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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012
(3:30pm, Stouffer Lounge)

1. Approval of Minutes and Attendance of December 6, 2011 Meeting and December 16 Special Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes and attendance of the regular meeting as distributed. Minutes of the December 16 Special Meeting was approved as amended.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements and Information Items:

- Kent Steward – President Hammond’s 25th Anniversary
“Hope: The Silver Lining” is the theme for President Hammond’s 25th anniversary at FHSU. A celebration will be held on Friday, April 20, 1-3 p.m. Dr. Steward asked for input into the planning of the celebration.
- Digital Measures - *The use of Digital Measures is still in the pilot phase and no decision has been reached yet about the use of this system for evaluations for this spring.*

3. Reports from Committees –

3a. Executive Committee: Chapman Rackaway, Chair

- KBOR Report
 - *No report at this time.*
- Red Balloon
 - *No report at this time. The committee will meet on February 17.*
- University Mission Statement
 - *The University Mission Statement was sent to the Kansas Board of Regents Committee on Academic Affairs. They met and passed a resolution endorsing the FSHU Mission Statement.*
- Kansas Hunger Dialogue
 - *Anyone wanting to participate in the dialogue should contact Chap.*
- 2012-2013 Committee Openings (Attachment C)
 - *If any senator is interested in a serving on a committee, or wishing to nominate another faculty member, contact Chap.*
- Policy on Credit Hour (Attachment D)
 - *Chris Crawford provided information on the Policy on Credit Hour; the Initial, Systematic, and Ad Hoc Review. Faculty Senate is encouraged to read and provide comments. The Academic Affairs Committee will review this policy and provide a report at the March meeting.*
- Online Syllabus Comments
 - *Chap has not received comments yet. He will send the link to all senators.*
- Changes to Faculty Senate Webpage www.fhsu.edu/facultysenate/
 - *Chap encouraged senators to look at webpage and offer him feedback.*

3b. Academic Affairs: Jeffrey Burnett, Chair

- Proposed Undergraduate Major
 - *The Academic Affairs Committee moved to accept the Bachelor of Arts Global Business English program. (The committee voted 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions to accept this program.) Since this was a recommendation from a committee, no second was needed.*

The proposal was discussed and Dean Paul Faber was available to answer questions which came up during the discussion.

Motion carried.

3c. Student Affairs: Denise Orth, Chair

- Common Ground
 - *The Student Affairs sub-committee of SGA has been meeting to encourage more student involvement in SGA.*

3d. University Affairs: Emily Breit, Chair

- Faculty Morale Survey
 - *Emily presented an overview of the quantitative findings from the Faculty Morale Survey. The University Affairs Committee will categorize and summarize the qualitative comments and give a report at the March meeting.*
- Mandatory Reporter Policy

The University Affairs Committee moved to accept the following Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Policy.

Each University employee witnessing any act of child sexual abuse, as defined by the statutes identified above, on University property or in connection with any University-sponsored event or activity shall report the act in a timely manner to University police by calling 785-628-5304 or 911, or by notifying any other appropriate law enforcement agency.

Since this was a recommendation from a committee, no second was needed. After much discussion, Rich Lisichenko moved to postpone this motion to the March meeting. David Goodlett seconded. Motion failed.

The main motion was then voted upon. Motion carried.

- Timeline for first-year tenure-track faculty
 - *The committee recommends that AAUP look at the timeline for first year tenure-track faculty.*
- Digital Measures
 - *This was addressed in the Information Items.*
- Policy regarding applying for Summer Research Grants
 - *The committee is currently discussing this.*
- Early IQ
 - *At their next meeting, the committee will be discussing the implications of Early IQ from the faculty perspective.*

3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Rita Hauck, Chair

- No report

3f. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Lorie Cook-Benjamin, Chair

- FHSU Website
 - *The committee will be meeting February 24 regarding the FHSU website. It was suggested that the committee also meet with SGA Leadership.*

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

- Twitter – TigerTalkBack
 - *Chap encouraged us to integrate this into our classes.*
- March meeting
 - *Nominations for President-Elect of Faculty Senate.*

- *The election of officers will be held in April.*
- Enforcing the No Smoking Policy on campus
 - *University Police have been giving tickets to students as well as faculty.*

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

David Goodlett moved; Kathi Sanders seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.