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Thursday, March 26, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	16
2/3:	20

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Roll Call
Admin Asst Shellnut calls roll.
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Tyler Hughes)
The information for the EOF is on page 30 of your constitution. Once we get to the bill please refer to that section in order to help make your decision.
 - b. Vice President (Cole Engel)
Business as usual. Participated in COBL Dean Search Committee
 - c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)
Worked on the Navigator Award, finished past minutes, and served his office hours.
 - d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)
Completed travel requests for organizations and prepared legislation for the meeting.
 - e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)
Updated previous minutes and served her office hours.
 - f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)
April 29 will be the first day that the House returns to session. Come by SGA and write campaign letters. Keep it in mind.
 - g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)
Made some updates on the website and served his office hours.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)
Had three hearings for trip requests and two bills up for second reading.
 - b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
Discussed having an end of the year social event.
 - c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)
Cleared up some questions about EOF.

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d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)

Have a resolution up for first reading. Decided the timing was bad according to scheduling. Please contact the Union if you have any questions.

VI. Open Forum

Marla Staab, Director of Clinical Services from the Herndon Clinic: I would like to make three points to the funding we are making. We have been a long standing program through EOF funding. The EOF committee suggested last year that we open up to more students. It has been really well received. The second point is that the Herndon Clinic is a revenue generating entity but we don't charge students for services. We appreciate the support of the SGA.

Sen. Engel: As I can see, have you looked at the levels of the funding. We don't have a lot to work with but how much more are you thinking?

Staab: Several hundred dollars would be appreciated. I remember last year that we were told the funding this year would be really different.

Sen. Smriga: How much would it have to be to be another position?

Staab: I don't think I would look for another position. It would be to better fund the student I have.

Sen. Stegmaier: Going through the constitution, it doesn't say that they can't. I know it has happened in the past but what do we think about that?

Sen. Stegmaier: The precedent does change and people do change their minds.

Sen. Engel: I think we need to try and remain as consistent as possible.

Pres. Hughes: I can't imagine a better place for money to go other than student organizations.

Sen. Stegmaier: For Senate Affairs, is there any way if senate affairs can make change this?

Sen. Winter: Not this year but it could be done next year.

Dr. Keyu Jiang: I am from the Chinese Scholar Association. I found out that one import thing was cut. This student has the responsibility of program scheduling and organization. In this program we propose to have a Chinese academy. We are going to teach the Chinese language and script and perhaps Chinese cooking. This student coordinator will be in charge of the program. Most of the Chinese students not in the education program could help. I would like to ask the senators to consider this.

Sen. Leer: Are we looking at classes in the sense of college classes for credits or just as an extra curricular activity?

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Jiang: It's not going to be for college credit hours.

Sen. Smriga: Since they didn't have money to coordinate the program, will the program be able to happen? Would you be able to have someone coordinate the program?

Jiang: The workload we have put on our faculty is a lot. This is a very good education opportunity for students.

Sen. Smriga: Would there be any chance that the students teaching the program could coordinate the program as well?

Jiang: We want to hire an independent student teaching the program.

Debra Prideaux, FHSU's Alumni Association and Governmental Relations Director: I first and foremost want to thank you. I will tell you that the Alumni Association has been able to use the EOF funding in the past. We are asking for an intern position. At a state level, the funding level continues to be reduced. They are doing conferencing at the major budget at this time. We released a message to our alumni community. There are cuts that could impact students. I would ask for your every consideration for funding for this position.

Sen. Stegmaier: How exactly does this liaison create opportunities for students?

Prideaux: I know of in terms of what LD Anglemyer has said, we have a variety of different events that are going on. They do work with the legislatures.

Sen. Smriga: Would this be a new position or would it be a position that already exists?

Sen. Smriga: Would you talk about the learning opportunities of the students?

Prideaux: It gives them an opportunity to act. A number of folks have gone on to alumni.

Evelyn Toft, Modern Languages Department Chair: I would like to thank you for funding the tutoring. We did receive funding. Maybe if you all had some ideas about how we could gain funding elsewhere we would be glad to hear it. We are fine for next year but in the future would be hurt if the funding doesn't continue. The only other sources of funding would come from SGA. That's my concern for the future.

Sen. Quinones: I know that what you asked for is for tutors. Doesn't the Kelly Center have language tutors?

Toft: It's never good enough. It's not been consistent availability. Spanish is the only one they have often. That's not going to be enough for the students taking Spanish courses. I think it's good to have the language department to have someone constantly available to language students.

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Sen. Smriga: What other academic departments get funding and where do they get the funding from?

Toft: It may be built into their student labor budget? I don't know what we would do without the funding. If we weren't looking at student labor cuts then we would be okay but we are okay for next year. Its situation is going to be an economic crunch for our department.

Sen. Leer: Would there be a way to jointly fund with the Kelly Center?

Toft: I guess we could explore that. That could be an option. I think that the good thing about our tutoring services is they're each given a card with the tutor's information. It works better that way.

Sen. Purdy: I agree with Sen. Smriga. I think you could talk to other departments and see how they are receiving funding for departmental tutoring. They have tutors. Find how they fund their tutors.

Toft: I will do that. I thank you for the suggestion and your support.

