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**Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room**

### Majority

Simple: 14

2/3: 18

- I. Call to Order  
VP Engel to call to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Roll Call  
One absence: Sen. Gian
- III. Guest Speakers
  - a. Pamela Trantham & Melissa Barb, Kelly Center (Take Back the Night)  
Take Back the night a rally to make awareness to sexual and domestic violence (silent crime) in need to raise more awareness and educate body as much as possible. Need to raise money by providing service hours. Form teams, like Relay for Life to band together for the cause. Packets available to catch up with event information for March after spring break. Find out how to donate money or items in packets or contact the Kelly Center for further questions.
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. President  
Gillogly on the Crisis Plan discussed last week and a Northern Illinois moment of silence. Tiger Impact Meeting: Continued the planning for Freshman Orientation. Selected a speaker for the morning session. Request from Classified Senate: Man their voting booth for the upcoming election in May to convert the FHSU classified staff to the University Support Staff system. Weekly Meeting with Shana: Discussed soccer resolution and manners to keep students informed and updated on what is to take place. You Decide 2008: Gave a presentation to McMIndes Hall residents about the upcoming election, candidates, caucus process, and voter registration process. Thanks to LD Hughes for all his help. EOF: deadline today, and spent a great portion of time answering phone calls, and last minute questions. Buttons and candy handed out today for VIP Ambassador Drive with more info found on wrapper. Buttons from Higher Ed Day.
  - b. Vice President  
Attended allocations hearings on Sunday. Prepared individual recommendations for this upcoming Sunday meeting. Attended weekly meeting with Shana and the financial aid appeals meeting on Wednesday. Also met with two student groups this week regarding their allocations hearings. Took care of usual business in office and prepared for the upcoming senate meetings with the soccer recommendation and allocation bill on the table. A lot to prepare for.
  - c. Executive Assistant  
Traveled to Chicago for Alpha Kappa PSI convention and to Topeka for KBOR. Polo money due, two shirts remaining.
  - d. Treasurer  
Attended the Student Organization Committee Meeting. Sunday attended the Allocations meeting worked on allocation recommendations this week. Also worked on finishing the funding for KBOR and Higher Ed Day. Prepared material for appropriations meeting with legislation for tonight.

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- e. Administrative Assistant  
Tried to beat a cold this week. Assisted executive staff this week with usual business taking phone calls and answering questions as they arose. Prepared for tonight's meeting and look for to an invigorating meeting. Let's Begin!
- f. Legislative Affairs Director  
Recklessly served hours this week. End of last week, did a follow up on Higher Ed Day with some of the other regent school LD's. Monday was first meeting for student fee review, committee determined that it was best as an oversight. Looked into budget for athletic program that should be available by next week's meeting. Attended the You Decide 2008 with Pres. Gillogly to discuss the caucus process with Gillogly and was happy to see that many students with that much interest in the political process.
- g. Webmaster/Historian  
Sickness struck this week. Updated new senator information onto website.

### V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations  
Heard request from Block and Bridle, Speaker Event request heard from Delta Ti Alpha, Model United Nations up for 2nd Reading for trip request as well as Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Ti Delta, and a trip request for First Reading for the National Teachers Science Education.
- b. Senate Affairs  
Committee discussed constitution and changes to recommend for the future.
- c. Student Affairs  
Attended food service meeting in regards to the number of students eating at the Union vs. McMIndes with hopes to even that out. Talk about fresher food at McMIndes and more advertising and a link on the website called dine-out for students to post comments, all in efforts to balance both eating halls. Resolutions for tonight.
- d. Legislative & Political Action  
Proposal from Student Health. Discussed the soccer proposal. Please take advantage of Open Forum tonight. LPAC available throughout the upcoming week to help educate students/senate on the soccer resolution. 6:30 next week.
- e. Allocations  
Attended allocations hearings again Sunday. Thanks to Sen. Maseberg. Attended the Alpha Kappa PSI trip with EA Ohl in Chicago. Have budgets done and have them emailed.

