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### MINUTES

Thursday, November 6, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	13
2/3:	17

- I. Call to Order
  - VP Engel calls to order @ 7:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Guest Speakers
  - a. Present check to the United Way of Ellis County for the “Spooktacular Quest for Change”

Pres. Hughes: We had the “Spooktacular Quest for Change” on Friday. I would like to thank everyone who helped. It was run by SGA, Tigers in Service, the Center for Student Involvement, and the United Way of Ellis County. We were able to raise \$170 which is being donated to United Way. This is the first student driven fundraiser for United Way and hopefully the first step in a long and prosperous relationship between United Way of Ellis County and students at FHSU.

- IV. Executive Reports

- a. President (Tyler Hughes)

Thanks to all of the volunteers again for helping out on Friday and would like to make note that Quailman and Joe the Plummer managed to raise the most money. Election night in the library took up most of the week and the attendance for the evening blew everyone away. He would like to thank LD Anglemyer and Exec. Hachmeister for all of their help in preparation for the event. In President’s cabinet this week there was the first reading of a policy on peer to peer file sharing. The policy has not changed much but it is now in writing and will be up for second reading next month. More importantly there will be a new link on their website for legal music downloads. The economic reports for Kansas were received this past week and will fall \$111 million short in tax revenue, 3.5%, according to the reports. This is the more liberal side and there are estimates from the governor’s office that are much lower. Pres. Hughes attended a meeting with the Program sub-committee and is trying to go through the program sub-review process according the KBOR procedure protocol. Finally, it is one young man’s 24<sup>th</sup> birthday and he would like everyone to join him in singing Happy Birthday to LD Corey Anglemyer.

- b. Vice President (Cole Engel)

VP Engel participated in the Spooktacular Quest for Change on Friday and the White House Party on Tuesday night. He attended an ITPAC on Wednesday. Some of the things that were discussed included the peer to peer file sharing and purchasing options for a new web content management system, which they will be moving to as recommended by the marketing group on campus, and their options to buy the new software for the new content management system for the university’s website. The CTELT (Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning Technology) have done reorganization and they are discussing the possibility of creating virtual advising team. This team would be made of faculty members specializing in

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advising only the virtual students of FHSU. The director of the CTC, Dave, would like students to know they are working on the scatcat e-mail system as far as getting an independent system that can be used outside of the TigerTracks portal. They are working on a system that will not only let you in the portal but access out of the portal, similar to how blackboard works.

c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)

EA Hachmeister attended a teleconference in place of Pres. Hughes who was not able to go with the Student Insurance Advisory Counsel, attended the White House Party in Forsyth Library on 11/04, and served his office hours.

d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)

Treasurer Sellard attended the election night at the Forsyth Library, contacted organizations about first and second readings, and updated the treasurer's report for October, which includes the salary expenses, administrative expenses, appropriations and equipment,

e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)

AA Shellnut updated the minutes from last week's minutes and served her office hours.

f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)

LD Anglemyer helped Pres. Hughes make the finishing touches for the White House party. SGA appreciates everyone who attended, they weren't expecting the impressive turnout of people, but waiting for the outcome results of the election was entertaining. He plans to have congratulation cards in the SGA office that we would like senators to help write. The cards will be sent out to state representatives and senators, from the first district, which were either elected or re-elected into office during the recent election. These can be written during senator office hours.

g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)

Webmaster Mercer updated the website with new bills and agendas. He would like all the senators to check out the website and let him know of any comments or errors that are found.

### V. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations (Acting Chair: Jason Stegmaier)

Discussed the equipment audit during committee, which will be a lengthy process; there is one bill up for first reading, and another for second reading.

b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)

The senate social is on Friday 11/14. Senate Affairs interviewed one candidate who is up for first reading tonight and they have one more interview for next week.

c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)

Student Affairs will be putting together a resolution for the U.S. Public Service Academy. The book has been in the SGA office. Sen. Smriga put together a sheet of Q&A's from last week's meeting with Carol Solko and there are copies in the office along with other handouts. Discussed how students can outreach the international students on campus and addressed the faculty lounge proposal.

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d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)

Talked about more recycling in the Union and are planning to meet with Bill Smriga, the Director of Memorial Union, during next week's committee meeting.

