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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Agenda for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd
The meeting began at 3:35p.m .in McCartney Hall, Room 301

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

1a. March 5th approval of minutes and sign-in roster – *Jerry Wilson moved to accept the March 5th Faculty Senate meeting minutes; Andy Stanton seconded the motion. The senate unanimously approved them.*

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required): Richard Lisichenko

2a. Systems Council of Chief Academic Officers – *Discussed the programs approval.*

2b. Council of Chief Academic Officers – *Same as 2a.*

2c. Council of Faculty Senate Presidents – *Discussed the importance of salary as a faculty recruitment/retention in Kansas. Also, they are working with the Board of Regents regarding the update of policy documentation.*

2d. Kansas Board of Regents – *same as 2a.*

2e. Presidents Cabinet - *Discussed FHSU software purchasing procedures and moving toward a centralized budgeting model. They also discussed the mobile computing security policy, specifically regarding issues on signal encryption and encryption software. They also discussed the inclusion of concentration on BGS and MLS diplomas. It is more of an issue with foreign students. The question presented was whether this should be something included on all BGS and MLS diplomas, not just for foreign students. They want to generate thoughts on advantages and disadvantages. The policy will be discussed further. As a side note, it was brought up that FHSU touches more counties than any other regents' institution*

2f. Provost Gould – *discussed and answered questions about the department/college restructuring process that is being initiated by administration. A list that has been comprised by those interested in serving will then be looked at by the administration, and Ed Hammond will choose the committee members from that list. Dr. Gould provided some historical background: 1988 was the last reorganization, there are new issues that weren't around before (for example, security and information assurance), and there have been suggestions over the last three to five years (for example, combining art and music into one department). From now until August 2007, the chosen committee will look at these past suggestions, and will include faculty and student recommendations as input. It is meant to coincide with the strategic planning process. Some recommendations would require money. After this initial phase, it is intended that appeal procedures would last the last half of the next academic year. The total process is expected to take about a year to a year and a half process. (The bulk of the recommendations concern the College of Arts and Sciences). Dr. Gould said that "no plans are firm at all" at this point and that "no one will lose their jobs or anything." The reorganization is meant to serve two purposes: 1) What can we do better to bring more students here? And 2) How can we enhance the learning ability of our students?*

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Executive Committee: Rich Lisichenko

Course evaluation instrument update – *IDEA instrument presentation was postponed to address some more questions and explore more about services offered by the company.*

Writing across the curriculum – *The senate was asked to take back to the faculty for feedback, questions, concerns, etc. and the senate will vote on it in the May meeting. Some questions brought up at the meeting were, “When will this take effect?” and “Who will approve the program?” It was determined that Academic Affairs would approve it. Other questions concerned how virtual college and transfer students would be affected by this program.*

3b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes – *The Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposed course IDS 468.*

3c. Student Affairs: Robert Howell – *Discussed the tuition increase and some money from the virtual college to help offset this. Also, there are going to be two computers in the student union to help with voting for Student Government Association election of officers.*

3d. University Affairs: Loretta Dorn

Resolution 06-02: Regarding mandatory use of Blackboard – *Discussed and then voted on by the Faculty Senate and unanimously passed.*

Recommendation 06-02: Midterm grades at FSHU – *Discussed and then voted upon. Call for a count on vote: 19 approved, 9 opposed, 0 abstained. The recommendation passed.*

Recommendation 06-03: Timely feedback for students at FHSU – *Discussed and then voted against.*

Recommendation 06-04: Better communication between faculty and students – *Discussed and then voted against.*

3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Win Jordan – *No report.*

3f. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Steven Schleicher – *Announced there is an integrative marketing meeting tomorrow (4/4/07).*

4. Reports From Special Committees and Other Representatives - *no report.*

5. Old Business – *None.*

7. New Business

2006/2007 University Tenure Committee – *Three gentlemen (Grey Farley from Biology, Richard Zakrzwski from Geosciences and Robert Meier from Business) attended to set the record straight that the provost was not involved (referring to the question or comment to that effect in the February 2007 meeting minutes). They stressed that the tenure review serves a function or role that benefits the faculty member because their file may be incomplete or there may simply be boiler plate language that needs additional reviewers in the process to ensure a legitimate process.*

Election of new Faculty Senate officers – *For secretary, the faculty senate voted for Andria Cooper except there was one abstention by Andria Cooper. For vice president, the faculty senate unanimously voted in favor for Kenneth Trantham. Daniel Kulmala will be the faculty senate president.*

8. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting – *Senator Drabkin motioned to adjourn the meeting; Senator Miles seconded. The Faculty Senate unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05p.m.*

These minutes were recorded by Andria Cooper.