### VI. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 08/S/110: National Science Teachers Association Appropriations Request
- b. First Reading of Resolution 08/S/100: Soccer Recommendation
- c. First Reading of Resolution 08/S/101: Support for Northern Illinois University  
Sen. Davis moves to consider resolution. 2nd by Sen. Engel. Any discussion on emergency business? Sent to emergency business by unanimous consent. Any objections by unanimous consent? None, on to discussion of resolution 08/S/101. Open to discussion.  
Sen. Engel: withdraw  
Sen. Davis: moves to pass resolution by unanimous consent. No objections. Resolution passed by unanimous consent.

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### VII. Old Business

a. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/107: Model United Nations Appropriations Request  
Sen. Newman to consider. 2nd by Sen. Davis. Open to discussion.

Sen Davis: Interested to know how trip went?

MUNA Rep: Trip went really well. Do a high school conference in fall and a Salina workshop for gifted students to get students more involved. Hope to go again.

Sen. Newman moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor? One abstention. Bill passed.

b. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/108: Tau Kappa Epsilon Appropriations Request  
Sen. Newman to consider. 2nd Sen. Winter.

Sen. Newman: Rep of Tau Kappa Epsilon on trip?

Epsilon Rep: Trip went well learned about leadership styles, recruitment techniques, delegation, and proper etiquette and organization.

All in favor. One abstention. Bill passed.

c. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/109: Sigma Tau Delta Appropriations Request  
Sen. Edwards to consider. 2nd by Sen. Winter

Sen. Brownfield: Rep from Sigma Tau Delta to present trip please.

Morgan (Pres. of Sigma Tau Delta): Requested 1,000 dollars for Louisville convention.

Core speakers to listen to and interact with fellow Sigma Tau Delta organizations around the country.

Sen. Davis: How does this add value to the university?

Morgan: Gives students opportunity to experience an academic english conference.

Students are able to submit work (Morgan with short story accepted and present) in a conference style setting. Gives ability to network with other english dept.'s which are opportunities not made very often.

Sen. Davis: move to direct vote. Any objections? Yes. Back on discussions.

Sen. Brownfield: still 8 people going?

Rep: yes.

Sen. Stegmaier: moves to direct vote. No objections. All in favor. No abstentions. Bill passed.

### VIII. Open Forum

Note: VP Engel moved Open Forum to item eight from six by executive order. No objections.

Sen. Engel: questions for soccer? lets get the soccer proposal discussion started

Sen. Purdy: lets keep it to 5 minutes per starting with Dr. Patty Griffin please.

Dr. Griffin: Please consider the revised proposal from 2 dollars to 1.20 dollars is the fact that Western Kansas is a shrinking area, and we have a demographic problem recruiting more students, which in turn helps keep tuition lower overall. There are 6,000 registered competitive soccer players in Kansas alone which are high school students. The majority are the younger kids who are developed into good players whom don't have the opportunity to play at FHSU. College soccer is not available here. In the state of Kansas there are only 3 DII's schools with soccer. Newman and Washburn are considered public institutions, and Emporia is the only collegiate level considered inst. for women. Men = have just two schools to compete for. Shouldn't be limited as it is. Kids in town with recruiting pool potential without the university to go to. As senate, you should think of the good of university and students. Four years most of you will be gone. If population continues to dwindle and demographics cease to change, tuition will go up, whether there is a fee for soccer or not. Without the people = raised tuition. As a alum of FHSU, and an advent fan of athletics, knows my kids won't look at FHSU because they want to play

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soccer. Opportunity is lost in Kansas. Population is not western Kansas. State of Texas 275 reg. competitive players in the state. MO = more than 20,000. There is a desire for soccer. Think about the kids of the future. FHSU prides for civic minded and leave better than what the had.

Sen. Einsel: which sports we lost and why?

Dr. Griffin: Gymnastics in 1986, and cancelled softball which was brought back.

Swimming; the pool built was not of legal size for competition. All since 1980.

Sen. Engel: Why was softball pulled?

Dr. Griffin: Issue of recruitment and didn't have tiger stadium or facility. Commitment brought back due to Title 9. N: If soccer is added for men, women would see the same under Title 9.

Sen. Manly: What was the most recent sport brought back other than softball?

Dr. Griffin: Wrestling. Years ago

Sen. Brownfield: You said sports have decreased over the years. How would soccer be any different? How was gymnastics different from soccer?

