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**Thursday, September 27, 2007
7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room**

Majority

Simple: ___12___

2/3: ___16___

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call
Clinton Schuckman

III. Guest Speaker

Andy Smriga asked for gap busters and other jobs for Homecoming thanks for helping with homecoming voting pass around sign up sheet.

IV. Executive Reports

a. President

Spent most of time working on the advising survey. Spoke with Tim Crowley and got the okay to go through with administering survey. Next week Monday or Tuesday it should be launched. Please let constituents know. An email was sent out about the athletic advising. It is administered every two years and looks at whether students feel they have equal opportunities in athletics.

b. Vice President

This week he was a de facto host of the college of business and leadership symposium. Therefore he will make up his missed office hours. Budgetary Seminar Brochure was given out to you; please review in case you are asked questions

c. Executive Assistant

Attended the volleyball and football games. Also scanned the last two years worth of legislation.

d. Treasurer

Finished LAD Hughes' travel receipt and paid bills. Also prepared new appropriation requests.

e. Administrative Assistant

Prepared new senator Ashley Shellnut's folder for this week. Was appointed to Homecoming and Financial Aid Committees.

f. Legislative Affairs Director

Zealously served this week's office hours. Also helped with Benjamin Franklin project. The college federal aid bill was signed into law by President Bush today. Student environmental club needs help with postcard campaign against coal burning plants please ask him or Senator Davis for information.

g. Webmaster/Historian

Updated legislation on the website and worked on senator profiles.

V. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations

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Heard a trip request for the accounting club. Aikido club bill is up for 2nd reading. Also NSTA bill is up for 1st reading.

b. Senate Affairs

Discussed filling up open seats and the senate social. Asked that senators please submit their ideas.

c. Student Affairs

Continuing with the Tail Great situation. Had a discussion with the chamber of commerce about it and they stated that they would continue to do it for a few more years.

d. Legislative & Political Action

Discuss tonight's legislation and current fee rates.

**Next week's meeting at 6:30

VI. New Business

a. First Reading of Bill 07/F/109

Appropriation bill for NSTA trip to Denver, CO

VII. Old Business

a. Second Reading of Bill 07/F/107

Aikido Club equipment fund

Senator Newman motioned to consider the bill.

The bill was second by Senator Davis.

Senator Davis yield time to aikido club to discuss their equipment fund request. Aikido Club President Brandon Nimz stated that mats are a serious safety issue. Therefore, their club will be maxing out club funds to get mats. Stated that the more money SGA supply them with the more mats the club could get and the cleaning supply will keep them in good shape.

Several Aikido club members came up and reiterated Aikido Club President Brandon Nimz's points.

Other points made by members: the standard in practicing Aikido recommends a minimum of one mat per person, the quality of training and safety is dependent on mats, limited mat space has lead to limited practice per person, currently have 5 good mats that Velcro together the other mats that they borrow slide and make it unsafe, new mats are more padded for the sport, would prefer to have 3 mats to every two people.

Senator Snyder stated that these were the recommendations made by the appropriations committee. They looked at all possibilities and this was the best solution.

Senator Goodley asked Senator Snyder if the committee talked about the concerns of the amount being requested which is about 20% of fund.

Senator Snyder answered that the Aikido club came early to request the money. The original request was almost \$3,000, which the committee only recommended \$2,100 that is only 16 % of this year's equipment fund and is also the first request of year.

Senator Davis asked the Aikido Club members about their service activities.

Aikido Club President Brandon Nimz stated the following activities: recycling, self defense seminars, individual members participate in big brothers big sisters, and

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self defense workshops.

Senator Davis asked the Aikido Club Treasurer about what alternative funding the club has outside of SGA.

The Aikido Club Treasurer answered that they just started their recycling program and that is the only outside money source the club has besides selling club shirts. Senator Davis asked if they had membership dues.

Aikido Treasurer answered that they have no membership dues.

Senator Davis asked about where the storage of equipment would be.

Club President Brandon Nimz answered that it would be stored in the defense locker in dance room.

Senator Stegmaier asked if the club has looked at using defensive tactic mats.

Club President Nimz answered that they had planned on that but there are issues and the mats are no longer available.

