

## **Kentucky State University**

### **Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**February 18, 2022**

Submitted by Danny Collum, Senate Secretary

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting began with a quorum at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved without opposition.

#### **Approve Meeting Minutes from 02-04-22**

Patti Marraccini has retired and so should be removed from Senate roster. With this amendment, minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Faculty Senate President Report**

President Clay began by putting on the screen the purpose of the Faculty Senate as defined in the Faculty Senate Constitution. Next, he reminded faculty of the contact points for COVID-19 information: (855-598-2246) and [covid19@ksu.edu](mailto:covid19@ksu.edu).

In his meeting with the provost, items discussed included keeping modality of course delivery consistent and the need for faculty to attend assemblies and convocations.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussed impact of COVID on our work, returned action items and getting all Senate committee information and documents onto Microsoft Teams. Also discussed was the need for a response to faculty concerns, coming from the Professional Concerns Committee, that will be coming later this semester.

Acting President Stamps cancelled her meeting with President Clay. There was no meeting with the SGA President.

By way of announcements, no classes Presidents Day, February 21. Midterms start March 5. Spring break begins March 14. Midterm grades are due March 21. Due to the loss of an administrative assistant for Student Engagement, there will be no individual excuses sent out for traveling student athletes. Faculty are expected to check team rosters and travel schedules for themselves and excuse absences when appropriate.

A senator commented that student athletes should know that they are expected to complete class work before going to sporting events.

President Clay said he would communicate that concern to the Athletic Director.

#### **Administrative Updates**

**Distance Learning and Technology** Michael Dailey

Distance Learning is emphasizing professional training for faculty. We want everyone to get online certification. We will be awarding the first Course Design badges soon. Other training opportunities are coming up. We will also be holding listening sessions with students about their online classes.

A senator asked about updates to Blackboard, especially regarding editing functions within text boxes.

Dr. Dailey responded that those updates for formatting text on Blackboard should be available now. He also noted that a recent Microsoft update caused a glitch in Blackboard's ability to open uploaded Word and PDF documents.

### **Health and Safety Samantha Todd**

Kentucky COVID case numbers are down. We've had one student case and one employee case in the past week. The Green and Gold commission is working with Acting President Stamps to evaluate possible opening of in-person events. HB 51 in the legislature will ban mask mandates in all public schools, including colleges and universities.

Candace Raglin in Human Resources asked Nurse Todd to announce that, if you present your Express Scripts card at your pharmacy, you can get at-home COVID tests covered by insurance.

Last Saturday there was a suicide attempt on campus. We are seeing more depression and other mental health issues. William Mink is in charge of University Counseling and that is where students should go for help. Counseling is now separate from Health Services.

### **Career Services Daryl Love**

There's a virtual career fair next Wednesday. This will also include graduate schools. Students can go online and schedule 10-minute one-on-one meetings with employers and graduate school representatives.

### **University College Margery Coulson-Clark**

University College staff are seeking a grant for the pre-college academy and working with students on Black History presentations. Please send your students who are struggling academically to the Thorobred Learning Center in University College.

We are planning for the fall semester. In making schedules, please spread courses across the entire day. We anticipate 600 freshmen next fall (not counting dual credit).

A senator asked if all students should be expected to register for at least 15 credit hours?

The answer was "yes."

### **Academic Affairs Provost Leroy Hamilton**

A committee will be looking at program offerings, course offerings and faculty productivity as part of our CPE Management Improvement Plan. Serving on the committee will be Provost Hamilton, Dr. Michael Dailey and Professor Mary Barr. He is also working with the School of

Education on redesigning teacher preparation. Academic Affairs is also working with CPE initiatives on enrollment management and career services and developing our graduate profile. Professor Kristopher Grimes is looking at revising dual credit policies and procedures. Dr.

*one representative from each KSU school or department. A list of cost saving and revenue generating ideas will be gathered from faculty and a report will then be written by March 2. The report and list will be sent to Senate members before the March 4 Senate meeting where the Faculty Senate must approve. Once approved by the Faculty Senate the Committee would then organize and submit cost saving and revenue new generating options to CPE and the administration. The Faculty Senate can discontinue the ad hoc committee on March 4, or can vote to continue the committees work for an additional set time if the feeling of the Senate is more suggestions can be gathered by faculty, and more time is available before final 2022-2023 budget cycle deadline. Suggested titles for the committee can be discussed at the organization meeting, one option is Budget Crisis Committee.*

Several senators volunteered to serve on this committee which will be open to all faculty members.

### **Budget and Academic Support Committee** Jennifer Ballard-Kang

Our new VP of Finance, Dr. Gerald Shields and Greg Rush from CPE both joined BASC at its last meeting. The committee was impressed with Dr. Shields' commitment to transparency and to talking with faculty. He will meet with the entire Faculty Senate as soon as possible after HB 250 funding KSU is passed and signed.

A recording of the BASC meeting with Dr. Shields and Mr. Rush is available on Teams.

BASC will work with PCC on the issue of the suspended tenure and promotion process at the appropriate time.

BASC will sponsor a grants training workshop in April.

### **Other Business**

President Clay urged all committee chairs to update their Teams site.

### **Adjournment**

The Senate adjourned at 10:43.

### **Attendance**

#### **Senators**

Phillip H Clay

Barbara Witty

James Obielodan

Shawn Lucas

Kristopher R Grimes

Rozina Johnson

Daniel D Collum

Gary Stratton

Bobby Walter

Mary Barr

Bruce Griffis  
Nancy Capriles  
Jennifer Ballard-Kang  
Buddhi Raj Gyawali  
Fariba Kashan  
Jens Hannemann

Noel Novelo  
Alexander Lai  
Fariba Bigdeli  
Changzheng Wang  
Nkechi Amadife

**Absent**

Gavin Washington, Keith McCutchen

**Excused**

Rene Desborde

**Guests**

Eslam Omar  
Keturah Nix  
Mara Merlino  
Sheila Stuckey  
Michael D. Dailey  
Mohammad Valipour  
Samantha Todd  
Dantrea Hampton  
Berkley N. King, Jr.  
Deanna McGaughey-Summers  
Margery Coulson-Clark  
Debbra Tate  
Peter Smith  
Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Yun Jiang  
Li Lu  
TaKeia Anthony  
Kirk Pomper  
David Shabazz  
Maia M Langley  
Daryl Love  
Maheteme Gebremedhin  
Jyotica Batra  
Tierra Freeman-Taylor  
Sharon McGee  
Marcus Bernard  
Joy Cole

