

College of Education  
Faculty Assembly Minutes  
September 25, 2007  
Bluemont 021

Call to order-8:30 a.m. by Dr. Judy Hughey

Dr. Thurston moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting. It motion was seconded by Dr. Scharmann. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs – Reported by Dr. Harbstreet

Dr. Salsberry moved to approve the Graduate Certificate in Teaching & Learning. Dr. Hancock seconded the motion. The motion passed

B. Faculty Affairs – Reported by Dr. Taylor

Dr. Allen and two graduate student representatives are new committee members. Nominations are now being accepted for the Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award and Excellence in Academic Advising Award. In addition, the committee will develop a college crisis plan consistent with the University plan and policies.

C. Student Affairs – No report

D. Diversity for Community – Reported by Dr. Miller

The DCC committee supported cultural harmony week with a financial contribution. The committee thanks all who participated in the week of events.

Other reports

A. Faculty Senate – Reported by Dr. Spikes

- Dr. Griffin has agreed to serve as the chair of the University General Grievance Board. He has been doing a fantastic job.
- College of Education Honors program is on the agenda for the October senate meeting. Dr. Spikes anticipates no issues and the program to pass.
- The new Master's program in Academic Advising from the Department of Special Education, Counseling, and Student Affairs was officially approved last week. This illustrates how long it can take to move through the program approval process.
- There are a number of recent grievances that have been working through the system. There is a Appendix M hearing related to a possible dismissal of a faculty member for chronic low achievement. The hearing, chaired by Dr. Todd Goodson, will be open and could extend for approximately three days.
- There are several interim appointments on campus at this time for senior positions. A timeline has not been set for filling these positions.
- The Board of Regents is concerned about the perceived teacher shortage and are seeking solutions the issue.
- The infrastructure to the Olathe campus should be completed within the next couple years. There will be a lot of press and publicity regarding the new campus. Decisions will be made regarding the selection of programs and courses to offer at the new site.
- A merger has been proposed with the Salina Technical College. There are many surrounding issues and options that will be addressed before final decisions are made.
- The NBATH process is ongoing. Public comments are being accepted until Sept. 28. Another public hearing will be held in the spring. Technical questions or concerns can be directed to the office of Dr. Trewyn.

B. Graduate Council – Reported by Dr. Hancock

The members of Graduate Council are Dr. Taylor, Dr. Kaff, Dr. Knackendoffel, and Dr. Hancock. Congratulations to Dr. Aaron Carlstrom, a new certified graduate faculty member.

C. EGSO – Reported by Leah McKeeman

EGSO had a successful gathering at the Back to School Picnic earlier this month. The next meeting will be October 10, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Dr. Marjorie Hancock will discuss the intricacies of completing a graduate degree. Please encourage your graduate students to attend.

A. Hale Library – No report

B. Continuing Education – Reported by Rosemary Boggs

There is a great scope and diversity of course titles currently being offered. The first CPSI conference is this Friday.

C. Education Council – Reported by Kyle Johnson

A main goal of Education Council this year is to welcome freshmen and determine strategies to address how underclassmen can get involved in the College. Kyle encouraged faculty to read the Chalkboard for relevant student issues.

#### New Business

Dr. Hughey –

- There will be a committee from the Faculty Affairs to develop a College of Education crisis plan. Please contact Dr. Kay Ann Taylor if you would like to be involved with this planning.
- The Student Affairs Committee will develop recommendations for COE students regarding the use of Facebook and My Space. The emphasis will be regarding professional behaviors and consequences. If you would like to be involved with this task, please see Keith Powers.

Dean's Report – Reported by Dean Wissman

- Dr. Wissman expressed concern about COE freshmen and sophomores not feeling connected to the College. A variety of clubs and opportunities have been created to provide opportunities to connect to the College before students begin their Blocks.
- On March 1, 2008, program reports will be due to the KSDE. Dr. Wissman acknowledged and thanked faculty for their time and work on the program reports.