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## FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2015

Meeting convened by President Lorie Cook-Benjamin

1. FS minutes were approved
2. Announcements
  - a. Shared Governance – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
    - i. Reminder of January 15<sup>th</sup> town meeting
    - ii. College yet-to-be-named as a process in place for tenure/promotion
    - iii. Technology up-date – Joy Hatch distributed handout which will be sent electronically to all faculty
    - iv. Faculty Growth Model – Provost Glynn shared info on numbers and how new positions are determined
  - b. President Martin and Provost Glynn answered questions.
    - i. State funding will be cut – amount yet to be determined
    - ii. Graduation rates at FHSU not acceptable (44% national rate). Would like to work together to achieve 70% graduation rate in 10 years.
  - c. KBOR – COFSP – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
    - i. New college and management/marketing split on Nov. KBOR agenda.
    - ii. COFSP will meet with COGRO to discuss ways to improve public's perceptions of higher education in Kansas.
    - iii. COFSP and University Support Staff will administer a survey to all faculty and staff on gun control. Docking will present data from survey January 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Sponsored by the ADP, FS, and GSA and University Support Staff will hope a campus forum on weapons possession and campus safety on January 26<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.
3. Reports of Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs – Senators Burnett and Donnelly
    - i. Approval process – all new courses through Lotus Notes platform. Deans and chairs will not be required to approve only write a letter of support. The submission will be finalized with the Assistant Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Crowley. Then will go to Faculty Senate Academic Affairs.
    - ii. FS – AA will review course approval checklist in Lotus Notes.
  - b. Strategic Planning and Improvement – Senator Goodlett
    - i. Revisions of academic committees
    - ii. Mentoring Program – for faculty, they are looking at a survey to get a sense of what new faculty need.
  - c. University Affairs – Senator Hamlin
    - i. End of term evaluations – discussion of ways to best facilitate this. Something about evaluations was passed by FS in 2014. UA will look into this.
    - ii. Librarians and Rank – distributed handout on current roles and definition as presented in the MOA. Discussed by FS. UA will contact Jennifer Sauer for additional points on this issue.
  - d. Student Affairs – Senator Walters

- i. Students question mid-term grades. Shouldn't all students receive them?
  - ii. No more submission of names for Who's Who for Students
  - iii. Student Success Week
  - iv. DoNut Cheat – November 4<sup>th</sup>
- e. Partnerships and Technology – Senator Yang
  - i. Electronic Portfolios
  - ii. Senate involvement for virtual and international full-time faculty – conference available for a year

FS voted to increase FS time by 15 minutes to complete the agenda. Motion carried.

- 4. Liaison Reports
  - a. Faculty Values Steering Committee – Senator Goodlett – committee going through checklist provided by the Provost.
  - b. Faculty Workload Task Force – Not available
  - c. AAUP – Linda Smith – there has been increased interest in joining AAUP this year
- 5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Change of December meeting date – Monday, December 7.
- 6. New Business
- 7. Adjournment 5:15 PM