The Policy Change Proposal recommends changing the period for evaluation of faculty by students from 10/31-11/13 to 11/9-12/11. This way students will drop appropriate courses before evaluations.

After brief discussion of the timeline and clarification of the fall break schedule the Proposal passed with no opposition.

Chair Moffett reported that Dean Shaw visited the APC meeting and asked their assistance in identifying best practices regarding Freshmentaking on-line courses. She requested this input by mid-term. This should include consideration of Hybrid lecture/on-line models. She suggested they talk with people on campus and especially Jennifer Miles to determine how this has been addressed in the past and how best to move forward. There was discussion about such factors as 1.) degree programs that are advertised as completely on-line, 2.) scheduling challenges with more lecture classes, 3.) distinction between entering or returning Freshmen and 4.) BCTC agreements. After a motion and approval to extend time for 4 minutes a Senator pointed out that with Dual Credit options High School students can take on-line classes and thus college freshmen should be allowed to as well. It was pointed out that the Dual Credit classes are actually taught and supervised by High School teachers and students have considerable guidance. Another issue for clarification is distinction between students who live on campus and those who do not, especially those who travel a considerable distance to campus. A Senator suggested that given all of the variables there will have to be established exceptions, as well as a process to apply for exception.

Curriculum Committee Report:

Committee Chair Ken Andries reported and submitted proposed changes to curriculum/program tracking documents, forms, and instructions to reflect the deletion of School Deans and Provost designation, and to streamline the process. These changes affect 1.) 171 CC New Course or Course Change Tracking Document, 2.) Program Change Proposal Form, 3.) CC Tracking Document and 4.) Curriculum Committee Instructions revised 8-9-15. The only places where the

Chair n detailed budget is available for review. The committee was originally sent a two-page summation budget that was not useful. Budget Director Greg Rush will send a more detailed budget and would have already done so except for the payroll issues the previous week. The Committee wants to determine what percentage of the budget goes to Instruction.

Other issues discussed in committee was the status/ existence of the university-wide equipment and attrition budget that units submitted all of their equipment needs categorized as \$500 and above or \$2,000 and above. The inadequate budget for the library was discussed. The Catalogue has not yet been printed and there is no available current operational chart for the University available. There have been new administrative hires/ positions and the question was raised if those were added after the Board approved the new organizational chart and the budget. The BASC is concerned about the ratio of administrators to students.

There was brief discussion about the desirability of policy in place that specifies faculty participation in the budget process. Late last spring semester President Burse invited two faculty members selected by BASC to sit in on the last round of budget hearings. This was just prior to the hearings. Seats and participation needs to be established earlier and BASC is researching the process of Faculty participation at other institutions. While the Faculty Handbook specifies Faculty input it does not designate exactly how. A Senator asked if President Burse has been asked if he would support a set policy and past BASC Chair Rye said that the committee had asked that question last year and he said that he would not be inclined to recommend to the Board any policy statement that specifies faculty participation in the budget process.

Faculty Regent Report:

there was lengthy discussion. Regent McFayden said that the state open enrollment is in October and we can possibly make that deadline, but only if the

that President Burse indicated he is willing to increase the university contribution gradually. position is that family plans need more sooner.

President Smith shared

increase, @ \$1,500, there is not a \$4000 deductible.

A Senator said that his preference is the private market, with portable KSU contribution. Several others agreed. It was pointed out that while lower prices are available benefits are generally not as desirable.

There was discussion of the problems related to Universityplanning, in both the budgetary and the insurance dilemma. The budget was built on a projected student enrollment of 1,895 and we have no firm enrollment figure available from the Registrar to date. The significant impact of the enforced admissions standards was possibly not taken into account as pointed out by one Senator. If the Insurance issue had been addressed earlier then faculty could have made decisions during the summer open enrollment period. Regent McFayden pointed out that, yes, there were problems but now is a time to focus on doing something about it.

After discussion of how the Senate should proceed at this point, Senator Landy made a motion for a Sense of the Senate Resolution that the Senate supports the option to go with the State Pool. After friendly amendment suggestions the motion read:

The Faculty Senate recommends that KSU move to the State insurance pool, if the options will provide employees more affordable coverage and/or better benefits.

The resolution passed with one dissenting vote.

A Senator raised the question of what revisions are being made to the Faculty Handbook in Academic Affairs. Are these the revisions sent up from Committee last year or is the Administration making revisions without faculty input and Senate initiation? The Chair of PCC will inquire about this.

The Chair of the University-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee pointed out that deadlines are not being met, as policy specifies, and this renders the process not legal if it is indeed opened for this academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Reba Rye, Faculty Senate Secretary