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# Student Government Association

## Gillogly/Engel

### Minutes

**Thursday, October 18, 2007  
7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room**

#### Majority

Simple: \_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_

2/3: \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Guest Speakers

a. Tim Chapman, President & CEO of FHSU Foundation

Explained what the FHSU Foundation does; which is to raise and manage money for FHSU.

Goal is to raise \$21 million in (\$5)cash and (\$16)deferred commitments.

Since July 1, 2007 the foundation has raised \$13 million in deferred commitments and \$1.5 million in cash.

Senator Davis asked what can students do to help.

Tim Chapman answered that he thought it was very important for students to realize why it is important to give back to their university and suggested donating \$10 a year to the university and learn what the foundation is about.

b. Randy Leer, FHSU Student, Proposed Academic Programs

Presented on what his survey consisted of and the results.

The most popular programs based on the 36 completed surveys in order were the following: Environmental Studies, Chinese-Mandarin Language, Spanish, National Security and Diplomacy, East Asian Studies, Homeland Security and Middle Eastern Studies. Asked for a resolution of support

Senator Purdy asked Leer could draw the conclusion that 36 students is a well representation of the all FHSU students.

Leer answered that the 36 completed was what they had to work with but this should be looked at as a stepping stone to further investigations.

Senator Davis stated that before support will be given (via a resolution) more representative data is needed.

Leer asked Senator Davis how he would suggest getting more feedback.

Senator Davis answered that he needs to be persistent.

President Gillogly asked Leer when do we over load the faculty by adding all of these courses and how would effect their current work load.

Leer answered that faculty would need to take the sacrifice but would ease the burden by filling in small classes and bring in funds for additional faculty.

VP asked Leer if he was taking this on alone or is there others involved.

Leer answered that both students and faculty support this.

Senator Goodley stated that Leer had a good start and liked his ideas. But encouraged to put together another survey and some focus groups.

Senator C. Stramel asked what he expected from the survey.

Leer answered that he wanted to see if there was interest in the programs that we could currently support. That is why controls were put in to make it unbiased.

Senator Winter asked when would he like to see this take place.

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Leer answered that for anything above certificate to be established it has to go through KBOR and it would probably not take place until the year after next.

President Gillogly asked that with the "Dare to Dream" initiatives already suggested, how does he see his proposals mixing with those initiatives.

Leer answered that they decided to just go with their ideas as is and try to raise support.

Senator C. Stramel asked if he asked students that completed the survey about any of their background information.

Leer answered that no he did not; that the 6 questions were to the point.

President Gillogly asked about his suggestion on raising fees for speaker fund.

Leer answered that raising fees would create a bigger pool to bring more well known speakers onto our campus.

President Gillogly asked for clarification on his proposed idea of taking appropriation speaker funds and making it into a speaker fund in which clubs could take that money for speakers and still charge a speaker fee.

Leer answered that if that is how it needs to work then yes.

Senator Hansen asked how many different ways did he send out the survey.

Leer answered that he put the link for the survey in the FHSU paper, facebook group forums, and announced it during SGA open forum.

Senator Hansen asked if the survey with same questions will be sent out again or if there would be different questions on the new surveys.

Leer answered that it will be the same questions.

Senator Engel stated that Leer needed more data and encouraged him to do what it takes to get that. Very good start.

Senator Matsko stated that maybe asking on the survey about the fee increase for speakers instead of sending to a vote. Check the interest first.

Leer thanked SGA for their suggestions.

#### **IV. Executive Reports**

##### **a. President**

Attended this month's KBOR meeting which was very busy. Everyone updated information on academic survey which concludes next week. Also discussed current crisis plans on campuses and the community college visits mentioned last month. LAD Hughes will be working on higher education days. Diane Duffy presented on \$127 million dollars for higher education. This money will provide funds to create or expand programs on state campuses. President Hammond said that faculty is not being paid enough and that the more programs created the more jobs. Which then leads to even less money, so he suggested to instead use this money to invest in current faculty and students. COPS decided to increase the higher education price index. Also this week, asked for participation in evaluation panel at noon on Nov. 1 in the Stouffer Lounge which will be looking to change the form of teacher evaluations. Please participate in Make a Difference day.

##### **b. Vice President**

This week attended the Memorial Union meeting on banners. Also attended the Tigers 4 Life member drive on Tuesday evening. Then met with a student organization about funding opportunities through SGA.

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### c. Executive Assistant

LAD Hughes and her attended publication board this week. Also attended the Service Learning committee, painted a pumpkin, organized files, and began finalizing information on polos.