Senator Stegmaier stated that he spoke with the defense tactics and he stated that the club has access to those mats whenever the need.

Club President Brandon Nimz stated that the mats are not in the location they were told they would be in.

Senator Stegmaier asked if he knew where else they could of possibly of put the mats.

Club President Brandon Nimz stated that he did not know for sure.

Senator C. Stramel stated that Brandon Nimz is one of his constituents who asked him to amend the bill on the club's behalf. But stated that he will not amend the bill because there is \$12,930 in the equipment fund and doesn't think the Aikido club needs to take 22% of the fund.

Therefore, Senator C. Stramel recommended that the bill be chopped in half and have the club come back in the spring to get the other 8 mats.

Club President Brandon Nimz stated that he though the club could not request but once a year.

Vice President Engel clarified that this was not correct.

Club President Brandon Nimz stated that he was not aware of this.

Senator Davis asked the club president if he felt comfortable accepting 22% of this year's equipments fund that will only benefit 34 members.

Club President Brandon Nimz answered that yes he does feel comfortable with it based on passed precedents and the current amount on the bill is 16% of the fund.

Senator Snyder stated that SGA has given the club a total of \$5,585 from the equipment fund, appropriations, and allocations in the past 2 years.

Senator Stegmaier asked if the bag rolls were rolls of trash bags.

Club President Brandon Nimz stated yes and that they are for the recycle bins.

Senator Davis asked about the purchasing of the mats and from what company.

Club President Brandon Nimz answered that the club was given a discounted rate through a national supplier.

Senator C. Stramel moved to amend the bill to read

Mats: 8 at \$265

Senator Davis 2nd the motion.

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Senator Davis asked for Senator C. Stramel's rationale on the proposed amendment.

Senator C. Stramel answered that all the mats are not needed now so he

Recommends that the club come back in the spring to get the other 8 mats. This will give other clubs a chance to get some equipment fund money.

Senator Davis stated that he agrees with the proposed amendment.

Senator Snyder state that she will vote down the proposed amendment because the Aikido club came early, were prepared, and they will at least get to use the equipment all year versus only a semester.

Senator Davis moved to previous question.

Senator Engel 2nd the motion.

Discussion ended and the vote totaled:

Y=17 N=4 A=1

Senator Davis motioned the amended bill for direct vote.

Y=17 N=4 A=1

The amended bill passes.

Open Forum

b. Dr. Hammond, FHSU President – Discussion of the Report of the Committee to Review & Rethink the Structure of the University

Made a presentation on the Dare to Dream initiatives and a question and answer session followed.

Senator Snyder asked Foreign language requirement will you get rid of bachelors of science degree or will the amount for foreign language requirements change.

President Hammond answered that he is unsure b/c the committee was just appointed and one of the things they will be looking at is how they would implement that kind of requirement but wouldn't eliminate any degrees only change their requirements.

Senator C. Stramel asked if the foreign language requirement would be major specific.

President Hammond answered that he was unsure but is something that we are looking into. Other institutions that have a foreign language requirement are not major specific. He would assume that the committee would strive to give students their choice much like other institutions with similar requirements.

Senator Jenny Matsko asked how long it would take to implement the foreign language requirement.

President Hammond answered that he was unsure that it is up to the committee to decide how we would do that and if it is even a good idea to implement it.

Member of the College of Business and Leadership, Alexander Wilson, (also a 2003 grad of FHSU) asked President Hammond what do you think over a period of time as this campus grows what would you propose to do to keep the

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tradition of the college.

President Hammond answered that they are not changing the school's foundation they are just trying to expand on this.

Senator Kurt Einsel asked that with the foreign language requirement proposal would it cause the hours required to graduate to rise.

President Hammond answered that they do not want to increase the amount of hours need to graduate. Instead they are going to re-evaluate the general education requirements.

Senator Snyder asked that since graduation is down by 20% have you thought about having some Eastern Kansas scholarships to trying increase enrollment from that side of the state.

President Hammond stated that all of their scholarships programs are statewide. The reason that they have western Kansas scholarship program because a private entity donates that money to recruit western Kansas's students to stay here. But also stated that he would like to see an increase in enrollment from eastern Kansas and even nationally but to accomplish that FHSU must become competitive.