### VI. Open Forum

Pres. Hughes: Cole and I want the senate's opinion on having a new faculty lounge in the Union and what they think about the faculty lounge taking up space in the Union. The current plan is to use the State Room which is the little room off of the Ballroom.

Sen. Winter: Is there one now and where is it?

Pres. Hughes: We don't have one right now that is specified for all faculty members on campus. There might be a couple around campus departmentally but the faculty would like a place for all staff members to come from all over campus to use. It would be for coffee, lunch, and a place to relax between classes for faculty members. It was brought to planning last year and was funded through action plan money.

Sen. Hansen: Is this the primary location that is being looked at for the lounge?

Pres. Hughes: There were lengthy discussions with Bill Smriga about where to put the lounge in the Union. Aspects such as size of the room, location, and the room least reserved were taken into consideration, the State Room is currently being looked at.

Sen. Purdy: Will students lose access to the room that will be used for the faculty lounge?

Pres. Hughes: The basic idea talked about in the policy board is that there are hours of operation for this room and after that time in the Union then it could be given to students, groups, or anyone who would like to use it.

Sen. Engel: What are the operating costs for the Union and the breakdown?

Pres. Hughes: They are using their one time money. As far as I know, there is no actual budget plan drawn up. It will be presented this next week.

Sen. Engel: As it stands right now as the Union operates who pays for it? Are the students paying for the operating costs of the Union and the use of this building or is money coming in from somewhere else that is paying for the building? If the students are supporting the building then why are we turning over one of the rooms?

Advisor Meyer: They get commission money from Chartwells, catering, the Union Bookstore, and any room rental that comes from off-campus groups using this building. The mission of the Union speaks about service to students and faculty staff.

Sen. Winter: I think it's a good idea for our faculty to have a place to come together and not only departmental but the FHSU faculty as a whole.

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Sen. Munson: How about other universities? Do they have something similar to this on other campuses?

Pres. Hughes: It is our understanding that a lot of other universities have facilities like this. I don't know where they place them. I think this was created from people traveling to other universities that already have a facility like this and asked why FHSU does not have one. I will add that there are other locations being looked such as Forsyth Library, Cunningham Hall, and the Meadowlark Room in the Union. The question that came up in policy board that we would like feedback on is Sen. Engel's question. There are other forms of money coming in but how the students feel about allotting this space in the Union to faculty. The faculty makes a strong case of the lounge not only enhancing the environment of the Union but also the academic environment on campus. That is what we are hoping to get some feedback from students.

Sen. Purdy: When are you going to give the feedback to the policy board?

Pres. Hughes: We will have the possibility when they present on Monday. Policy board has not yet made a decision on this and there are four of us in this room serving on that advisory board. We also have faculty senate as well. We will have a chance to deliver that feedback.

Sen. Purdy: So you have that meeting next Monday?

Pres. Hughes: We do not know when the final vote will be.

LD Anglemeyer: How exactly did they say this was going to benefit the students or the academic environment for the faculty?

Pres. Hughes: First off, the funding will not come from student fees. They feel that a lounge would cause the faculty to become more engaged and revitalized because they would have a place to go and would not be burned out so much in the workplace. It is stated in the rationale statement "in addition the lounge concept has been developed to enhance the overall mission of the Memorial Union, serve as the community center for the members of Fort Hays State University community, including students, faculty-staff, alumni, and guests." That's a summation of their rationale statement.

Sen. Quinones: I think that the Union is the most practical spot. It's more accessible as far as food goes if they want to have lunch in their faculty lounge. It makes more sense.

Sen. Ladd: Do we know how much the State Room is used during the allotted times per day, per week, per month? It's hard for me to say; yes we can let them use the room, if it's being used every day. It's not that I don't disagree that faculty should have somewhere to go and gather together. If we don't know what room we are going to designate, how much it's used, it's hard to make any decisions.

Pres. Hughes: I'm sure we can find that out.

Advisor Meyer: Bill Smriga said that it is the least reserved room in the Memorial Union and the times that it is reserved, there has never been a time where another room in this facility was not available.

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Sen. Purdy: As long as it's not being used a lot and it's open to them. It does a number of things for teachers. It gives them a place to relax and take care of themselves. I think it does benefit us because the teachers come back to the classroom and they are less stressed out. They come back to the classroom and they are a better teacher. So it does benefit the students in that way.

