

State University Faculty Senate

February 4th, 2025, 3:30 – 4:45 pm

Business Building 3046

or Zoom link:

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/92136035246>

1. Call to order

1. Attendance:

1. Zoom:

1. Jerry Grasso
2. Kimm Dennis
3. Renee Gates
4. Marci Ritter
5. Jody Hodges
6. Betsy Molinary

2. In-Person

1. Lisa Wilken
2. Kari Morgan
3. Linda Craghead
4. Monica Curnutt
5. Will Grogan
6. Gina Nixon
7. Mariya Vaughn

2. Approval of January 21st 2024, minutes, linked: [Professional Staff Affairs Minutes 01.21.2025](#)

3. New/Ongoing Business

- a) Presentation – Marshall Stewart & Team – Legislative update
- b) Docking Institute Survey - Question Review
- c) Consider serving/nominating for the position of Co-Chair and Secretary of PSA

- d) Review/Discuss [KBOR Proposed Faculty & Staff of the Year Award Policy](#)
 - e) Call for volunteer to serve on [the President's Award of Excellence for Unclassified Professionals Selection Committee](#)
 - 1. **Committee assignment:** Manages the award process for the President's Award of Excellence for Unclassified Professionals, to include, but not limited to the following: Notify the university community that nominations are being accepted, review submitted nominations for completeness, review all nomination applications, select awardees based on submitted nomination forms and defined criteria for the award, have awards prepared, notify the President's Office of awardees, and prepare a news release.
3. Reports
- a. Staff Spotlight – Renee Gates
 - b. SGA Report – Brady Kappelmann
 - c. USS Report – Kimm Dennis
 - d. Term Staff Report – Tandy Rundus
 - e. Salary and Fringe Benefits Committee Report – Gina Nixon
 - f. Docking Institute & Committee – Monica Curnutt

4. Adjourn

General Info:

Future Meeting/Important Dates: see below

February 11th – Campus Master Plan Town Hall @ K-State Alumni Center Banquet Room 5- 6:30 p.m. If you cannot attend in person, you can view the recording and provide your feedback on the [Campus Master Plan website](#).

February 13th – Encourage all to attend Faculty Senate – President's Open Forum @ K-State Alumni Center from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

February 18th PSA Meeting – HR updates (Shanna Legleiter & team)

March 4th PSA Meeting - Discuss Professional Staff Engagement/Propose Senate Name Change

April 1st & 15th PSA Meetings

April 21st – USS Recognition Ceremony – All are encouraged to attend

Final May 6th & Transition 20th PSA Meetings

AI Notes Summary:

Overview

During the University Administrative and Legislative Update meeting, key participants outlined several significant initiatives and funding requests pivotal to the institution's strategic goals. Dr. Stewart introduced the university structure and emphasized his role in external engagement, while discussing the K-State 105 program funded for economic development across Kansas, noting its success in creating jobs. Attention was given to the Veterinary Medicine program, which seeks 7.5 million to enhance faculty and maintain its competitive research standing. The proposed 51 million annual funding for the One Health Kansas Initiative aims to bolster health research and innovation in the state. Infrastructure needs were highlighted, including 130 million for a new Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and 84 million for Anderson Hall renovations. Legislative insights revealed the House's historic budget-making independence, paired with a focus on diversity and inclusion efforts. Furthermore, the meeting addressed funding for biomanufacturing and nuclear initiatives, with plans to advance vaccine production on campus and explore additional nuclear education opportunities. Action items included reviews of several policies and committee opportunities, with a call for participants to note important upcoming dates.

Notes

☒ Introduction and University Structure (00:09 - 11:11)

- Meeting participants introduced themselves
- Dr. Stewart explained his role as Executive Vice President for External Engagement
- Outlined the structure of external-facing departments under his purview

K-State 105 Program (11:12 - 16:35)

- K-State 105 program funded for economic development across 105 Kansas counties
- Currently in second year of funding, seeking permanent renewal
- First year success: matched \$5 million in funding, created nearly 100 new jobs

Veterinary Medicine Funding (16:35 - 25:54)

- Veterinary school ranks 7th–8th in research but is smallest in the country
- Seeking \$7.5 million in funding to expand faculty from 111 to 160
- Higher Education Appropriations committee approved \$7.5 million

One Health Kansas Initiative (25:54 - 37:04)

- \$51 million/year for 10 years proposed for health research across universities
- Aim to improve Kansas' innovation ranking (currently 48th)
- K-State's share would be about \$17 million annually

☒ **Infrastructure Projects (37:04 - 48:04)**

- \$130 million needed for new Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
- \$84 million required for Anderson Hall renovation
- \$43 million proposed for new dairy facility

Legislative Process and Budgeting (48:04 - 58:54)

- House of Representatives creating their own budget for first time since 1950s
- Super majority in House and Senate, veto-proof
- Governor's budget less influential this year

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) (58:54 - 01:09:09)

- University pivoting to focus on 'access and opportunity' language
- Balancing political pressures with commitment to diversity
- Encouraging transparent communication with legislators

Biomanufacturing and Nuclear Initiatives (01:09:09 - 01:21:17)

- \$5 million recurring funding for biomanufacturing initiative
- Plans to produce vaccines on campus for tech transfer and commercialization
- Interest in expanding nuclear research and education programs
- Potential for second nuclear reactor on campus (estimated cost \$10 million)

Action items

Unassigned

- Review the draft of KBOR proposed policy on Faculty and Staff of the Year award (01:17:26)
- Consider volunteering to serve on the President's Award of Excellence for Unclassified Professionals committee (01:17:26)
- Review the docking survey information (01:18:53)
- Add important upcoming dates to calendars (01:20:03)