

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Monday, October 9, 2017
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Thomas Room

Present: Sarah Cook, Anne Fredrickson, Jason Jolicoeur, Sungkyu Kwak, JuliAnn Mazachek (ex officio), Tom Prasch, Kandy Ockree, Sean Stacey, Melanie Worsley

Vanessa Steinroetter, guest

1. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2017 meeting
The minutes were sent to the committee for review, were approved via electronic vote and forwarded to Faculty Senate for the Oct. 2 Senate meeting.

2. Action Items:

- a. Kansas Studies Prefix.

Vanessa Steinroetter, Co-Director of Kansas Studies asked for consideration to change the IS prefix to KS.

A motion/second was made with all voting to approve this agenda item. This will be forwarded to Faculty Senate for final action.

- b. Task Force Proposal regarding Freedom of Speech Statement

A motion and second were made to open the discussion regarding this agenda item.

After thoughtful discussion, the committee determined the focus of the task force is to conduct research and fact finding to determine what actions could then be considered regarding the freedom of speech and academic freedom.

The committee discussed the potential composition of the committee membership and determined the following should also be included for consideration:

WSGA

Student Life representatives

Staff Council

Tech

An aggressive timeline has been established and the committee hopes the task force will have information for review at the first senate meeting in the fall 2018 semester.

A recommendation was made to remove the last sentence of the financial implications section of the agenda item. Removed was the following:

The colloquium series will entail yet to be determined costs associated with bringing speakers to campus.

A motion and second were made to approve the agenda item with the modification to the financial implications section. All approved this, and the agenda item will be moved forward to the Faculty Senate.

Chair Melanie Worsley indicated if the committee members agreed, the meeting scheduled for October 23 would be cancelled. Prior to that meeting, the minutes from this meeting will be e-mailed to the committee members along with the final version of the agenda item. An electronic vote will be called for on the minutes and a final version of the agenda item.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:42.