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Thursday, February 7, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 13

2/3: 17

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Vice President Engel at 7:10 pm
- II. Roll Call
Absent: 0
- III. Guest Speakers
 - a. Stacy Ward, Women's Leadership Conference
An event Center for Civic Leadership and Fort Hays State University to sponsor the Women's Kansas Leadership Conference to take place on March 28th at the Fox Pavilion here in Hays. Provided marketed cards and flyers of this event. Exciting day of key note speakers Robin Gerber author of "Leadership Eleanor Roosevelt Way", and Amy Blankenbiller president and CEO of Kansas Chambers of Commerce. Will have various breakout sessions throughout the day for particularly aimed for students and younger women on how to network and write effective resumes, and how to market yourself, mentoring. This event will be a good way to network with women from all over the state and to students. Cost is \$85 dollars and offering students scholarships for \$50 dollars off the cost by contacting Ms. Stacey Ward at 785-628-592 or can contact by email found on flyers. For more info you can go to www.kansaswomensleadership.org. Spread the word and hope to see you there!
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President
Attended the VP for Student Affairs Committee meeting. Attended the Democratic Caucus for the first time, and encourage Republicans to attend the caucus on Saturday. Attended the president's cabinet. Hammond to fund for Alumni/Faculty/Organizations guests to stay for a reduced cost of \$45 dollars. Received final strategic plans committing to 2 million dollars. Also went through first readings of multiple policies including the tobacco use policy to comply with state law, non-smoking radius of thirty feet of buildings. The university policy of restoring technology information, speaks more on employees and comply to general council. Missouri and Kansas Public Institution rankings with Fort Hays ranked 14th of 25. Reviewed last years events. Worked with Treasurer Lalicker for Higher Ed Day, and worked with students in McMIndes Hall in getting them involved in the voting process for the 2008 voting campaign.
 - b. Vice President
Attended allocations meetings and responded to questions involving these meetings and reviewing requests. Attended the Tiger Impact meeting on Wednesday and the majority of report will be centered around the Mobile computing and technology issues. Attended two committees with same relevance. The mobile teaching committee to discuss a software purchase request and better deliver mobile teaching to the freshman class and discussed mobile teaching conference to be held in the Memorial Union on April 8. Attended the instructional policy advisory committee, discussing removing PC's and faculty using own tablet devices. Also discussed the e portfolio options to maintain student work performances, discussed using google apps and

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implementing in classes. Feature of scatcat email, faster and more storage space in account. Spoke with Dr. Schmidt regarding the scatcat system, and would like students input. Mobile teaching and learning issues, where the concerns are the lack of desktop space for tablets and text books, and electrical power. And are looking for solutions for this issue, and weighing cost drawbacks. Moving forward with this issue and responding. Orientation Advisor applications for students to apply. Important for senate to apply and is much needed on campus. Get applications in.

c. Executive Assistant

Attended a Student Pub Board Meeting with Hughes, Times Talk, and met with Brian from Gone Logo to discuss emblems on polos which are in and ready to pick up down in the SGA Office and please pay by next week.

d. Treasurer

Attended the Allocations Hearings this past Sunday. Prepared materials for Appropriations Committee and worked with Pres. Gillogly on Higher Ed Day this week during office hours. Emailed reminders to clubs for Allocation Meetings this Sunday as well as reviewed Allocations Requests. Typed the legislation for the Appropriations Committees and updated the Treasures report. If you have questions ask Ms. Trista Lalicker now, during open forum or anytime in the SGA Office.

e. Administrative Assistant

Simple Majority is 13 and 2/3rd is 17. This week took a number of phone calls and prepared for tonight's meeting and look forward to tonight's discussions.

f. Legislative Affairs Director

Recklessly served office hours this week. Finished setting up appointments with State Representatives and Senators which is going through the Emporia LD who will inform us by Monday of who we need to see and when. Briefing senators that are going on talking points for Higher Ed Day. If you have not been briefed and would like to be, contact Mr. Tyler Hughes after the meeting to set up a time tomorrow or Monday to meet. Attended the Ellis County Democratic Caucus Tuesday night. Note: despite Hughes best efforts there were no fist fights but was still fun. Hughes noted if you are a Republican Registered in Ellis County the Caucus will be Saturday morning at 10 am at the VFW on Vine Street, and show up at nine to get checked in and doors close at 10 am.

g. Webmaster/Historian

Ms. Kylea Gillogly updated legislation agendas, minutes, university administrations page, the index page with the soccer timeline, and meeting times and deadlines during her office hours this week.

V. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations

The Model United Nations, TKE, Sigma Tae Delta. Trip Requests Phi Alpha Theta for First Reading, and the 10% Club for Second Reading.

b. Senate Affairs

Conducted two interviews up for First Reading tonight.

c. Student Affairs

Committee withdrew from new info and issues and will bring back report when more info comes in. Thank you to Jeff Burnett for allowing access to the Personal Wellness Classes to conducted club surveys once again with eight set up for tomorrow from 7:30 to 2:30 on the hour, and if anyone is interested to help conduct these surveys please contact Senator Winter. Will have resolutions up for First Reading next week.

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d. Legislative & Political Action

Unofficial recommendation on the soccer proposal in LPAC right now with timeline as follows. Next week will be bringing to a committee wide vote, and on Feb 14th the original proposal will be handed out to Senate. Feb. 21st, if past in committee, will be participating a first reading on the proposal, followed by a second reading on the 28th. Senator Davis notes will be anticipating a proposal from Student Health.

e. Allocations

This Sunday had first Allocations Hearings which went well with a few more this week starting at 12:30 in the Stouffer Lounge.

VI. Open Forum

a. FHSU Athletic Department Administration

Agenda Item: FSHU Athletic Dept. Administration to discuss several issues.

Senator Davis: Athletic Dir. Curtis Hammeke - What is the current status on the bleachers for Gross Coliseum?

Hammeke: An action plan was submitted a year ago to replace the existing bleachers on the lower level more specifically the reserved sections (or chair back seating) and replacing the remaining with conventional bleachers. We are in the process of bidding with two contractors right now whom have submitted drawings. At this time the north and south ends along with the chair backs on the east and west sides of the coliseum are being considered for replacement. Spoke with students with an idea to chair back both sides, moving the current student section to the north and south ends in order to sell more seating on the lower level and to raise the energy to either ends of the hoops from our student body. Hammeke notes chair backs were considered for the north and south ends, but will not be able to do so due to the current angle of the bleachers, and would hinder the portability for graduation ceremonies and other events. The north and south sides will stay portable, and the changes to the east and west will still maintain retractability as well. Seating capacity will be lost from the reserve section stand point, but not from a student's stand point from this new seating plan.

Senator Davis: Hammeke - Has there been a positive feedback from the majority students with this new plan for the student section?

Hammeke: Yes, the majority response from students has been positive in hopes of a new coliseum "atmosphere" from this new arrangement.

Pres. Gillogly : Hammeke - What are the players on the court's reaction to the seat change?

Hammeke: Haven't talked to them at this point. What have you heard?

Pres. Gillogly: I've heard a few say they would like it and others that would not.

Hammeke: More interested in the student body's reaction at this time.

Senator Davis: Senate - Does anybody have any feedback? For or opposed.

Senator Miller: Hammeke - Surprised to hear more positive feedback than negative considering the atmosphere being split. Majority of indoor sports (volleyball, wrestling) would be strange with students on ends. Would like to invite Hammeke to discuss further with SAC.

Hammeke: We would lose some seating due to chair backs on the west side, but students will fill the south end from the end of the chair backs. Aesthetically, 12 inch to 16 inch will allow better visibility. Aesthetically, a 12 inch facade on the lower bleachers would create a gap between first and second levels. A 16 inch facade would solve this problem.

Senator Einsel: Hammeke - Are you planning on "chair backing" the whole west and east sides?

Hammeke: Yes.

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Senator Einsel: Will standing fans in the chair back sections pose a problem?

Hammeke: Not in the student section where it is expected, which we would like to encourage.

Legislative Affairs Dir. Hughes: Spoke with students recently on this matter, and the majority were against moving the student section, so I would like to know how vital the revenue to fund this change is to sacrifice the current atmosphere we have in the coliseum.

Hammeke: There is an ongoing revivalist to get more revenue. It's an opportunity to generate more funding. I don't know if we are sacrificing atmosphere as much as we would be changing our atmosphere. To answer your question, we are all looking for more ways to generate more revenue through whether it be through advertising or marketing or sales which comes with more success. The need to grow is apparent in the league.

Senator Zerfas: Will this be the same set up for volleyball as well?

Hammeke: Will can do different configurations for volleyball and wrestling which was a point made during bidding in regards of portability and retractability flexibility of the bleachers. Our focus would be to pull people closer to the stands for volleyball, and is currently different chair back set up for volleyball than basketball.

Senator Miller: If we have another Blackout the coliseum and manage to pack the coliseum where would the overflow go?

Hammeke: Straight up. Straight above the North and South ends for general admissions due to the top 7 or 9 rows on the East and West sides are all reserved seating.

