Board on their work on the learning initiatives and mentioned that the list that the Faculty Senate Presidents produced this summer will be given to our Senate committees to address.

Vice President Hawley also mentioned that the self study that is being generated by the NCA evaluation also means that we are looking at mission; this will position us well to do strategic planning and to address budget problems.

Learning environment and mission:

Discussion continued about the learning environment. Both Jordan and Hiebert mentioned that the learning environment study was initially going to be a workload study and it changed as the discussions turned more to outcome and away from process. Both wanted to know how this is functioning at the department level. We stated that although we thought reaction is still mixed, certain actions this year have been helpful. Examples of this were the workshops for department chairs and discussions about advising.

Budget:

There will be cutbacks next year. The Governor has stated that all state agencies, including Regents, will have minimum of 2% reduction. Dr. Jordan wanted to know if salary increases should be foregone in order to cut less. We noted that although there has not yet been discussion in the Senate on this topic, we anticipated this would happen soon, especially in the Town Hall meeting the VPAA Patton would be convening on October 16. We also stated that salary compression is rampant on this campus.

Priorities:

Chair Hiebert asked us to state the priorities of the faculty. We answered that probably faculty would say that library and equipment would be a first priority and that student services would be second. We summarized the concern of faculty about canceling library journals, the equipment freezes of last year and this year and the debate at last week's Senate meeting about child care for students.

Dr. Jordan spoke of his concerns and anguish at the present political-economic climate in this country. We are now seeing the

end of the Great Society programs which are the programs that brought funding for the masses of students who flocked to American universities in the 1970's. He is not optimistic about future prospects for financial aid for students.

How we are doing:

President Campbell asked Chair Hiebert how we are perceived to be doing and what the Regents would want us to be doing to help in efforts to better our system. Chair Hiebert answered that WSU is not a research institution, it is not a regional institution, that being a metropolitan university gives WSU a unique role in the state. It is from this role that WSU can show leadership in developing new models. He again noted the importance of having this vision shared especially at the department level. Dr. Jordan urged us to participate in the learning environment project, to develop efficiencies in our work and to help rethink the BA. He stated that traditionally there has been emphasis on the discipline when planning BA programs and this should be reassessed in light of the lifelong learning skills that our current students will need.

The meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Eaglesfield, Secretary