Dr. Griffin: Gymnastics was dropped due to cost of injury rate. Gymnastics had also declined in the state of Kansas with no recruiting pool to draw from. Soccer is the most rapid growing sport in the US.

Sen. Davis: Hammeke do you agree?

Hammeke: Everything is accurate. Regional competition is the question for soccer. Soccer does, gymnastics didn't.

Sen. Zervas: Injury rate due to cut of gymnastics. Soccer is third highest in injury rate per competitor, behind ice hockey and football. Would this be a cause to drop soccer later on due to this injury rate like gymnastics?

Dr. Griffin: Yes it is third, but significantly behind second and first. Insurance had been an issue for those times, late 90's and 2000. Those cost are not retained by soccer players. Better students, graduate, and potential donors to come and give back to their university.

Sen. Winter: No competition? Around here there are only two soccer teams, who would we compete against?

Dr Griffin: We're talking about regional comp., not outside of state competition. If that were the case we wouldn't be able to compete. But we do compete outside the state. We were able to compete in the NAIA, RMAC and now with MIAA due to the out of state competition available but issues are still the same with soccer.

Sen. Dietz: Statistically does soccer bring in more revenue? Observing those with soccer vs. those without soccer.

Dr. Griffin: Revenue generating sport with the last 30 years = Basketball. It has been the only revenue generating sport. Significant in the 80's and mid 90's. Large support base in this town and kids to play soccer. They are leaving to play. Soccer players are typically very giving and good people.

Sen. Newton: What makes you think soccer going to be a revenue sport?

Dr. Griffin: Didn't say it would. Not in the US. Again basketball is.

Sen. Hertel: Why would soccer stay here? After spending all this sport.

Dr. Griffin: Proposal is for a competitive sport not a club sport. Volley ball from 92-95 for an example of an unstained sport.

Sen. Hanson: Do you still think people are still going to be interested even if it's still at a competitive sport rather than a club sport?

Dr Griffin: Club sports are different form competitive sports, there's more on the line with competitive sports, scholarships, paid coaches, the program.

VP Engel: Point of information, on parliamentary procedure.

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Sen. Gnizak: Talent? Is there a considerable amount of talent to draw from?

Dr. Griffin: Yes there is a olympic development offered to students here in Kansas and are being sought out to train even as far as Florida. Yes there is talent.

Sen. Gnizak: Would choice of colleges be moved from FHSU due to this kind of talent?

Dr. Griffin: There has only been two that have come through our door that have been looked at as a possible Olympic athletes, and those are being drafted. Most of our soccer players are simply looking for scholarships.

VP Engel: Senate Reminder: we represent the students who pay the university activity fee. Any students here that are paying the fee that would like to share their thoughts? Rep. thought anyone?

Chris Johnson: Disappointed that students don't take the opportunity who don't come out here. Work for the athletic dept., and stat our games. Swam for eight years with brother, and feel it's important to see what they are are doing. I am personally fine with soccer if funded by some other means. I'm not a soccer fan so may be bias. Not sure on raising the student fee for soccer. See the interest in America growing and is the main sport in the world. But soccer is not there yet in America, how great is the interest. Demographically, there are better ways to crack it than soccer. 40 something students to play but how many would come just to watch soccer. Will soccer make money? Not a revenue sport, again basketball and football will make that revenue. Hammeke = ultimate goal to generate revenue. We only have one revenue sport that being basketball and recently disappointed in attendance, it makes it hard to see the reason to add a sport that will lose money. Advertising and more aggressive recruiting for demographics as possible alternate ways to fund.

Davis: Are there alternate ways to fund soccer?

Johnson: I don't know, I feel it's up to the people who want soccer. Not sure if tuition is the way. As a tuition paying student I don't know if this is the way to support the soccer team.

Genesis: grad student in english dept. with five children with a forward thinking manner. Thinking on the now and the future of the kids. Perfection of something new is not realistic, but the benefits of small change and increase will be more valuable, and give kids opportunity to play if they want to, that are good enough to play here. To further them in their life not their sport. In Johnson county every kid plays at age of 4. Just because we in midwest don't play now, doesn't mean our kids won't.

Sen. Engel: What is your message to our current students and how this will benefit them now and are paying the fee right now?

