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Thursday, September 11, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 11

2/3: 14

I. Call to Order

VP Engel called meeting to order at 7:10pm.

II. Roll Call

Administrative Assistant Shellnut

III. Guest Speakers

Kelly Center Tutors

Joel Mason, Kelly Center Tutor: Kelly Center has moved to the 6th floor of Weist. They are still doing tutoring, which is free and confidential. Walk-ins are available but not guaranteed. Some upper level of tutoring is available depending on the student tutors at present. Maggie Denning leads the tiger series workshops. The next upcoming workshop is about being safe at Oktoberfest. Most of the time you can get extra credit for visiting the Kelly Center. It is here to help new and older student's study skills. Spread the word about the Kelly Center, a very valuable place.

VP Engel: With the renovation of Picken Hall, a lot of the offices and facilities previously located there have been moved to 6th and 7th floors of Weist.

IV. Executive Reports

a. President (Tyler Hughes)

I have been to several committees this week, a couple of issues I would like to bring up during open forum with student and senator feedback. I've been prepping LD Anglemyer for next week's trip to the regent meetings. I've finished up appointments for university standing committees. I would like to commend Sen. Zerfas for printing flyers and posting them in Cunningham Hall this week. He posted them with issues that SGA will be dealing this year, which included his contact information for his constituency to see. It's a small thing that all of you could do and hope you will in the future.

b. Vice President (Cole Engel)

The Executive Assistant takes care of the seating chart. To help streamline this process, find a spot you are comfortable and sit there as often as possible so KFHS can turn on the correct microphones and the cameras will be able to hear you. You should have picked up two brochures; one is the SGA brochure which outlines the executive staff and senators that will change with the ratification of new senators. The inside discusses what SGA is and includes some platform issues. One of those is the recycling initiatives. If you notice that the back of the agendas and legislation is copies from prior years. We felt this is a good way to use the scratch paper. The next is the green budgetary process brochure. It will be discussed during our two budgetary seminars to be held on the last Tuesday in September and the last Tuesday in October. They will be held at 7pm in the Stouffer Lounge. Returning senators do not need to attend but all new senators will need to attend one. This outlines some of the rules in the constitution and how the funding process is run. It is a quick reference sheet. An e-mail was sent out for two SGA members to serve on the Oktoberfest Review Committee. It will be at 1:30pm on Monday in the Smoky Hill room.

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The last item I would like to discuss is some policy changes regarding food service this year; the new student organization food menu. Highlighting, a 20% discount, the student organization advisor needs to fill out the form to receive the discount. Student organizations can now bring outside food into the student union after 4pm during the week and during the weekends. Approval process goes with that service. You can bring outside food with a catering limit of less than \$100. Catering office hours, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Another change this year is tray less use in McMIndes dining hall to use less water and be more resourceful. We are now serving organic tomatoes from local farmer in the area.

Served office hours and working on updating forms for the office. Appropriations committee approved some of those this evening. The forms will be up on the web for groups to use. Attended several committee meetings and met with several groups who are anxious to turn in forms for Appropriations and Equipment Fund.

c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)

Updated last year's minutes, served office hours, sent around a new contact information sheet for corrections.

d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)

Served her office hours, sorted all documentation from previous years to be shredded and recycled. The monthly trip to Topeka for the Kansas Board of Regents meeting has been approved for September 17-18. The documentation has been approved with an estimate of \$54 in travel expenses. The treasurer's report, salary expenses and taxes for the August 10-23 pay period, printing lab services, equipment supplies, and publicity accounts have all been updated for the administration that have incurred so far this fiscal year.

e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)

The simple majority is 11 and the two-thirds 14. Contacted senator applicants, wrote the minutes, served office hours, and attended to administrative duties.

f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)

Served office hours and started work with Pres. Hughes on getting contact information for public candidate forums that we plan to have before elections.

g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)

Fulfilled office hours, updated the website, repaired links.

V. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)

Revised the funding formulas for the school year and updated funding forms for the speaker event, equipment fund, and trip request. Watch for meeting time for next week.

b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)

Met at 4:30 and heard 12 applicants. Thanks for applying, there were more applicants than seats available. There is a bill out tonight for ratification. Continue to watch for open seats and stay involved.

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c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)

Discussed what sort of issues are going to be brought up this year and ones to be more involved with. Have a really strong group with great ideas. Meet at 6:15 next week.

d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)

Briefed new members on the athletic fee proposal that was tabled at the end of last year. Discussed possible projects for the year. Will meet at 6:30 next week.

VI. Open Forum

VP Engel: There has been scheduling conflicts with the homecoming queen that was nominated and elected last week. We will elect a new homecoming queen candidate this evening. If there are no objections we will pass the ballots around again and re-vote on the remaining two nominations. Those are Sen. Miller and Sen. Hansen. Sen. Miller is absent at a volleyball game this evening, but either would appreciate your vote.

Pres. Hughes: I passed a sign-up for our lemonade stand on the 25th of September from 10-3. We need volunteers, the staff is helping out but we have classes and obligations. I will be there all day and we need some other people. We need people manning the phones because I will be making deliveries. There will be people calling into the office. We will be setting up around 8AM; anytime you can donate will be great. Thanks.

Sen. Smriga: I was on the athletic website and found something new they are doing. The MIAA conference now is live streaming a lot of the games so all of our conference games will be on the web. There is a 40 mile radius block out for home games but for away games we can watch them online. The basketball games are being live streamed. I think they have a few other sports but there's an announcement on the athletic site but if you go to themiaa.com there is a link for free membership. You just add that for free every time. We are able to watch our sports. I came across that a couple of weeks ago.

Pres. Hughes: Something came up in a meeting this week that I would like feedback from everyone. What are your feelings on the online enrollment and advising process that we go through every semester? We've been doing it for two years now. I think our pilot started two years ago. I know Tisa and Shanna would like some feedback.

Sen. Stegmaier: Tiger enroll is a great tool and it makes enrolling quite a bit easier. At the same time you really don't get to know your advisor and a lot of them don't require you to come. They just pop you classes in, approve them, and you're good to go. You don't get to develop that relationship with your advisor. I actually gained some good feedback and knowledge.

Sen. Zervas: I agree with Sen. Stegmaier. The way my advisor did it was I still had to come in and meet with him before I enrolled because in our program there is a specific way of taking certain classes or when you are taking those classes. I still got to meet with him but for a lot of my friends they didn't have to meet with their advisors. I just think that is a bad way of doing it. If we were to meet with our advisor it would be a lot better for us so that way we would know which classes to take, when and which teachers are better teachers. Not necessarily easier teachers but better that will get you a better education for your money. Our teachers do talk to each other and know what is going on on-campus. I think if we met with them they would definitely help out all of us as a whole.

Sen. Munson: I agree with Sen. Zervas as far as meeting with the advisor but I think it's a good thing as far as when there's a conflicting office hour. They get a specific e-mail about scheduling and enrolling. I think it can be a positive. As far as my advising goes they still require that I have to

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come in and chat with them about the upcoming semester. I think it can be a good thing as far as having problems getting face to face.

Pres. Hughes: Obviously this is something you need to talk to your constituency about. More specifically what we'd like to hear from are our second semester freshman, which might be hard to find at this time of year, or sophomores that have never had the face to face method that I had when I was a freshman. If any of you remember we used to have a scheduled time with our advisor and go in and meet with them one on one and work out our schedule and they put everything in the computer. Well, we have two classes on campus that have never done that. Those are the students we want to hear from. We want to know whether or not they feel lost cause they don't know what they're supposed to be enrolling in. Or whether or not they are indeed meeting with their advisors or they're getting positive feedback all the time. Those are the type of questions we want to answer.

Sen. Quinones: I'm a sophomore and since I came here it's just been that way but I still meet with my advisor before I enroll online. So I still get her input and I've done this every semester since. So it's been helpful for me.

