

Senate Meeting Minutes February 1, 2023

Present: Alexander, Adam, Beemer, Bergland, Chloupek, Gallaher, Voss, Abington, Bandi, Jornaz, Myllykangas, Skinner, Olson, Scofield, Meyer, Islam, Miller, Adebile, Fella, Smith, Rourke, Black, Cline, Ford

Absent: none

Call to Order

Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the Jan. 18 meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports

NW President's Report (Green)

Budget update: A preliminary report to the Board of Governors projects an approximate 7% increase to tuition and fees, a 10% increase in room rates and a 4% increase in employee salaries. The total compensation recommendation process is still continuing.

Legislative update: State Sen. Rusty Black was on campus and met with university personnel. State District 1 Rep. Jeff Farnan met with a delegation of university officials and some members of the Board of Regents.

Rodeo Arena: A 15 acre parcel (this does not entire Rodeo grounds—keeping some for farm/crops/grazing), was appraised at approximately \$300,000, plus an adjacent 24 acres owned by Foundation was appraised at approximately \$300,000. State approval is required prior to any sale of the University-owned land. Green said that other options are on the table, including leasing. Green noted that we've not hosted a rodeo in many years and there are only a handful of horses housed on the grounds currently, which is not enough income or interest to justify and pay for expenses involved.

NW KC: Green raised the question: Do we need a \$1 million facility? The current enrollment of 35 students is far less than the original projections of over 1,000, so the university is considering buying out the remaining two years left on lease. Northwest would not leave the area entirely; entities like the North Kansas City School District have offered space in their facilities for free. Currently, the total yearly outlay of expenses (rent, utilities, etc.) for the Northwest Kansas City facility is \$480,000.

Provost Report (Hooyman)

Graduation: For the commencement in May, the university is considering a larger, outside ceremony. The numbers of graduates keep going up, which raises the question of either adding to the number of ceremonies or going outside and have a bigger capacity.

Retirement dinner: Six individuals have turned in their retirement letters. The provost office is still working on dates for a retirement dinner, with a tentative April 7 date likely.

Presidential Search: Four candidates will be on campus in the next two weeks; Hooyman encouraged faculty to attend the open sessions.

Online Partnership: The RFP for online management system bids (the current seven-year contract with Academic Partners is ending soon) closed yesterday; two companies put in a bid. The university will now be examining the bids and making a recommendation.

Human Resources (Barcus)

HRAs: Barcus brought forward the possibility of moving toward preventative primary screenings as opposed to Health Risk Assessments, which would involve individuals working with primary care physicians instead of doing the HRA. Such a change is projected to save on costs/premiums.

Assorted:

- Stacy Carrick will continue to provide more info/transparency on budget and will be at a future meeting.
- Retention payment of \$1,500 (net) for those eligible will be made at the end of the month.
- Compensation study still underway
- All-employee meeting received positive comments
- Immigration attorneys were on site today meeting with individuals.

Public Safety (Cullen)

Cullen reminded Faculty Senate that the permit process has changed, with the new system requiring a credit/debit card (not through payroll withdrawal). The system, accessible through CatPaws, allows employees to change vehicles online now. Sticker and hangtag prices will now be the same price (\$90)

Marijuana: The university is seeing a slight increase in the number of students bringing marijuana to campus; until federal law changes our hands are tied as far as enforcing guidelines for possession and consumption.

Senate President's Report (Alexander)

Alexander had no report.

Committee Reports

- Academic Petitions (Miller): Will meet next Thursday
- Academic Appeals (Bandi): Haven't met. Meet Friday. Two appeals.
- Curriculum and Degree Requirements (Meyer): Meeting next week with one(!) proposal. Still working on curriculum proposal guide. Encouraged faculty to look at draft in Google docs.
- Designated Curricular Matters (Richardson): No report
- Assessment (Voss) : Met and continuing to work out final details of program learning outcome components.
- Faculty Welfare, Budget, and Finance (Smith): Met with Hooyman to talk about grievance procedures. Will meet with Greg Haddock about salary matrix info.
- Teaching and Learning (Myllykangas): Will have teaching and learning committee grants in March
- Legislative Committee (Brett Chloupek) : Will be working on creating a report/legislative update
- COTE, Graduate Council, Research, IRB, Animal Welfare, University Seminar: No reports

Old business

The proposal from last meeting that was tabled remains on the table.

New business

Proposals : Olson made a motion to bundle proposals A-M, with Rourke seconding. The bundling motion passed unanimously. Motion passed 19-0-1. Olson (Ford second) made a motion to approve the bundle. Motion approved 19-0-1.

Questions

Faculty Senators worked on editing, narrowing down and ordering questions to ask during the Faculty Senate meetings with all of the candidates, which will be held at 7:45 in the Union over the next two weeks.

Closed Session:

At 5:05 p.m., a motion was made and unanimously approved to move into closed session.

At 5:29, a motion was made and unanimously approved to end closed session.

Adjournment

Alexander adjourned the meeting at 5:30