

Minutes of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents – 10:00 AM, February 12, 2014 – Curtis State Office Building, Topeka, KS

Present: ESU: Sheryl Lidzy; FHSU: Stephen Donnelly; KSU: Julia Keen; KU: Chris Steadham; PSU: Justin Honey; WSU: Victoria Mosack; Guests: President Andy Tompkins, KBOR; Gary Alexander, KBOR; SGA Presidents C. Roberts and D. Beckham; Excused: KUMC: David Naylor;

Agenda Item	Facilitator	Meeting Action	Follow-up Action	Outcome
Guests from Student Advisory Committee	S. Lidzy	Impromptu meeting: Chris Roberts and Darren Beckham, guests from the Student Advisory Committee, joined the group to discuss the social media policy and its consequences for students.		
Approval of the Minutes: January 15, 2014 meeting and January 28, 2014 conference call	S. Lidzy	Minutes, as written, approved by consensus		
Social Media Resolution	S. Lidzy	Resolutions, representing constituent groups from each university, were placed in packets for distribution to the Board.		
Media Statement	S. Lidzy	Members decided to commit time during our meeting today to finalize a media statement related to submission of the Resolutions to the Board of Regents. The media statement was finalized (see associated document). Further discussion ensued about the recently amended KBOR policy and its implications for our universities.		
Announcements	S. Lidzy	C. Steadham announced that a Free Speech Forum will occur at the University of Kansas on March 25, 2014 V. Mosack mentioned the Council of Distinguished Professors presentation about Academic Freedom and Social Media on April 27, 2014 at Kansas Union on the KU campus	Members encouraged to attend	
Post-Tenure Review Policy	S. Lidzy	Check-in about the progress of this policy at each university: KU, KSU and WSU have all passed a policy; ESU, FHSU, and PSU are continuing progress	Policy due to KBOR in April 2014	

Report from KBOR Liaison	G. Alexander	G. Alexander shared SARA: HB 2524 has been introduced to the House Appropriations Committee – 10 mid-western states have passed SARA and most are wanting to be involved in the reciprocity agreement. Additional questions about having Zoe Thompson return to present updates about the PLA guidebook development – G. Alexander indicated that the guidebook is to be developed by September 2014 Minutes of the CoFSP meetings are to be sent to Sherry Ferris by V. Mosack and ask her to post them on the KBOR website		
Conference Call – 02-18-14		Conference call on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:30 PM Call: (605) 475-4000 – Access code: 233-700		
Adjournment:	S. Lidzy			

Press release from the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents

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Multiple voices across the Regents' universities have continued to express concerns about the detrimental effect of the recently passed language in the policy addressing social media. To represent the voices of the faculty, staff, and students of these Regents' institutions, the following resolution was endorsed by these constituent groups, and submitted to the Kansas Board of Regents for consideration.

A RESOLUTION urging the Kansas Board of Regents to suspend the recent "Improper Use of Social Media" amendment to the KBOR Policy Manual (social media policy).

WHEREAS, The social media policy infringes upon the right to freedom of expression guaranteed by the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, The social media policy conflicts with the essential principles of academic freedom and shared governance; and

WHEREAS, The social media policy harms the recruitment, retention, and accreditation efforts of Kansas Regents institutions; and

WHEREAS, The social media policy continues to pose a significant threat to the public higher education system in Kansas:

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved that we, the _____,
formally announce our continuing opposition to the social media policy and request suspension of the policy pending the recommendations of the KBOR multi-campus work group.

This resolution was endorsed by the following Regent University representative bodies:

- The Emporia State University Faculty Senate, Unclassified Senate, Classified Senate, and Student Government
- The Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
- The Kansas State University Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, and Student Senate
- The University Senate of Kansas University which represents Faculty, students, unclassified staff, and university support staff.
- The Kansas University Medical School Faculty Senate
- The Pittsburgh State University Faculty Senate, and Unclassified Senate
- The Wichita State University Faculty Senate

In addition, the resolution was endorsed by the Faculty Senate of Johnson County Community College in a show of support of the Regent's Institutions.