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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2016

Meeting convened by President Lorie Cook-Benjamin.

1. March 1, 2016, FS minutes were approved as corrected.
2. Announcements
 - a. Pres. Mirta Martin – We have a 3% cut from KS Leg. May have another 1-2% cut. We are asking KBOR to exempt FHSU from tuition cap of 2.1% increase. We had the exemption last year and hope to have ability to adjust tuition as necessary based on cuts. Dr. Martin's priority is to keep current positions at FHSU secure.
 - b. KBOR – COFSP – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
 - i. AP and CLEP Scores (cut scores) are in process. SCoCAO have approved them.
 - ii. Kansas Degree Stats (http://ksdegreestats.org/program_search.jsp) We are encouraged to review this site.
3. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs – Senators Burnett and Donnelly
 - i. Dr. Chap Rackaway presented Phase I of the liberal education plan. This is only overarching goals. The motion to approve the Liberal Education Goals and Objectives (Phase I) was moved, seconded and approved.
 - b. Strategic Planning and Improvement – Senator Goodlett
 - i. Faculty Mentoring Draft Survey was discussed. Suggestions included returning the survey to the SP & I committee and to review the Faculty Development Committee's survey already in process.
 - c. Student Affairs Discussion topics – Senator Walters
 - i. A motion for a Student Success Week was proposed. The motion was defeated.
 - d. Partnerships and Technology Discussion topics – Senator Yang
 - i. Senate involvement for virtual and international full-time faculty – Virtual faculty are a part of FS and should receive a copy of the MOA. Concerns or input on FS matters that virtual faculty have should be gathered and presented through their department. Current policies/channels need to connect international faculty to FHSU. Perhaps the MOA needs to clarify definitions of online faculty, international faculty, and on campus faculty.

FS voted to increase FS time by 10 minutes to complete the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Unfinished Business - None
5. New Business – Elections
 - a. Vice-President elect is Denise Orth.
 - b. Secretary elect is Yuri Yerastov.
6. Academic Affairs Faculty Senate Committees & Other Announcements
 - a. Charlene Nichols discussed the new Alumni Mentoring Program and provided a handout.
 - b. Representation of faculty on university committees was shared. All committees have faculty representations.

- c. Ad Hoc Committees representation of faculty was shared. All Ad Hoc committees have faculty representation. Review <http://www.fhsu.edu/academic/provost/Committees/>
7. Adjournment 5:00 PM. The next meeting is May 2, 2016, in Stouffer Lounge. UPDATE: The May meeting was originally moved from Tuesday to Monday, May 2, to accommodate the FHSU Faculty and Staff Reception for promotion, tenure, and retirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Senate Sanders, secretary