

Minutes of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents – 10:00 a.m., April 16, 2014 – Curtis State Office Building, Topeka, KS

Present: ESU: Sheryl Lidzy and Manjula Shinge; FHSU: Stephen Donnelly and Eric Deyo; KSU: Julia Keen; KU: Chris Steadham; KUMC: David Naylor; PSU: Justin Honey and Julie Dainty; WSU: Victoria Mosack and Mehmet Barut; Guests: Gary Alexander, KBOR

Agenda Item	Facilitator	Meeting Action	Follow-up Action	Outcome
Approval of the Minutes: March 12, 2014 meeting	S. Lidzy	Minutes, as written, approved by consensus		
Post-tenure Review (PTR) Policy Progress	S. Lidzy	KSU, KU, WSU, KUMC have approved policy – ESU has passed policy through the Faculty Senate. FHSU, and PSU are making progress	The PTR policy is due to KBOR in April	
Information Sharing – Related to Social Media Policy presented to KBOR Governance Committee this morning	S. Lidzy	The Governance Committee (GC) received the report from the Social Media Work Group with recommendations for revising the policy language. The GC was initially disappointed with the proposed language, but Chairman Logan went suggested adopting specific sections and language from the Work Group recommendations. The committee will meet by telephone conference call to determine whether to recommend sending the revised policy forward for full Board review.	The CoFSPs determined that comment on the revised policy would be provided when the KBOR reviewed it at the May or June meetings. C. Steadham reminded members about the April 27 th meeting of Distinguished Professors addressing social media and academic freedom – all encouraged to attend.	

Information Sharing – Additional sharing	S. Lidzy	Additional sharing: FHSU is completing the search for the University President; Dodge City Community College and FHSU will merge; and virtual campus is ready to launch. KUMC is exploring faculty governance related to tenure/non-tenure track positions; KSU is exploring a professional practice position and different ranks for instructor/clinical scholar; additional discussion ensured about tenure/non-tenure track positions and governance at each of the universities. This led to discussion about the threat of tenure revocation for higher education. Additional discussion about voicing objection to budget limitations for higher education.	Consider developing a process for each campus that identifies faculty involvement in administrative searches.	
Review of Discussion Topics	S. Lidzy	<p>Discussion about the CEO assessment processes on each campus. ESU is in the process of passing two evaluation bills; KSU has a procedure through the Dean and is looking at adding something for upper administration; KUMC has no formal administrative review process – just immediate supervisor; FHSU, PSU, and WSU has process for administrative review through the Dean level.</p> <p>Discussion about prior learning and transfer and articulation. Concerns were expressed about the quality and rigor of degree granting programs. FHSU will be hiring a prior leaning assessment coordinator to assist with assessing credit for prior learning.</p>		

Report from KBOR Liaison	G. Alexander	PLA guidebook development was discussed in BAASC today. BAASC does not want to rush into this process and there is no specific mandate related to PLA. – A call for more faculty representatives on the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAC) will be going out. This is a 2-year commitment, generally meeting monthly on a Thursday morning/afternoon. – G. Alexander will also let us know when the Governance Committee conference call is announces.	Regarding the draft guidebook, send recommendations/comments to G. Alexander Contact your Academic Officer to volunteer to join the TAC	
	S. Lizdy	Discussion about providing consistency between CoFSP groups – members indicated willingness to attend meetings and be available for consultation for the incoming CoFSPs. There was no specific plan developed for maintaining connections between CoFSP groups.	Collect email addresses and explore developing a plan at the May meeting.	
Adjournment	S. Lidzy			