Sen. Hansen: I agree with almost everyone who has spoken right now. Even if your advisor does not demand you show up and speak with them, there are so many things that you can learn from them. My experience is that I have been able to put my advisor on a resume for jobs that I've been looking for that are in my field of study. If you go meet with your advisor and they get to know you, they can vouch for you in those and tell people how great you are and that you take your major seriously. You do learn a lot of great stuff from them. They are really great people. They just like to sit and chat too. So if you're looking for a good talk, why not?

VP Engel: Any further discussion? I will also remind the members of the executive staff and the audience that open forum is open to all students. So if members of the executive staff or students in the audience would like to address this or any other items for that matter, please feel free to do so.

Sen. Smriga: I've noticed that webmail is down a lot during the daytime. Probably half the time I try to get on in the daytime I've had not luck. I don't know if anyone knows if there is an issue going on with it or it's just the system's not the greatest. But I've just had a whole lot of frustration with it and didn't know if anyone has any inside on that. I reboot it or restore. A lot of time I can't get into it. I know my first day I needed to get at my campus schedule I couldn't get on it because blackboard was having issues, which I'm sure was a big issue. There was a lot of excitement when it first came out. I found a whole lot of frustration in it and wish the old webmail was back from about 4 years ago honestly.

VP Engel: You're talking about the webmail through TigerTracks right?

Sen. Smriga: Yes, I don't think you can get there otherwise.

VP Engel: I will communicate that concern. I'm your representative of the ITPAC committee, which is the Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee, which handles those types of issues. I will go ahead and contact the chair of that committee in advance and see if there isn't a known issue or if they're working on it. I do know that at the end of last year they were migrating the old scatcat system to a new server system. It's supposed to be a more reliable, quicker service, more space. For one thing I've noticed the more space is there, instead of the standard 50meg mailbox, we have a 100meg mailbox. But I will discuss those issues with the CTC folks and hopefully we will either have some answers or discussion topics for our next meeting.

VII. New Business

First Reading of Bill 08/F/102: New Senator Ratifications

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Second Reading of Bill 08/F/100: SGA Executive Staff Ratification

Sen. Purdy makes a motion to discuss this bill.

2nd by Sen. Stramel.

Sen. Winter: Move for a direct vote on 08/F/100.

No objection to a direct vote.

Discussion ended and the vote totaled: Y=20 N=0 A=0

Bill passes.

Second Reading of Bill 08/F/101: SGA Annual Budget Ratification

Sen. Purdy makes a motion to discuss this bill.

2nd by Sen. Ladd.

Sen. Engel: I have one question about the publicity budget. It's \$181.50 actual in 07-08 and we're up to 1200 for proposed 08-09.

VP Engel: At the start of the year as for some additional publicity that we wanted to do this year for several events that the SGA is either holding and/or sponsoring. So this publicity budget will go to pay for posters, flyers, and University Leader ads to announce our advanced polling site, to possibly announce our lemonade stand, to announce other issues that are going on on-campus. We have not always used the Leader as a source for ads. We get a lot of our coverage in articles and things like that, but we wanted to send some of our budget that way to purchase ads and outline some things that SGA is working on this year. So that's why we inflated that a little bit for this year, actually a lot of it for this year.

Sen. Winter: Move for a direct vote on 08/F/101.

No objection to a direct vote.

Discussion ended and the vote totaled: Y=20 N=0 A=0

Bill passes.

Sen. Purdy motions to move bill 08/F/102 into emergency business.

2nd by Sen. Ladd.

VP Engel: I will ask each of the applicants who were recommended to the senate this evening to come to the mic and introduce yourself. Tell us your name, your major, and a little bit on why you want to serve on the SGA. We will go in the order that it is in the bill.

Andrew Leiker: I'm a Physics and Math major and hopefully I will represent the natural sciences. I'm interested because last year there was a lot talk about the soccer stuff and I heard a lot of people in the sciences that were concerned about it. So I think that made me really interested to help represent them in the senate.

Jenna Brown: I'm a Management and Marketing major and I just want to get involved with Student Government because I want to give back to Fort Hays what it's given to me. I think it would be good to get more involved on campus. Thanks.

