Volume XIII

Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting of October 25, 1999
MEETING NOTICE: Monday, October 25, 1999
Room 107 CH 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:
I. Call of the Meeting to Order
II. Informal Statements and Proposals
III. Approval of the Minutes
IV. President’s Report
V. Committee Reports
VI. Old Business
   A. Public Science curricula resolution (attachments to 9/27/99 agenda)
VII. New Business
   A. Conversation with Dr. Ron Kopita, Vice President, Student Affairs
      - student recruiting & retention
      - recent problems in student services/financial aid
      - cooperation between Academic Affairs & Student Affairs
   B. Undergraduate Program Review & Approval Process
      Martha Shawver, Dean of Undergraduate Studies
VIII. As May Arise

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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ELECTED BY THE SENATE
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APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT
Jeri Carroll  3322  Box 28
MEMBERS PRESENT: Bajaj, Bennett, Blocher, Brooks, Campbell, Carroll, Cavarozzi, Celestin, Cheraghi, Chopra, DeLillo, DeSilva, Eggers, Feleppa, Hazen, Hoyer, Huntley, Kelly, Klunder, Kuhn, Lancaster, Larson, Lause, Mandt, May, Miller, Murphey, Myers, Paarmann, Pfannestiel, Quantic, Ravigururajan, Rokosz, Scherz, Schommer, Steinke, Toops, York

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bakken, Davis, Klingsporn, Kuchment, Lawless, Long, Markovich, Matson, Riordan, Rosenthal, Swan, Wine

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Markovich

Ex-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: SGA rep.

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

1. Passed unanimously the Resolution to the Kansas Board of Education regarding Public Science Curricula.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:35p.m.

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS & PROPOSALS:

A. Senator Cavarozzi suggested that the Senate consider calling a general faculty meeting about the budget problems facing the University.

B. Senator Brooks commented that budget issues will be discussed at an upcoming AAUP meeting on November 19th at 3:00 PM, RSC 215-217, Great Plains Room. The Kansas AAUP webpage can be found at aaup-n-ks.org. http://aaup-in-ks.org

C. Senator Murphey stated that there is a need for information on the costs of "centers," recruiting and graduate programs before retrenchment committees address budget cuts.

D. President Mandt announced that former faculty and faculty senate member Al Gosman died last Wednesday. Senator Murphey was asked to draft a resolution to be presented to the senate at the 11/15 meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of October 11, 1999, accepted as presented.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Monthly Regents' Meeting and COPS: Both groups are anxious about faculty involvement in budget issues and planning for recission.

B. The Executive Committee met with Peter Zoller, October 18th and Zoller indicated that the Deans will be informed to activate retrenchment committees. Zoller plans to work with the Senate on Budget Committee activation.
C. There is a resolution to the State Legislature going before the faculty at Pittsburg State University expressing concern about the state budget.

D. The union for faculty at Fort Hays State University appears to have been accepted by the faculty.

E. Equity Task Force: Recommendations of potential faculty members for this committee have been sent to President Beggs.

F. The search for VPAAR is under way with preliminary screening. After November 1st the committee will look at the remaining candidates, then the committee will have no formal role. However, nothing precludes faculty involvement in the search.

G. Senator Carroll asked if the Retrenchment Committees should consist of only tenured faculty, as on the Tenure and Promotion Committee structure? Mandt responded that the Senate will have to review the Retrenchment Committee description.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

VI. OLD BUSINESS:
The meeting was extended for five minutes so that a vote could be taken on the Public Science curricula resolution. A friendly amendment to the original resolution was accepted and Senator Brooks read the revised resolution. The Senate accepted it unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Conversation with Dr. Ron Kopita, VP Student Affairs: Dr. Kopita, new to Wichita State, explained the Division of Student Affairs and described its initiatives and goals. Three goals for FY2000 are: 1) Evaluate enrollment, 2) Complete an accountability plan, and 3) Become actively involved in Student Life activities. After describing a revamped Admissions agenda, Dr. Kopita described five areas for attention:

1) Modified Recruitment Plan - They will cease going to remote Kansas areas and will concentrate on a) community colleges, b) international students, c) Sedgwick County, d) out-of-state students, and e) strategic use of mill levy money.

2) Spring Retreat on Orientation.

3) Financial Aid Organization (internal processing and improved technology).

4) Streamlining Fee Payments at Registration.

5) New Student Coordination Committee.

B. Undergraduate Program Review & Approval Process - Martha Shawver, Dean of Undergraduate Studies. This presentation was postponed due to time constraints. A brief conversation ensued, including comments on: 1) The process for reviewing new programs is now on the web at the BOR site. 2) There is no process for approving new programs - this is very ad hoc. 3) There is no review of undergraduate programs by faculty that Shawver knows of. There is nothing in our Faculty Handbook or Policies & Procedures Manual. The program review goes through college level review, then Academic Affairs, and then the Board of Regents. It does not currently go through the University Curriculum Committee.
VIII. AS MAY ARISE:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Myers, Secretary