Senator Miller: If students wanted to sit or had to sit in the chair back section would they have to pay for a ticket?

Hammeke: Hypothetically those would be reserved, but I don't know at this time, but we would probably have to, because we sell the reserved seating.

Senator Matsko: Participation of students to sporting events is only 7%. I think we should find more ways to support our teams. Is there anything the athletic dept. is doing to get students to these events?

Hammeke: When teams are winning we see more student and general populous turn out. The weekends tends to be weaker due to the amount of students who leave for home, and generally we have a better attendance throughout the weekdays and would like to focus on the weekends. Yes, we are making efforts to contact the students and to get them to the games and involving them in half time activities. Hope to see it improve.

Legislative Affairs Dir. Tyler Hughes: Aesthetically will the bleachers affect the pep band's location?

Hammeke: No we wouldn't want to move the pep band.

Legislative Affairs Dir. Tyler Hughes: What would you need from your representatives of the student body to show you that students want this, would you need a quantitative or qualitative?

Hammeke: I wanted some general reaction, and I don't want to lose students. We want them to come and have fun. If this configuration hurts that, is not what we are looking for. The more feedback the better, like this meeting.

Senator Hansen: Will the students be near the pep band?

Hammeke: Yes.

Senator Zerfas: From the scheduled home games that we have, are any of them scheduled to be Black Outs?

Hammeke: Yes, March 1st.

Senator Zerfas: Are we doing anything to show more school support and a better sports environment? I think it would help people come to the games.

Hammeke: Feb. 16 will be "Gold Rush" and March 1st will be "Black Out" in efforts to

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bring unity and team support. Envision towels and giveaways for appropriate times and areas would help.

Ex. Assistant Diana Ohl: On either one of the two Black Outs or Gold Outs would you be willing to try out the students sections on the North and South ends to see if that affects the atmosphere?

Hammeke: Yes, would love to. Mark: Our south end of the coliseum is presently reserved seating with sold tickets. The north end would work and would help against the opposing team.

Senator Newton: Agrees we show try it at the Blackout games to get student's perspective.

Hammeke: Will try to make it happen.

Senator Purdy: Get rivalries on both side could be a win lose situation or just make an executive decision and just do it.

Senator Manly: Will this be done over the summer?

Hammeke: Yes, to be done between July 1 and Aug 15.

Senator Zerfas: What is the status on renovations of the baseball fields?

Hammeke: Took bids on the field and hopes to get done before the start of the season but due to weather it has not been started. New score boards, outfield fence, ceiling, backstops, and restrooms can be expected in the near future. Meeting Feb 13th to determine when renovations, between the 13th and 19th window of March, can be completed. If not, renovations will be pushed back to the summer.

VII. New Business

a. First Reading of Bill 08/S/105: Phi Alpha Theta Appropriations Request

b. First Reading of Bill 08/S/106: New Senator Ratification. Added by Executive Order.

Nicolene Van Sittert for Social Science constituency and Amanda Attig for General Studies constituency.

Senator Manly moves to Emergency Business. 2nd by Senator Purdy.

Senator Newman moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor. Into discussion of bill.

Senator Brownfield for candidates of senator positions to state their purpose on senate.

Candidates follow through as asked.

Senator Davis: Van Sittert - How do you plan on mobilizing students?

Van Sittert: Addressing certain issues to students.

Senator Purdy: Van Sittert - Where are you from?

Van Sittert: South Africa.

No Objections to direct vote. All in favor. Bill passed.

VIII. Old Business

a. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/103: 10% Club Appropriations Request

Senator Newman motions to consider bill. 2nd by Senator Edwards.

Moved to discussion.

Senator Edwards: Can 10% Club present plan of action.

Jared Hanson (Pres. of 10% Club): to address the senate on the purpose of the 10% Club.

Senator Newman: Are there still 8 students in 10% Club?

Pres. Hanson: There are 7 currently.

Senator Newman moves to amend the bill to read 7 students instead of 8. 2nd by Senator Newton. Moved to discussion.

Senator Davis moves to pass by unanimous consent. 2nd by Sen. Newman.

No Objections. Amendment passed by unanimous consent. Moved to discussion of amended bill.

Sen. Davis: Can we get the breakdown on fees?

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VP Engel: Currently in the process of doing so.

Sen. Edwards: What type of fundraising does 10% Club do?

Pres. Hanson: Attend events to raise money by selling cookies, condom roses for condom week for Valentine's Day, as well as a 2nd Annual Drag Show for April.