### d. Treasurer

Worked on funding for accounting club request. Attended the Student Organization meeting, prepared material for appropriation requests, and painted a pumpkin.

### e. Administrative Assistant

This week she continued to organize files with the rest of the staff and prepared new Senator Jenny Pang's folder.

### f. Legislative Affairs Director

This week KDHD denied the coal fire power plants. Few things that were discussed at KBOR about FHSU included : a request of \$16 million to make debt service payments, FHSU is asking for 2,000 of state funds to help with Cheyenne Bottoms learning center, raising of wing A of Wiest Hall, and FHSU is asking to move 2 structures once occupied by endowment center and have them made into visitor parking.

### g. Webmaster/Historian

Susan Clause, the FHSU webmaster, updated the website with new templates this week. Senator profiles are completed and all legislation is up to date.

## V. Committee Reports

### a. Appropriations

Heard a trip request from the Pre-Med club.  
Have 2 bills up for 2nd reading.

### b. Senate Affairs

Bowling is scheduled for Nov. 1 at 9:30. Also discussed possibly recommending changes to the constitution.

### c. Student Affairs

Food committee to start soon and gathering reactions on new midterm grading system.

### d. Legislative & Political Action

Air permit denied for coal burning power plants. Moving forward on "Know your Rights" pamphlet on house partying. Anticipating a city commission forum and working on dates for that. Meeting will be at 6:30 next week.

By executive order, Vice President Engel asked Senator Manly to administer the Oath of Office to new senators Jenny Pang and Ashley Shellnut.

## VI. Open Forum

Senator C. Stramel asked President Gillogly if the other schools supported President Hammond's suggestion.

President Gillogly answered that he asked for the board to reconsidered and to not follow through with recommendation and instead asked to invest in the current faculty and the other university presidents agreed.

Senator Engel asked for some clarification on the mid term grades issues.

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Senator Winter answered that SGA wanted to have complete and accurate grades for midterms. We passed several resolutions which were ignored thus the result was this somewhat compromise was made. Most constituencies don't seem to be concerned with the new system.

Senator Engel asked if SGA officially with the compromise and what was the faculty senate's rationale for the compromise.

President Gillogly answered that the SGA resolutions declared that we wanted accurate midterm grades and faculty wanted use P, D, or U.

Senator Engel asked that other than work load what was their reasoning.

President Gillogly said she did not know of any of their reasoning behind it.

Senator Davis quoted a member of the Faculty senate as say that "other regents university don't; why should we." SGA has submitted 4 resolutions and that stated students wanted accurate midterm grades. This compromise turned out to be a meeting in the middle.

### **VII. New Business**

-No new business-

### **VIII. Old Business**

#### **a. Second Reading of Bill 07/F/111: Appropriations Request, ATSO**

Senator Newman motioned to consider the bill

Was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Edwards.

Senator Newman asked for a representative to tell SGA about their trip.

Jeff Baar came up and explained the ATSO trip which consisted of going to Denver to visit business and to explore some opportunities available after graduation.

Senator Newman asked what businesses they visited.

Baar listed off the following businesses: Google, Sysco, and the data center for Sunfire.

Senator Newman moved for a direct vote.

Passes

23-0-1

#### **b. Second Reading of Bill 07/F/112: Appropriations Request, Radiologic Technology Students**

Senator Newman motioned to consider the bill

Was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Ladd.

Senator Newman asked that a representative from the club come up and tell about their trip.

3 representatives from the Radiologic Technology Students came up and told about their trip which consisted of 30 students total who would be attending a radiology convention to learn new technology in the field and other programs available at other schools.

Senator Newman moved for a direct vote.

Passes

23-0-1

### **IX. Announcements**

#### **a. Second SGA Budgetary Seminar, Tues. 10/23 @ 7:30 p.m. (B&G Room)**

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- b. SGA Daytime Safety Walk, Weds. 10/24 from 11:00-Noon (optional)
- c. SGA Evening Safety Walk, Thurs. 10/25 following Senate meeting
- d. Make a Difference Day, Sat. 10/27
- e. Kansas House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, Tues. 10/30 @ 9:30 (RH 327)
- f. SGA Tiger Call, Mon. 11/5 @ 5:30-9:00 (Robbins Center)

EA Ohl announced that Tigers for Troops would be holding a collection drive at the football game this weekend and putting together the care packages on Nov. 27.

X. Adjourn

Senator Newman motioned to adjourn

Was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Purdy.