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Thursday, February 26, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	14
2/3:	18

I. Call to Order

VP Engel calls to order @ 7:05pm.

II. Roll Call

Admin Asst Shellnut calls roll.

III. Guest Speakers

a. Shana Meyer, Orientation Assistants

Realize that not everyone knows what an OA is. An OA assists with the 4 Tiger Pre-Enrollment sessions and the fall new-student orientation. They help students become familiar with the resources, create a fun and welcoming atmosphere for new students, help students select their classes, and answer any questions the students have. OA's must have an overall positive attitude about FHSU. The OAs are the first interaction with students that incoming freshman have to FHSU. There are a few training sessions for new and old OAs. The program has changed a little this year. FHSU will be having a combined parent-student session at the beginning and then the OAs will take students to their departments and have the advisors help student pick out their classes. OAs will be more of an assistant to the advisor and a mentor to the student. The dates are April 18, April 25, May 4, and June 8. Also OAs will help out with Freshman Orientation on August 21. Tiger Impact follows orientation which OAs are able to help out with as well. It's a great leadership experience and something to put on your resume. It's a great way to get to know FHSU and share your experiences with incoming FHSU students. The OAs receive a stipend of \$200 in August after all the sessions are over. You do need to have a 2.5 GPA to apply and have been on campus for 2 semesters (freshman can apply). We will be hiring about 30-35 orientation students. In addition to the freshmen, there are dates for transfer students as well. The dates are April 27, April 28, and June 9. The deadline for applications is March 4 and the interview dates are March 5, 6, 9, and 10. You will sign up for an interview time when you turn in your application. Applications can be downloaded on www.fhsu.edu website. Click on the Tiger Pre-Enrollment link; click Orientation on the left side menu, and then Orientation Assistants. If you have any questions, I am always at student government or you can e-mail Shanna Meyer at slmeyer@fhsu.edu or give either Shanna or Rachel at call at 785-628-5824.

IV. Executive Reports

a. President (Tyler Hughes)

Started off with the EOF committee meeting on Monday. The recommendations will be out next week. The first reading will be March 12 and the second reading will be March 26. Have been answering questions and directing organizations on how to proceed for Allocation's recommendations. There will be a booth in the Union to further the letter writing campaign to the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives. Submitted an action plan last semester to have 12-15 trees to be planted in the Quad but unfortunately strategic planning was suspended. So instead SGA is taking donations

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get a couple of trees on campus, maybe 2-4. They are \$200 a piece and hopefully they will be planted on Earth Day, April 22. Wishes Luke Hachmeister a 26th birthday.

b. Vice President (Cole Engel)

It's a busy time for SGA regarding the Allocation's process and working with organizations for the first and second reading of the Allocation's bill. This meeting and next meeting are two of the most important senate meetings of the year. The Allocations process is one of the most important things that are done in SGA. Your vote could ultimately make the difference of whether or not an organization receives an adequate amount of funding for next year's activities that they are planning. It is very important that every constituency is fully represented at the second reading of the Allocations bill. Be prepared for a lengthy meeting filled with respectful discussion and constructive debate. Please ask any person on the SGA senate or executive staff if you have any questions regarding the Allocations bill or have any other questions.

c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)

Exec. Asst worked up tri-brochures for Cody Commons, finished the minutes from last week's meeting, and served his office hours.

d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)

Attended the last of the Allocation's meetings, sent weekly e-mails to organizations with bills up for readings and hearings this evening, and wrote recommendations and legislation for the Allocation's bill which is up for first reading.

e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)

Was out of the office for a few days but served office hours.

f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)

Attended EOF committee meeting on Monday. Had a meeting on Thursday with the Council on Preparation of Teachers and School Personnel. Took a look at the teacher education admission's standards and admitted 26 to student teaching for next fall and six to the teacher education program. Among the 26 for student teaching is Sen. Engel. Designed signage for the booth in the Union on Friday for tree donations and the letter writing campaign. Thanks the three who have written letters. Happy Birthday Exec Asst Hachmeister.

g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)

This week the Webmaster served his office hours, made updates, and started working on a few things on the website.

V. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)

Had one hearing from the Fort Hays Association of Nursing Students with a trip request. There is a trip request up for second reading for Sigma Tau Delta. There will be no requests up for second reading next week due to the second reading of the Allocation's bill.

