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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, February 8, 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
- VII. New Business
 - A. General Education Committee proposal - Delores Craig-Morland,
Chair, Russ Widener, Coordinator (*pink attachment*)
- VIII. As May Arise

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elmer Hoyer	President	6314	Box 44
JoLynne Campbell	Vice President	5653	Box 43
Nan Myers	Secretary	5138	Box 68
A. J. Mandt	President Elect	3375	Box 102
William Terrell	Past President	3220	Box 78
ELECTED BY THE SENATE			
Deborah Baxter		3103	Box 53
Dwight Murphey		3219	Box 77
APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT			
Barbara Hodson		3240	Box 75

GUIDELINES FOR FURTHER STUDIES COURSES

1. The primary basis for designating a course as a "Further Studies Course" is that it serves the goals and objectives of the General Education Program.
2. For each Further Studies course, departments must specify the Introductory course or courses that it follows.
3. All Further Studies courses must earn at least 3 hours of credit.
4. Prerequisites for Further Studies courses should not include courses outside the General Education Program.
5. Designated Further Studies courses must be offered at least once every three years.
6. Departments should make every effort to make the scheduling of Further Studies courses predictable, the *Schedule of Courses* will indicate the next semester in which Further Studies courses will be offered to assist students and advisors in planning a course of studies.

NOTES:

Guideline 1: While every upper division course offers greater depth in a field than introductory courses, not every one of them is suitable for "general" studies. Departments need to identify the courses that will best meet the goals of General Education.

Guideline 2: The program design is based on the relationship between Introductory and Further Studies courses. The relationship should be clear. The committee will begin publishing information on these connections to aid students and advisors in building coherent plans of study.

Guideline 4: Some designated Further Studies courses have "hidden" prerequisites – students enrolling learn only when class begins that if they lack certain courses they should drop. In the first place, this poses a "truth in advertising" problem, and for General Education purposes, it is not appropriate that a student need course work outside the general education curriculum to complete work in that curriculum.

Guidelines 5 & 6: Since the program requires students to take certain sequences of courses (Introductory/Further Studies) it must offer the courses it requires. Students should know when they take an Introductory course that they can complete the sequence they have begun within a reasonable time. Students and advisors need good information if they are to plan a coherent course of study. The availability of General Education courses should be regular and predictable. When departments cannot make this level of commitment to offering a course, they are really saying that it is primarily an elective course, not a required one. That decision is the department's business, but the availability of courses required by the General Education program is not only the departments's business. Quite simply, courses that cannot be offered regularly should not be designated as Further Studies courses, whatever their theoretical merits for fulfilling that role. Departments have the right to change their Further Studies offerings over time.

Wichita State University Faculty Senate Minutes February 8, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bahr, Bair, Born, Brooks, Byrum, Campbell, Carroll, Cavarozzi, Celestin, Cheraghi, Chopra, DeLillo, DeSilva, Hodson, Hoyer, Huntley, Kelly, Klunder, Kraft, Larson, Mandt, Miller, Murphey, Myers, Paarmann, Pfannestiel, Robarchek, Rogers, Rokosz, Rosenthal, Schommer, Sharp, Steinke, Toops, Wine, York, Zettle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alagic, Bajaj, Baxter, Bennett, Burns, Chandler, Gythiel, Hawley, Jackson, Kuchment, Kuhn, Lancaster, Lescoe-Long, Stevenson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Quantic

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Patton, SGA Rep.

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

1. Unanimously passed a motion directing the Ad Hoc Parking Committee to seek a meeting with President Beggs to pursue unresolved issues.

2. Forwarded for consideration "Guidelines for Further Studies Courses" as proposed by the General Education Committee to a General Faculty Meeting, scheduled for March 12th, 3:00 p.m., HH 208.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS AND PROPOSALS:

A. Introduction: Senator Nan Myers introduced a new faculty member in the Library, David J. Hoek, Music/Media Cataloger.

B. Comments on Faculty Development Committee's (Scudder/Byrum) presentation: Several Senators expressed concerns about the proposed Faculty Development Center and asked for additional information, especially regarding funding. Concerns included: how will it be organized? Only a small group of the faculty might be served. Shouldn't this be a Faculty Senate issue driven by a Senate committee? Not everyone has seen the questionnaire developed by the Committee - how was this questionnaire distributed? Co-Chair Don Byrum stated that comments about the proposal should be directed to Gail Davis, Rosalind Scudder or any of the other committee members. He fielded a ballpark annual operations figure of 50K, to include staffing (1/2 time director, secretarial support), office equipment, etc.