Sen. Sexson: If this takes effect, when would this take affect and will it be closed off for remodeling? When will it be open for teachers?

Pres. Hughes: They have to have a plan to spend this money by the end of this year. We will know more on Monday. The plan to spend the money has to be in by the end of the year.

Sen. Smriga: I ran into Jason Rule and he owns Coffee Rules. He has created a website called playhays.com. I hope you all take advantage of and look at it. He has been to UAB in the past couple years to discuss it but what it's really come to be is the premier place to advertise your events online. There's ways that it can take information and send it to your own calendar on your website as well. If you submit something on [www.playhays.com](http://www.playhays.com) there is a chance for it will go up on five different web pages in addition to playhays.com. If you think there is nothing to do in Hays it's growing to a site to show you what there is for you to do. Some of the bars and coffee shops are involved in it. Jason says that he's missing out on FHSU because he's getting involved in it. The Encore Series is getting involved with it. Overall, university events are not being put on the website. He thinks it could really help get the word out to the community. I think it's going to come forward and become a great site for Hays. It has a very easy setup to post events. Jason would be more than happy to talk to organizations.

Pres. Hughes: I want to stress the importance of the scheduling factor. We have had issues with events on campus being held at the same time on certain nights. When you have an event you try to work around which night you will have the best attendance. Take a look at this site when scheduling events for your organization.

### VII. New Business

a. First Reading of Bill 08/F/109: Student Feminist Organization Speaker/Event

b. First Reading of Bill 08/F/110: New Senator Ratification

Sen. Winter motions to move the bill to emergency business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Purdy. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

Brent Cline: I am a freshman and a student wrestler. I am involved with athletic training, the athletic training club, and if you would like to know anything else I'd be happy to answer questions.

Sen. Purdy: Why do you want to be on senate?

Brent Cline: I was involved in numerous clubs in high school and wanted to start being involved in leadership and thought to start in college.

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The bill is moved to a direct vote and the bill passes by unanimous consent.

### VIII. Old Business

#### a. Second Reading of Bill 08/F/108: Accounting Club Appropriations

Keysha Urie: I am the President of the Accounting Club. We are taking our annual trip to Kansas City. We are asking for money to help pay for hotel and gas.

Sen. Purdy: What are you doing on the trip?

Urie: We will be visiting the Federal Reserve Bank and their money museum, an investment bank firm called State Street, and an accounting firm called Grant-Thornton.

Sen. Hertel: Are there still eight of you going?

Sen. Munson: Have you done any fundraising for this trip?

Urie: We sold t-shirts at Oktoberfest and raised \$500 which will help pay for the trip. We are also hoping to have a scholarship at the end of the year for students and the fundraising helps pay for that.

Sen. Hansen: When you explained the trip you didn't say anything about meal costs but it has it on the form. I want to make sure you're still looking for funds for that.

Urie: We requested more money than the \$560 and we assumed that amount would only cover the hotel and gas. So there wouldn't be enough for meal.

Sen. Winter moves to a direct vote and the bill passes.

### IX. Announcements

#### a. Student Theatre Festival, Friday 11/7 & Saturday 11/8 @ 7:30 pm – Felten-Start Theatre, MH

(Tickets are \$5 at the door, presented by Fringe Theatre)

#### b. Visiting artist on-campus, Drive By Press, printing t-shirts on the Union Patio, Friday 11/7 @ 10:30 to 12 noon & Saturday 11/8 in front of south entrance of Rarick Hall, 9 to 12 noon

#### c. Tiger Football vs. Central Missouri, Saturday 11/8 @ 2 p.m. – Lewis Field (Last Game)

#### d. Allocations committee nominations & election will take place at next week's meeting

#### e. Alpha Gam Lip Jam – Alpha Gamma Delta Lip Sync Contest – Thursday, 11/13 @ 7 to 10 pm – Cody Commons, MU

#### f. Senate Social, Friday 11/14 @ 9 pm – Judge's

(will be passing around a sign-up sheet next week to determine attendance)

#### g. Eric Vincent, a French singer, will be performing at the Robbins Center on campus 11/07 @ 10:30a.m.

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- h. Leadership 310 group is putting on a basketball tournament in December. See Sen. Kennedy Hansen for registration forms. Registration fee is \$12/person with teams of 3 or 5.

- X. Adjourn  
Sen. Munson motions to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Attig @ 7:38p.m