Genesis: The honor to invest in the future.

Sen. Zervas: How many scholarships are we going to offer?

Hammeke: 7 = women and 4 = men. due to Conference restrictions

Sen. Zervas: Why we need to add a sport that takes away? I realize we want to bring more students to campus, but we can do that by more aggressive recruiting. Adding 1.20 to tuition will only cover 45% startup fee and we'll need more staff and funding then originally thought, more trainers and so fourth. Why more money that won't bring more money

Hammeke: Opportunity for the future kids in the sport, and the thought of it's growth. Athletics brings exposure of the FHSU. To impact the community and through community service. Believe it or not most of the sports don't generate more money than costs to make sport possible. Only top 3 teams in the nation usually do.

Dr. Griffin: Athletic training for those kids in the program. Academic standpoint will give athletic trainers more opportunities.

Sen. Zervas: follow up, only way to do that, according to how the athletic training dept. is

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accredited by, which I would know very well, is to add a full-time certified athletic trainer for those students to train under. We are going to need two more certified athletic trainers although still a great opportunity to see more injuries for trainers.

Dr. Griffin: Radio TV and INT would benefit greatly as well. and sports writers.

Sen. Winter: Adding soccer is not the only way. Add it back in as a club support to see how it goes. Not to go straight to a fee to add soccer as competitive sport at the collegiate level. Not a direct question.

Sen. Matsko: I went on my recruitment trip at FHSU. My questions on my own recruiting trip to FHSU was one; do you have graphic design? and two; do you have golf?

Unfortunately they didn't have enough money for all players to get scholarships, and couldn't play. Why are we not funding those sports that we have now that are in need first?

Hammeke: Yes we are trying to better our programs. NCAA equivalencies dictate a lot by roster and how we can fund our programs. Percentages dictate scholarships outside of FHSU's control due to the roster and the NCAA regulations. Baseball as an example. Partly institutions and partly NCAA control funding for programs.

Sen. Kruse: What percentage of student body make up athletes total? What percentage of our student body attends our revenue generating sport, basketball?

Hammeke: approx. 10% roughly, how many are active and attending? You can probably answer that better than I can, but I don't imagine it being much more than that 10%.

Pres. Gillogly: Point of Clarification: on campus total and athletes being?

Hammeke: Total = around 5000 and our Active Athletes = around 400

Dr. Griffin: On virtual students being athletes as well.

LD Hughes: To highlight some underlying concerns, I think you're missing the point that this is a lot of money. Only a \$1.20 per credit hour, but that's a lot of money, especially for someone who supports themselves fully. And that's not the money you will be paying. And certainly, the money I am paying at this college will be double what you kids will be paying, more than likely. So considering just how much money this is, do you feel that this is necessary and the only way to improve recruitment on this campus.

Hammeke: I don't believe it's the only avenue to improve recruitment on this campus. Dr.

Griffin: I would say also no that's not the case by in regards to our kids not paying we still support the alma mater.

LD Hughes: Are you paying student fees?

Dr. Griffin: No, not right now.

Sen. Miller: Being a student athlete, I didn't know where Fort Hays was until I was recruited. Now many back home now know where Fort Hays is due to a few Alum's. We are student-athletes, and we do have a lot of kids coming back and giving back. I believe it will be a good step for those students and the university to fulfill that passion to play a college sport, but to also come to a school they may not have known of otherwise.

Sen. Quinonez: Seems like there is enough money going to athletics, why not funding into other outlets of the university.

Sen. Davis: We currently pay \$5.11 per credit hour. Comparing our sister schools: per semester as full time students : \$115 = ESU/\$85 = Pitt. State. Money raised: ESU = \$950,000 for their athletic programs and Pitt = \$900,000 from student funding. FHSU = \$600,000. Elected as senators to rep students, but how do we know how the students think if we are not proactive in student body?

Sen. Purdy: We are not ESU. We are FHSU, we have a low tuition, and a great benefit, affordable, people wouldn't come here for that if we raised the tuition. The majority of the students do not want soccer. I do rep. the students and they say no. If all your constituents say no what would you do? Although you do have a civic duty to your

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university and community?

Dr Griffin: A vote amongst the student body. If majority say no you should vote no.

