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Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting of March 12, 2001

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday,
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
 - A. Faculty Status Category (*tan attachment -information only*)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Recommendations - 2nd reading
 1. WSU Undergraduate Certificate Program (*attached to agenda 2/26/01*)
 2. Probationary Status for Transfer Students (*revised- green attachment*)
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Dean Jon Engelhardt, College of Education
Phi Kappa Phi information postponed
- VIII. As May Arise

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate School

Date: December 13, 2000

To: Robert Kindrick, VPAAR
Will Klunder, Faculty Senate President

From: Susan Kovar, Interim Dean *Susan*

Re: Faculty Status Category

I am requesting that you each take the appropriate steps to add the following Faculty Status Category (and accompanying description) into two official WSU documents: the Faculty Handbook and the WSU Policies and Procedures Manual.

Graduate Faculty Associate. This category of Graduate Faculty membership is available to adjunct faculty whose relationship with an academic department exceeds the usual visiting or joint appointment type of association. Nominations for membership in this category are approved by the Graduate Council and must be accompanied by a detailed statement of the nominee's involvement with the department, including the extent to which they will interact with the regular faculty and be involved in departmental affairs; and be engaged in teaching, advising and supervising student, and research. Other criteria are the same as for the Full Membership category. Appointments to the Graduate Faculty Associate category are for one (1) year and are renewable upon request by the department and approval of the Graduate Council.

The addition should be made to section 2.091 of the Faculty Handbook and to section 5.21 of the WSU Policies and Procedures Manual. I have attached copies of those sections with an indication of where the new material should be inserted.

According to Graduate Faculty meeting minutes, the Graduate Faculty unanimously passed a motion to approve this category (and description) at their meeting on November 12, 1992. I do not know why the request for changes to the official documents was not made immediately after approval; nonetheless, I believe the changes should be made so that accurate information is available to the campus community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

**Recommendation to the Faculty Senate President
From the Academic Affairs Committee
concerning
Probationary Status for Transfer Students
March, 2001**

Members of the Academic Affairs Committee:

Larry Paarmann, Chair, (Engineering), Scott Goldy (Library), David Hiltner (Fine Arts), Barbara Hodson (Education), Mary Lescoe-Long (Health), Ariel Loftus (LAS Humanities), Philip May (Business), William Stevenson (LAS Math/Natural Sciences)

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate recommends that the current wording on the probationary status for transfer students be retained.

add The current policy is as follows:

"Transfer students admitted on probation must complete at least 12 semester hours at Wichita State with a 2.000 average before probation may be removed."

"A student on academic probation is limited to a maximum of 12 semester hours in the fall and spring semesters." (Page 31 of the WSU 2000-2001 Undergraduate Catalog)

Rationale:

1. The policy statement on page 31 of the Catalog is a minimum standard for the University and Colleges may establish a higher standard if they wish, as some do.
2. The 2.000 grade point average requirement is applied only to courses taken at WSU. Since 12 semester hours normally consists of only 4 courses, this seems to the members of the Academic Affairs Committee to be most reasonable.
3. The proposed policy implies that there should be no University policy on transfer students admitted on probation at all, but rather that each College establish its own policy. Members of the Academic Affairs Committee disagree and believe that there should be, as with many other academic policies, a University minimum standard.
4. As worded, the proposed policy would suggest that a student would never be subject to academic dismissal, but could remain perpetually on probation. This is in direct violation of the University policy on dismissal as stated on page 31 of the Catalog.

The proposed policy is as follows:

"Transfer students admitted on probation may have that status removed upon their achieving a 2.000 cumulative grade point average."

Rationale:

1. This is consistent with our policy for students with no transfer hours. WSU (no transfer) students who go on probation are removed from probation when their GPA goes above 2.00 regardless of how many hours.
2. A number of students with a transfer GPA just below 2.00 may achieve a cumulative GPA at WSU with very few WSU hours with a high grade. The current policy is impossible to justify for a student who has done well at WSU and now shows on the transcript both a WSU and a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above. In other words, a transfer student could have a cumulative of 2.00 GPA or better and be on probation just because he/she has not completed twelve hours at WSU. If you are concerned that a student can be removed from probation too early, rest assured, if the student does have difficulty in future semesters and the cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 they will be back on probation.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES - March 12, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Behrman, Blocher, Byrum, Campbell, Carroll, Clark, Davis, DeLillo, DeSilva, Ericson, Feleppa, Hershfield, Herzog, Hodson, Hoek, Hundley, Huntley, Iacovetta, Klunder, Kohan, Kraft, Kuhn, Lancaster, Lause, Lescoe-Long, Long, Mandt, Markovich, Matson, Mau, May, Miller, Myers, Paarmann, Ravigururajan, Rokosz, Scheuerman, Swan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bajaj, Bakken, Cheraghi, Hughes, Kabagrama, Lawless, Liera-Schwichtenberg, Murphey, Riordan,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Celestin, Hazen, Smith-Campbell

Ex-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Kindrick

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Klunder called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS & PROPOSALS:

Senator Mandt discussed the Performance Indicators and raised a concern about the language of a few items, including the tracking of meetings as an indication of academic leadership. Senators Carroll, DeLillo, Hershfield, Huntley, Long, Mau, Swan and others, as well as VPAARR Kindrick, offered their comments and concerns.

Senator Davis raised a question about the NCA report.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of 2/26/01 accepted as amended.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Klunder noted the memo from Susan Kovar, Interim Dean, Graduate School and requested Senate acceptance of the **Graduate Faculty Associate** proposed by the Graduate School. Senate accepted the proposal. Executive Committee will notify the Interim Dean.

He congratulated Senator Hoek and his wife on the birth of their new baby and observed that their time management skills would now be tested.

He also urged faculty to attend the legislative forum to be held at the Hughes complex from 10-11 AM on March 17.

President Klunder thanked faculty for participation in the **benefits survey** and nominations for the Presidential Service Award which will be awarded in April.

President Klunder said he will be attending the **BOR** meeting March 14-15, and the Budget and Tuition committee will meet March 14th. He noted that Budget shortfalls primarily are a result of the compression of classified salaries, fringe benefit cost increases and utilities cost increases. The total base budget shortfall is approximately \$562,000; including the lack of state technology

matching funds would increase the "shortfall" significantly (an additional \$800,000-\$900,000). VPAARR Kindrick commented on the issue of technology. President Klunder noted that COFSP had sent a letter to Governor Graves urging his continued support of higher education.

President Klunder noted that the creation of an **ad hoc General Education** committee will soon be formed to look at an overview of the program. Representation of all colleges will be on this committee.

President Klunder informed the Faculty Senate that the Executive Committee would be meeting with the **Graduate Council** on April 2 to discuss governance issues. He noted that the Graduate Council was formed by a vote of the Graduate Faculty in the 1960's. One of the problems with respect to graduate governance is illustrated by the lack of formal by-laws.

President Klunder offered background information on the issue of student evaluations of teaching. Senators Hershfield, Mandt, Myers, and others offered comments and questions.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeri Carroll, **Rules Chair**, reported that Nominations for Faculty Senate positions are due on March 14. Committee preference forms have been received; open committee assignments for faculty in Business and in Engineering remain.

Larry Paarmann, **Chair, Academic Affairs**, lead the discussion of the Probationary Status for Transfer Students (green attachment) Because many of the questions from the Senators could not be answered, this was tabled until a representative of the Academic Operations Council can come before the Senate.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None (Dean Engelhardt was unable to attend this meeting.)

VIII. AS MAY ARISE: None

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirk Lancaster
Secretary