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- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
Conducted an interview, discussed some constitution changes, and will not meet next week.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)
Discussed professors using blackboard, the availability to use Tiger Cards at vending machines and washer and driers on campus, and will not meet next week.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)
Discussed a possible joint resolution with the other regent schools asking for additional support for the Pell grant and to subsidize the student loan programs.
- e. Allocations (Sen. Winter)
Had the last set of Allocation's meetings on Sunday and made the final recommendations. Presents a thank you letter to Advisor Shanna Meyer for all she has done for SGA and being with the Allocation's committee throughout the whole process.

VI. Open Forum

Emily Griess: I am the President of the Block and Bridle Club out of the Agriculture Department and also a representative of the FHSU Livestock Judging Team. I would like to apologize if there was any miscommunication to the Allocation's Committee for the carry over. There were not many questions at the hearing and I didn't know it was something that would be addressed there. We requested \$14,000 and were recommended only 55% of the requested amount. A lot of the money will be cut from the judging team. I would like to bring up that the Block and Bridle Club is one of the largest clubs on campus. We are involved on campus and in the community. We put on FFA district contests for dairy and livestock judging. We're a voice for agriculture at the FHSU and represent the students well. The judging team members are expected to be active and contributing members to the Block and Bridle Club. They are not students free riding on Block and Bridle. I am a contributing member of Block and Bridle and most of my team is as well. This cut will take a toll on the amount that the judging team will be able to travel next year. Before submitting the Allocation's request we cut out a lot of contests that we normally go to because of the carry over. The carry over is going to help provide to some of those contests and I am requesting that we can get 70% funding back, which would equate to \$9,800. It would add \$2,110 back. If you added back the \$2,110 we would be able to go to the Houston Livestock Judging show, which is requested at \$1,000, the Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth is \$870, and the Stillwater Practice Contest is \$400 which equates to \$2,250. Those contests are some major contests. They are national contests and if our team doesn't go then we are not recognized as a team. In traveling to those contests, there is livestock at those contests that we don't see here in Kansas that we are able to judge. At the Southwestern Livestock Exposition we judge horses. I'm requesting that when you go back through the recommendation that you look upon us with favor.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Do members on the judging team receive scholarships?

Griess: Yes. We receive \$500 when we are traveling. You come to the judging team in the fall but you don't compete/travel until the spring. They compensate you with \$250 for

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attending practice contests mentioned in our request then you receive the \$500 scholarship when you travel to contests.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Are there any kind of guidelines for the scholarship that say you have to compete at a certain amount of competitions?

Griess: There isn't an application, necessarily, for it. If you are a traveling member of the team then you are rewarded those scholarships.

Sen. Hansen: What do the scholarships cover?

Griess: We have to enroll in a course to be on the livestock judging team to keep us involved and accountable to the activities that go on with the team. For the livestock judging team there a lot of traveling expenses that don't get covered. We only asked for registration and hotel costs. We spend a lot of money on things such as food which are not covered by the Agriculture Department or Allocations.

Sen. Purdy: If you were going to Houston, how many people would participate?

Griess: All 7 of us will judge in Houston and all 7 of us will take part in the activities.

Sen. Leer: You said \$9800 even is what you need it to be?

Griess: When I calculated 70% of \$14,000, \$9,800 is the number I got.

Sen. Purdy: I'm confused the on rollover error. Where is that money now?

Griess: I don't know if it was necessarily an error or if it wasn't brought forth. There was a switch in the livestock judging coach last year and the team that had the carry over quit because of the change and didn't judge. The money allocated for them to judge was left in the account. We didn't have a team for the following fall because a lot of the recruiting takes place in the spring. He didn't have a team recruited for the following year. The roll over money was budgeted for the team that we lost but we had to have money there incase there was a team.

Sen. Purdy: You have the money though?

Griess: We do have the carry over money minus what Block and Bridle has already spent was about \$6,310. With the carry over we even cut out contests with the understanding of having the carry over. All the money we requested is going to be needed to cover contests that we had budgeted for minus the carry over.

Sen. Ladd: So the carry over, is in a 6 digit account?

Griess: Yes, it's in the SGA account.