Sen. Einsel: 7 scholarships? both men and women?

Dr Griffin: No. play in different conferences. Dictated differently for different conferences.

Hammeke: Women are offered more scholarship than men to offset title 9. Golf, tennis and soccer for examples.

VP Engel: Student in audience to speak. Any objections? 1 objection

Sen. Einsel: full ride scholarships?

Hammeke: No. 20 players to split that money.

VP Engel: Any objections? 1 objection

Andy Smriga: Resolution to address: You not voting yes or no for soccer, your voting whether or not to give power to the students. In a special election if you vote yes now and it passes there will be one, or you can vote no and kill it. The main discussion is, Do you want students to have a referendum? I think you should be asking which way is best?

Hope you look into on what your really voting on, and make amendments to it, and make a deadline of March 12th and 13th for a referendum, which I'm not sure if that's adequate time to educate our student body. Beating a dead horse. Exercise your right as a student.

VP Engel: point of clarification: can't have a special election within three weeks of general election.

Sen. Engel: What's your opinion on soccer?

Smriga: I believe its one opinion, and need to move to have student body vote. It comes down to educating our student body.

Sen. Engel: How do you suggest we mobilize our student body?

Smriga: There's going to be one side that's more passionate. So that it equals out and balances we need student body to vote. Requires going into the classroom, a forum, don't have all the answers.

VP Engel: 561 Mr. Smriga. Any further direct questions?

Sen. Purdy: Would UAB be interested in helping mobilize students?

Smriga: Yes I would can't speak on whole org.

Sen. Newton: Will soccer players have to pay for own things or through Athletic Dept.?

Hammeke: I believe through the athletic dept.

Sen. Kruse: Lose students due to increase in tuition.

Sen. Brownfield: If we are already having problems with golf and track, how will it be different with soccer on scholarships?

Hammeke: It wouldn't be any different for soccer. Would be striving for the same in each program to grow as others do. Budgets comprised by state funding and outside resources to make programs grow, but all of our programs are able to compete and do what they need to do.

Sen. Gnizak: At \$1.20 How do you see the 80 cents to doing more?

Hammeke: Additional Institute or state dollars or outside dollars.

Sen. Hertel: scholarships?

Hammeke: DI football has 85 full ride scholarships. DII has 36 full rides with same number of players. Equivalency.

Sen. Hertel: amount of money split in sports than amongst the players.

Dr. Griffin: Equivalent of a full ride has different value due to the differing tuition costs. Scholarships are divided in teams. It's not co-mingle.

Sen. Engel: Students currently pay 5 dollars. Currently 16? 11 and 5 cents divided into 16. the increase is significant for two more teams. (1.05) Why? teams = sixty cents to each team.

Hammeke: Walk-ons and differing valued players will make up the difference.



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VP Engel: Hammond must consult with student body correction

Sen. Purdy: We need as much info as we can get. Encourage senators to read over the resolutions.

Sen. Zervas: LPAC. Best attempts to notify the students of the vote?

Sen. Davis: We all have to be proactive.

LD Hughes: Will be going into classrooms before hand. ADP will be spreading the word, poster routes.

Sen. Newman: Anyone in the gallery to bring concerns in.

Brady Peters (Christian Challenge Rep): Missed Allocations meetings. Want to apologize, and not to offend.

Sen. Zervas: withdrawn

Sen. Brownfield: Christian Challenge? Why didn't you show?

Katerina Walters: No reason. No excuses. Sorry.

Sen. Purdy: Thank you for sitting and waiting.

### IX. Announcements

a. Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Open House, Tuesday 2/26 @ 7:15 pm

b. VIP Student Ambassador Applications, DUE Friday 2/29

c. Tiger Basketball, (Student Section Experiment) Saturday 3/1,

Women's game @ 5:30 pm & Men's game @ 7:30 pm

d. Women's Leadership Conference, March 28 @ 8 am to 5:30 pm

Oh! Student Scholarships out still. Congrats to Sen. Zervas on internship with KC CHIEFS

### X. Adjourn

Sen. Purdy moves to adjourn. 2nd by Sen. Brownfield. All in Favor

VP Engel adjourns meeting 8:48pm