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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011
(3:30pm, Stouffer Lounge)

1. Approval of Minutes and Attendance of Prior Meeting

(Attachments A and B)

It was noted that the approval of minutes must be moved and seconded.

The spelling of Fred Britten's name was corrected in the November minutes.

Kathi Sanders moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Lorie Cook-Benjamin seconded.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements and Information Items:

3. Reports from Committees –

3a. Executive Committee: Chapman Rackaway, Chair

- KBOR Report

The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents met in November regarding the transfer and articulation agreements.

3b. Academic Affairs: Jeffrey Burnett, Chair

- Courses to be approved
 - ENG 630 Nature Writing

The Academic Affairs moved to accept ENG 630. (The Academic Affairs Committee voted 5 for, 0 against; 0 abstentions to accept this course.) Since this was a recommendation from a committee, no second was needed.

***Fred Britten moved to amend the motion by deleting in second paragraph (3 credit hours, available for graduate* or undergraduate enrollment).** Doug Drabkin seconded.*

Motion carried as amended.

- Faculty Development Speaker Series

3c. Student Affairs: Denise Orth, Chair

- Who's Who of Academic Scholars

3d. University Affairs: Emily Breit, Chair

- Faculty Morale Survey –

The overview of the survey will be presented at the February Senate Meeting.

- Mandatory Reporter Policy

A subcommittee of University Affairs will work with Todd Powell on this policy. A report will be given at the February Senate meeting.

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

- No report

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

- FHSU website

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

4a. Red Balloon Task Force

- No report

4b. Online syllabus option; Report by Jackie Ruder and Dave Schmidt

Jackie reported on the Tiger Central Syllabus Management System.

It was suggested that we share Jackie's PowerPoint and solicit feedback from each department. We will give Jackie and Dave our feedback by March 2012.

5. Old Business

5a. Proposed FHSU Mission Statement

“FHSU provides accessible quality education to Kansas, the nation, and the world through an innovative community of teacher-scholars and professionals to develop engaged global citizen-leaders.”

Jeff Burnett moved to endorse the FHSU Mission Statement as presented. Denise Orth seconded the motion.

*It was noted that the Mission Statement Taskforce will be meeting on Thursday, December 8 to continue to discuss the feedback received. **After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.***

Chap will call a special meeting of the Faculty Senate in January for the specific purpose of discussion and possible endorsement of the FHSU Mission Statement.

6. New Business

There was a question about the TEVALS. The Faculty Form is not ready at this time.

A concern about course evaluations for first year faculty was noted. (University Affairs will discuss this issue.)

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

Cheryl Duffy moved; Richard Packauskas seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.