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Travis Camac: I'm a member of the FHSU Rodeo club. I was a former member of the rodeo team and I competed at the college rodeos in this region and went to the college national finals. We had a \$200 as a membership fee and I think there was a misunderstanding. I think you saw that as a membership fee for each member. There is a membership fee for \$255 for each member and that is the personal membership. The \$200 that we had in our budget requested was for the school's membership. Each school in the region that wants to compete has to pay that fee. We don't benefit from that fee. If the school does not pay the membership then the team points will occur over the year as we compete. They won't count if we don't pay our membership dues every year. There's also a \$700 utility cut. The utilities are to run the outdoor arena behind the municipal golf course. The state doesn't pay for the utilities such as the lights. We also practice at the indoor arena when it is colder and is paid for by the state. There was a \$3,444 cut on travel expenses, figured at \$.30 a mile. Everyone that is traveling pulls a truck and a trailer. You wouldn't get as good of gas mileage in a smaller vehicle. If we have the \$3400 cut in the travel expenses it will cut the expenses down to \$.19 a mile. That will only probably cover half of what the fuel and traveling expenses will be. We're proposing that those funds be reinstated.

Sen. Ladd: How do you determine how many people go to each rodeo?

Camac: It depends on how many horses need to be taken or hauled. Right now we have about 14 members on the team. They take about 5-6 rigs. Next year we already have 11 new recruits that will be on the team. This will put us up to 24 competing members. This is projected at about 7-9 trucks and trailers going to each rodeo.

Pres. Hughes: Can you explain why, in the committee's recommendation, mileage was excessive? Can you explain why it was so much more than last year?

Camac: The reason you are seeing it as excessive is because that's based on the 5-6 rigs going this year with 14 team members. There will be about 15 more competitors going and it will increase the trucks and trailers to at least 9 for next year.

Sen. Purdy: In Student Affairs, what were the issues with blackboard?

Sen. Smriga: I sent an e-mail to Larry Gould and he's going to look into it. Basically, we've heard complaints about professors not using blackboard and putting students on blackboard especially when there are multiple courses. Also a lot of general education classes not utilizing blackboard. I know it's an ongoing to debate and how faculty senate feels about it. It's difficult to track our grades and difficult not to have an electronic syllabus. It's just to encourage faculty to utilize blackboard. We're waiting to hear back on that right now. I'll let you know when we hear more about it though.

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 09/S/108: Allocations Committee Funding Levels & Rationale

VIII. Old Business

- a. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/107: Sigma Tau Delta Appropriations
Sen. Winter motions to consider the bill with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

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Katy Edwards: The President of Sigma Tau Delta. I'm one of the three students going on the trip. All three students have had papers accepted to be presented at this conference.

Alexandra Walston: I'm Vice-President of Sigma Tau Delta and I'm also going on the trip.

Edwards: We've requested to go to the Sigma Tau Delta convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the end of this month. All students going have had papers accepted to be presented at this conference. We're also looking forward to the opportunity to network with other Sigma Tau Delta chapters around the nation and around the world. We would like to come up with more ideas to have Sigma Tau Delta become a more active chapter at FHSU and develop our membership.

Sen. Ladd: Can you give us what your organization is about?

Edwards: Sigma Tau Delta is the English Honor Society. We are dedicated to promoting the study of English, whether through the study of teaching, literature, or individuals creating their own pieces of literature. In the past we have been solely an honor society made up of juniors, seniors, and graduate students, but we are trying to become more active on campus. We held the Banned Book Bash last fall during the Banned Book week sponsored by the American Library Association. We have some events planned for this upcoming spring.

Sen. Winter moves for a direct vote.
Y=27 N=0 A=0
Bill passes.

IX. Announcements

- a. Second Reading of SGA Allocations Bill, Thursday 3/5 (all organizations requesting funding must be present for this reading)
- b. Orientation Assistant Applications, DUE 3/4/09.
- c. Attend the 2nd Annual Walk Away 5K April 4. Registration is @ 7:30am and the race begins @ 8:30am.
- d. Sign up to be an Orientation Assistant. It's a wonderful experience.
- e. The Women Leadership Conference is Friday March 27.
- f. ATSO TigerLAN 19 on Saturday February 28th @ 1PM-3AM.
- g. Kansas Corps is helping Chapman with tornado relief on April 4 from 9-5pm. Meals and refreshments will be provided.
- h. Baseball, FHSU v. Truman Friday 2/27 @ 3pm, Saturday 2/28 @ 1pm, and Sunday 3/1 @ 12.

X. Adjourn

Sen. Purdy motions to adjourn with a 2nd by Sen. Munson @ 7:45pm.