Kara Melchert: My name is Kara Melchert and I'm in the nursing program. I want to be in Student Government to be more involved on campus.

Katelyn Milton: My major is General Studies and I want to be in SGA because I wasn't very involved and I want to know what is going on. So I want to be more involved.

Yasmine Chavez: I'm an Early Childhood Development major. I want to be in SGA so I can represent the student body and also represent a little bit more diversity on campus.

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Tanner Welsch: Hi, I want to be in SGA because I want to be more involved of what goes on on-campus and the changes that are going on. I'm a Biology major and I anticipate us getting a lot done this year.

Nana Brammer: I'm Nana Brammer and I'm a Political Science major. I'd like to be in the SGA to represent my constituents and just be involved in the decisions that affect my life and their lives.

David Kohman: Like you said I'm David Kohman and I'm a freshman here at Fort Hays. My major is Computer Science. I would like to be a part of the Student Government Association because I've looked at a lot of the clubs and activities that I could get involved in on-campus. This is the one that I saw that I could actually do the most good in and actually affect everyone's lives for the better.

Tyler Thompson: Hi, my name is Tyler Thompson. Excuse my voice, I've been sick the last couple of days. I'm an INT major and I'm interested in joining Student Government because I want to help student voices be heard and be a part of the decision process that affects us.

Jordan Roston: Hi, I'm Jordan Roston. Actually, I didn't find out about SGA until about 11 o'clock this morning. I want to be in SGA because I found this meeting and I think it's really cool and a good way to actually affect the campus that I'm on and make sure people get their voices out.

VP Engel: That will conclude the candidate introductions.

Sen. Leer: Move to pass by unanimous consent.

2nd by Sen. Munson.

No objections and the bill passes by unanimous consent.

VP Engel: Congratulations to our new senators. I would like to encourage all of the applicants to stay involved in the campus, chosen or not chosen at this time. Definitely stay involved in the campus and in SGA, pay attention to what's going on across campus, and definitely pay attention to the seat vacancies that we have. Encourage your friends to apply. I know it's a very difficult decision. We had a lot of applications this year. This is actually the first year since I've been here that we've had so many applications. With our ratification tonight, I think we're going to have about 6 seats remaining in SGA to fill, which is very good progress for the second week of our meeting. A very hard decision, I personally served as the Senate Affairs chairman 2 years ago and it's very difficult to go through the applications. We had very good candidates this year. I encourage you to stay active and definitely pay attention to what's going on in the SGA and the campus at large. That will conclude our business agenda for this evening.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Senator office hours have started, make sure you are serving your time.
- b. Tiger Football at home Saturday 9/13 @ 7 p.m. vs. Washburn, TAILGREAT!
- c. Aikido Seminar, Friday 9/12 to Sunday 9/14, Cunningham Gym 121
(Hosted by the FHSU Aikido Club, FREE due to support by the SGA)
- d. Tiger Volleyball at home Wednesday 9/17 @ 7 p.m. vs. Missouri Western
- e. LEADOFF, Friday 9/19 & Saturday 9/20
(Contact Tigers in Service, service@fhsu.edu, 785-628-5537)
- f. State Higher Education Lemonade Stand, Thursday 9/25 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- g. SGA Profile Pictures, Wednesday 9/24 & Thursday 9/25 @ 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
(Forsyth Library - Lower Level)
- h. SGA Budgetary Seminar, Tuesday 9/30 @ 7:30 p.m. - Stouffer Lounge
- i. This year's homecoming queen candidate will be Senator Hansen.

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j. On September 22nd Board of Regents will be on campus. There is a 7:30 am breakfast. They are inviting 20 faculty senate and 20 student senate members.

k. Watch e-mail about standing committee assignments for new senators

l. Leadership Studies Association is hosting a (free) BBQ from 430-gametime. We will be in lot 62-64. Will answer questions about the organization.

m. Intramural Sand Volleyball, last day for sign-up is Friday September 12.

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Sen. Zerfas, 2nd by Sen. Winter

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51PM