C. President Hoyer reported that former Senator and Past President Bill Terrell was in a car accident in St. Louis, has broken ribs and punctured lungs. He is home now will need several weeks for recovery.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes for January 25, 1999, were approved as presented.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Visit from BOR Member: On February 22nd, Hoyer hopes to have Regent Harry Craig attend our Faculty Senate meeting. Also, there will probably be a time assigned the following day for Mr. Craig to meet with other faculty.

B. General Faculty Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 12th, at 3:00 PM.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Rules Committee:

1. Only two nominations were presented for the two positions of Senator At Large, thus the following faculty were declared elected for two (2) year terms: JoLynne Campbell and James Swan.

2. Nomination forms for College-At-Large seats will come out this week.

3. Vacancies and Changes: LAS has had two seats eliminated and Business 1, Health has gained 1. There is a vacancy in Math /Natural Science division. Hodson will be on leave in the Fall of 1999, requiring a recommendation for a replacement during that term.

4. Committee Replacements: There were a large number of volunteers this time. In the near future, the Rules Committee will begin determining assignments. Mandt thanked faculty for coming forward. Hoyer requested that thank you letters be sent to all faculty who volunteered.

B. Ad Hoc Parking Committee: Committee co-chairs Huntley and Klunder updated the Senate on parking plan developments:

1. Student Survey: Roger Lowe's office sent a survey to students, which had a 25% return with 71% saying "yes" in support of the plan. However, there was no way of using this information because the only information on the returns were Zip Codes and no way of knowing if the returns were actually from students who attend the University or were students using one of the off-campus sites. Comments were made that the University has expertise on creating surveys; and, to not use this expertise is unacceptable.

2. At the University Committee level, the playing field vote was tied at 4/4: faculty & unclassified professionals voted yes; students & classified staff voted no.

3. Committee voted against "pay as you go."

4. Fee structure was reviewed: Based on salary, the recommendation is for \$3 per pay period (20K or less), \$4.00 per pay period (20-40K), etc.

5. Meters were defeated - visitors can park on campus without charge.

6. Reserved spaces: Recommended ceiling of 34 (there are currently 65).

The ball is now in President Beggs' court for a judgment call on this issue. The committee still has concerns, i.e. a major concern continues to be the structure for obtaining funding and obligating the university to such a long-term debt plus the fact that very little information is available from Lowe's office on financial details, and that obligations were made to allow for lighting and restroom facilities at the Metroplex with no shown funding available. Mandt made a motion (Cavarozzi, 2nd) to direct President Hoyer and the committee members to meet with President Beggs regarding these concerns. The motion passed unanimously.

Mandt then requested that the Senate direct the Executive Committee to ask President Beggs to pledge never again to allow this type of thing to occur. Hoyer stated it would be taken as a recommendation for the Executive Committee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. General Education Committee proposal (pink attachment): - Delores Craig-Morland, Chair,

Russ Widener, Coordinator. Craig-Morland stated that the proposed "Guidelines for Further Studies Courses" essentially are tools for review of the courses currently offered by each department. The intent is to add a level of coherence to the course offerings in Further Studies. If the Senate approves this, it will go to the General Faculty Meeting. Discussion focused on the following issues:

1. Three-year cycle in #5: Question raised as to whether this would be difficult for departments to comply with; but, consensus was that this would allow students to plan ahead, and should help both students and the departments. Esoteric courses which cannot be taught within the 3-year cycle might need to be withdrawn from General Education.

2. What will happen if a course is not offered every 3 years? Will the committee do anything? Hoyer stated that, while exceptions might occur, a policy needs to be established for the whole.

3. Senator Carroll commented on the use of the word "designated" in guideline #1 "approved." Question as to whether the committee would have the authority to "approve"? Craig-Morland responded that the committee does not have the power to approve at present. Mandt reminded the Senate that guidelines were requested from this committee prior to granting the authority to police and manage the program.

4. The suggestion was made and accepted to re-number the Guidelines, making #4 to #2 and changing the other accordingly. Also in guideline #5, that the addition be made as follows: "in cases where they are not, they will be removed from the designated list." Discussion ensued, with no action taken. Regarding removal of courses, consensus seemed to be that authority

to remove a course is outside the range of this committee's authority, and the charge of this committee is not to be a policeman.

Senator Carroll suggested that the Notes for Guideline 1 the following be added: "... goals of General Education *and make it clear in the application*". She also suggested that Note/Guideline 2 add the following: "... and Further Studies courses *from information provided by the department*". The recommendation to forward these guidelines to the General Faculty Meeting (tentatively scheduled for March 12th) for consideration was passed unanimously.

VIII. AS MAY ARISE: Three groups were asked to meet briefly after the meeting: Senators from the Colleges of Business, Education and Health Professions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Myers, Secretary