Sen. Davis: How does the 10% Club add value to the university?

Pres. Hanson: Provide workshops to make students aware in efforts to create more unity between gay and straight students.

Sen. Davis: How do you currently perceive the status of awareness amongst our students?

Pres. Hanson: It's getting better due to new additions and ideas to create awareness, safety, support and comfort of the gay community such as "Safe Zone".

VP Engel: Continued breakdown of fees. Committee recommendation of meals to be \$168 dollars, lodging at \$210 dollars, and registration at \$350 dollars totaling at \$728 dollars.

Sen. Maseberg: Checked off on calculations.

Sen. Davis moves to amend bill of new changes. 2nd by Sen. Purdy. Moves to discussion.

Sen. Davis moved to pass amendment by unanimous consent, one objection, back on discussion.

Sen. Newman: How does registration drop \$200 dollars by moving 1 student?

Treasurer Trista Lalicker: Believe registration to be mis-calculated due to the change of 11 students, and is actually reduced by 4 students.

Sen. Newman moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor. 1 abstention.

Sen. Davis moves to direct vote for bill to read \$728 total dollars. No objections. Move to direct vote. All in favor. 1 abstention. Bill passed.

b. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/104: TECA Appropriations Request

Sen. Davis moves to consider bill. 2nd by Newman. Moves to discussion.

Sen. Edwards: Can TECA explain where their plan of action.

Mark Bogner (Pres. of TECA): Asking for \$1000 for lodging in Salt Lake in Feb. TECA to compete in six different competitions. A regional competition victory in Pittsburgh, KS allowed for a national level representation. Currently have roughly 20 members in TECA with 11 going to Salt Lake City. Make pin sets for alumni virtual college, and always looking for labor jobs for fundraising. Raised \$1500 dollars through pin sets. Set up signs and participate in Toys for Tots program and Western Kansas Technology Fair and Senior Day. Conferences are a great way to connect and network with schools with recognition at a national level. Breakdown of costs are registration at \$650, lodging at \$1300, transportation at \$850. Students are responsible for ITA at \$35, and entire trip at \$150, totaling at \$185 per student.

Sen. Winter moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor. Bill is passed.

c. Second Reading of Waiver 08/S/100: Allocations Funding for Non-SOC Recognized Organizations.

Sen. Newman moves to consider bill. 2nd by Sen. Edwards.

Sen. Davis: Don't see why not to not do again this year.

Sen. Davis moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor. Waiver is passed.

d. Second Reading of Waiver 08/S/101: Equipment Fund Percentage Change

Sen. Edwards moves to consider waiver. 2nd by Sen. Winter. Moves to discussion.

Sen. Davis: What are the exact dollar amounts for the 3 and 5 percentages?

Pres. Gillogly: 3% = \$17,490 and 5% = \$29,150

Sen. Davis: How much on equipment fund used today?

Treasurer Lalicker: \$3,363 and have 74% budget remaining, and started at \$12,930.

Sen. Davis: Is 3% too steep?

Sen. Matsko: What would 2% be?

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Treasurer Lalicker: 2% = \$11,660

Sen. Newman: 3% is more than sufficient will 74% remaining.

Sen. Davis thinks 3% is a little excessive supports lower percentage.

Sen. Edwards: Last year saw a big cut.

VP Engel: Allocations committee has a minimum \$60,000 to cut and 2.5% would bring \$14,575 dollars.

Sen. Davis moves to amend bill to read 2.5%. 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier. No discussion.

Moves to direct vote. All in favor by raising right hand. No opposed, no abstentions. Bill passes amended at 2.5%

Sen. Purdy moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor. Amended waiver passes.

IX. Announcements

a. Orientation Advisor Applications, Due TODAY 2/7

b. Kansas Republican Caucus, Saturday 2/9 @ 10 am, check-in begins @ 9:30 am

c. Higher Ed Day: 2/13 with Kansas Board of Regents

d. Crisis Management Team will be here next meeting (2/14) to discuss the FHSU Crisis Management Plan with the senate

e. EOF FINAL Deadline, Thursday 2/21 @ 4:30 p.m.

f. VIP Student Ambassador Applications, Due Friday 2/29

g. Women's Leadership Conference, March 28 @ 8 am to 5:30 p.m.

Sen. Stegmaier: Exec. Review committee to stay to discuss more issues.

Andy Smriga: UAB announcement of former Packard show and spread the word. 7:30 p.m. @ Cody Commons

X. Adjourn

Sen. Hertel moves to adjourn. 2nd by everybody.

VP Engel adjourns Senate Meeting.