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The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by President Win Jordan.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

- 1a. January 17, 2006 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

2a. Information from Kansas Board of Regents: President Jordan

1. Nothing of major concern to report.

2b. COFSP Meeting held on January 18, 2006

1. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents discussed a series of topics, and President Jordan highlighted the following:
 - a. ESU passed its academic misconduct policy.
 - b. KU has appointed a task force to review all policies and regulations on promotion and tenure. One of the objectives is to have everything documented in terms of requirements and expectations for promotion and tenure.
 - c. At the breakfast with the Regents, COFSP members expressed concerns about an erosion of quality. Members said they want to know what they can do to help KBOR build a solid educational framework spanning from kindergarten through higher education.
 - d. Additionally, COFSP members discussed the concern that Regents' universities are not competitive in attracting and retaining faculty.

2c. Report from President's Cabinet held on January 31, 2006

1. President Jordan provided a list of items discussed. He briefly discussed a couple of items, as shown below, and asked senators to contact him for details on any item.
 - a. FY '06 Budget allows for 2.5% addition to salary pool for all employees and an additional 1.0% addition to the pool for teaching faculty.
 - b. 40 % OOE Holdback: will be released in February.
 - c. 2006 Strategic Plan: administration will be starting to authorize action plan items.
 - d. Draft of Exchange Agreement between FHSU and SIAS University. This agreement will allow about 40 students per year to attend FHSU at in-state rates. FHSU students will possibly go there for nearly free.

2d. Council on Institutional Effectiveness

1. President Jordan outlined the following:
 - a. Eight members of this council and Regent Shank traveled to Chicago to attend the AQIP Quality Forum held from February 1-4, 2006.
 - b. Four potential areas of strategic concern were identified: Planning and Assessing Learning Outcomes, Strategic Enrollment and Retention, Mobile Computing, and Internationalization.
 - c. President Hammond has agreed to allow faculty, classified staff, administration, students, and community to develop a strategic plan for FHSU.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Executive Committee: Win Jordan

1. No report.

3b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

1. The following courses were presented for a vote:
 - a. **MUS 618, Collaborative Piano Class.**
 - b. **NURS 424, Internship in Acute Care I**
 - c. **NURS 426, Internship in Acute Care II**
2. All three classes passed by a unanimous vote.
- 3.

3c. Student Affairs: Robert Howell

1. No report.

- 3d. University Affairs: Loretta Dorn
 - 1. Discussed and voted upon **Resolution 05-03: Intelligent Design**. The resolution passed with one abstention.
 - 2. Discussed and voted upon **Recommendation 05-01: Limiting Tenure File Size**. This recommendation passed with unanimous approval.
- 3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Daniel Kulmala
 - 1. This committee has tabled the task of redefining the term “teaching faculty” until FHSU administration officials and AAUP officials negotiate a definition.
- 3f. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Tim Crowley
 - 1. This committee is collecting data about working conditions from international faculty.
 - 2. Members of this committee also plan to interview students who have gone abroad to study.
 - 3. A survey is in the works to poll students about the Affordable Success slogan.

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

- 4a. AQIP: Chris Crawford
 - 1. Assistant Provost Crawford applauded the work of President Win Jordan for representing FHSU and the faculty well, indicating that Jordan has articulated our interests with aplomb and skill.
 - 2. Crawford outlined the four Strategic Issues from a handout he distributed to Faculty Senate.
 - 3. **Planning and Assessing Learning Outcomes:**
 - a. Student’s writing ability.
 - b. Computer skills: concerns about the right curriculum at this time for the use of computers in the classroom.
 - c. Concerns about new course development in order to ensure quality courses.
 - 4. **Strategic Enrollment and Retention:**
 - a. Recruit Hispanic students.
 - b. Recruit from eastern Kansas as well as surrounding area of FHSU.
 - 5. **Mobile Computing.**
 - 6. **Internationalization.**
 - 7. General discussion emerged concerning getting faculty input on the Strategic Plan.
 - a. President Jordan indicated that faculty have often indicated they feel disconnected from the strategic decisions made by the administrators. This is an opportunity to change that by participating in developing the strategic plan.

5. Old Business

- 5a. No old business discussed.

6. New Business

- 6a. Paul Adams and Kansas Association of Teachers of Science
 - 1. Paul Adams sought Faculty Senate endorsement of a resolution of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science disassociating itself from the state BOE Science Standards 2005.
 - a. Faculty Senate unanimously approved this endorsement.
- 6b. Hard-copy schedules
 - 1. Senator Trout proposed the continuation of hard-copy schedules until the online schedule is fully implemented at FHSU.
 - 2. General discussion ensued in which the following was discussed:
 - a. Some senators indicated that most students have looked online before coming to the advisor’s office.
 - b. Some stated that the hard copy is not a true schedule of classes.
 - c. Concern was expressed for new students who might not have access to the schedule if they are not registered.
 - d. Senator Trout made a motion to continue the printing of a hard-copy schedule at least for faculty. The motion was seconded by Senator Gillock.
 - e. No vote was taken due to a lack of a quorum.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

- 7a. Meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.