Senator Manly stated that she was against the name change and expressed her feelings about the name change proposal.

President Hammond stated that the decision about the name change will not be made on emotion but fact. If there is an advantage to a name change then FHSU needs to explore that.

Andy Smruga stated that at his UAB meeting on Tuesday that unanimously UAB agreed to keep the name as FHSU.

President Hammond said that all the input is welcome and he takes in to consideration.

A concerned student stated that he was against the name change and the reasons why he is against it.

Another concerned student, Christina Curtis, stated that she agreed with Senator Catelyn Manly on the name change proposal and her stated her reasons why. And asked what would happen to those FHSU alums that have degrees from what might become a nonexistent university.

President Hammond answered that this is an issue they are considering. They are researching other institutions that have gone thru a name change to help aid their decision.

Senator Engel stated that he supported the foreign language requirement and that he was concerned about the cost of implementing the name change. Asked who would endure that cost.

President Hammond answered that the cost will be taken into consideration.

Senator Brandon Purdy stated that he does not agree with name change and asked about the proposed creation of institutions and what the benefits of that would be rather than just making them colleges.

President Hammond answered that the committee looked at this and said that there was not enough students to establish a college instead the creation of an institution seemed like the best option.

Senator Aaron Ladd asked if you might see other degree programs start requiring leadership classes upon creation of a leadership institution.

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President Hammond answered that there has been reluctance among the different programs to implement classes from other colleges and that with the institution it could be implemented campus wide more so than it is now. Senator Davis asked how senators and students could get more involved with exploring this initiatives.

President Hammond stated that he would like to put student leaders on the teams that are studying the proposals and that if you are interested in that let the Executive staff know and they could get that to him.

Senator Maseberg suggested that maybe the could keep FHSU as the name and change the slogan.

President Hammond answered that this has been discussed and being explored. But "Affordable Success" is a very good recruitment tool for the last 7 years.

Senator Snyder asked if with the increase in enrollment if they had considered how the community might handle it, increasing the number dorm rooms, and increasing parking.

President Hammond answered that yes they are looking at all of these but nothing can be done until they decide on their direction they would like to take.

Senator Brownfield asked if the lack of advertising in certain areas may be the reason why we aren't as well known.

President Hammond answered that we are more known in Colorado than eastern Kansas simply because we belong to the Rocky Mountain athletic conference and now that we have gotten to play the eastern Kansas teams more he believes that we will become more well known again in the Kansas City area.

Senator C. Stramel asked if President Hammond had an opinion on whether or not having a name change would benefit or hurt the institution.

President Hammond stated that he wanted more facts before making that decision.

Senator Quinones asked about what is being done to encourage diversity.

President Hammond answered that they have opened a center in Garden City for Hispanic students and they also have Hispanic scholarships available.

FHSU is graduating Hispanics at 20% higher than national average.

LAD Hughes asked what was being done to maintain the teacher to student ratio.

President Hammond answered that they have hired more faculty and continue to do that.

Alexander Wilson asked if the name change was to help market our school.

President Hammond said that most students in western Kansas will go to college here at FHSU, which is very good market share.

Senator Einsel asked if making institutes would lower the prestige.

President Hammond if creating institutes does not enhance the program then he will not support it.

Brandon Nimz asked that most of the proposals are about increasing the enrollment on campus but a lot of resources are going into the virtual college isn't that a contradiction.

President Hammond answered no and that the virtual college is a different

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delivery vehicle for the same quality education.

Executive Assistant Diana Ohl liked the proposed hospitality management program.

Senator Craig Stramel asked if the art management program proposed would include music.

President Hammond said that as it is drafted now yes it includes music.

A concerned student stated that he was against the name change and stated his reasons why.

President Hammond asked that if you are interested in serving on these proposal-exploring teams to let President Gillogly know. And before any proposals are made official he will report back to SGA on their findings and rationales.

VIII. Announcements

- a. SGA Profile Pictures, Thursday 9/27 & Friday 9/28 @ 4 p.m. – Forsyth Library

IX. Adjourn

Senator Newman moved to adjourn.

Unanimously agreed to adjourn.