Pres. Hughes: Sen. Engel hinted at this earlier. On the budget you received there is a surplus of \$2,000. We don't have that with the EOF, you would then have to cut money from a different program. EOF is different than Allocations. There are few new recommendations from the committee that you haven't seen in past years. I think last year we had \$97,000 requested. The increase doesn't seem like much until we sent them to Allocations. It's a really big increase in requests and a small fund. The fund was \$5155. A couple months ago we didn't even have a surplus. If you have questions don't hesitate to ask.

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 09/S/117: SGA Constitutional Amendments
- b. First Reading of Bill 09/S/118: SGA Constitutional Amendments
- c. First Reading of Resolution 09/S/100: Support for Increase in Federal Student Aid

Sen. Leer motions to move the resolution to emergency business, 2nd by Sen. Winter.

Sen. Leer: I would like to get this moved up because right now they are working on the budget. We need to get his in coordination with other regent schools to get them to pass something similar. So since we're kind of late in the game I'd like to move this along, get it going, and get up there before things are over.

Sen. Purdy moves for a direct vote.
Motion passes.

Sen. Winter moves for direct vote.
Y=30 N=0 A=0
Bill passes.

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d. First Reading of Bill 09/S/119: New Senator Ratification

VP Engel: I have been offered lunch tomorrow and \$100 to call Andrew Steppenwolf for Counseling and Education to be ratified as a student senator.

Sen. Winter motions to move the bill to emergency business, 2nd by Sen. Engel.

Sen. Winter: We wanted to move this through and allow the opportunity for Andrew Dempewolf to see senate for the next couple of weeks. He will fill out an intent to run form for next year but this gives him the opportunity to get the feel for senate before he starts next year.

Sen. Engel moves to pass the motion by unanimous consent, 2nd by Sen. Purdy.
Motion passes.

VP Engel: I will ask Andrew Dempewolf to come to the mic and introduce yourself to senate.

Andrew Dempewolf: I'm an elementary education major and a freshman at FHSU. I think I can help the student senate by my past leadership abilities. I've been on a quite a few in the past throughout high school, including student council and 4H.

Sen. Purdy moves for direct vote.
Y=30 N=0 A=0
Bill passes.

VP Engel: Congratulations Andrew Dempewolf. LD Anglemyer, I will be expecting that lunch tomorrow.

VIII. Old Business

a. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/114: EOF Committee Funding Levels and Rationale

Treasurer Sellard: Call roll of organizations receiving EOF funding recommendation from the committee. Absent: Physics Department/Engineering Club, Physics Department.

Sen. Purdy moves to consider this bill, 2nd by Sen. Leer.

Sen. Stegmaier: I was wondering if a representative from Delta Tau Alpha can come to the mic and answer a couple of questions.

Dr. Jean Gleichsner: I am a faculty member in the Agricultural Department.

Sen. Stegmaier: I was just curious, what are the extra positions going to do?

Gleichsner: We just got approved last year for a new option. Its part of the agricultural degree and the option is Ag Education. Right now we just have two students that are enrolled in the program. Our hope is that having these Ag ambassadors, they'll go out to the high schools and talk a little bit about opportunities at Fort Hays, to come and major in

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that program as well as some of our other options. We're trying to address a real need for Ag Education instructors, basically to advise or help with FFA programs in high schools. What we're seeing, and the reason we started the program, is that they were seeing a real need in western Kansas. K-State has the other program. A lot of those students are not interested in coming to western Kansas. For some reason they think it's desolate out here. So a lot of the smaller FFA programs are not being serviced. Our hope is that having students go out and talk about how important it is to promote agriculture that we can bring in more students for that major.

Sen. Stegmaier: How exactly is going out to these different events, FFA in high schools, is that an educational opportunity for the students who are going to be doing it?

Gleichsner: We're going to be using our DTA students who are better academic students and I think this is an opportunity for them to promote Fort Hays as well as to get a chance to work in a public setting, in terms of communicating about agriculture. Right now most of the Ag instructors are K-State graduates. When students start looking at places to go, if they're interested in teaching agriculture, they get told that you need to go to K-State. The idea is by having Fort Hays students relating to them that there's an opportunity at Fort Hays and that by coming to Fort Hays they will be getting a good education. Again, it will also give them an experience working in a public sector. That's what a lot of the FFA advisors will be recruiting students within the school to build their Ag or FFA programs.

Sen. Stegmaier: Why is Delta Tau Alpha making the request and not the Agriculture Department?

Gleichsner: I saw the opportunity come across the e-mail and I'm going to be helping with the Ag Education program. In fact, right now, one of the two students we have in the program is President of DTA and I just thought this would be another opportunity for the DTA students to get some experience. Often times, honor societies sometimes are looked to as ways to promote agriculture. That's actually one of our missions. So I thought this would be a good opportunity. We have 23 members. They are in all areas, not just Ag education but we have animal science and Ag business. We hope that we actually bring in several different areas of majors and give them an opportunity to talk about the fact that you major in Ag education but if you're not interested, we have these other options. They could also advertise those.

Sen. Smriga moves to suspend the rules of the constitution to allow the members of the EOF committee, who are not senators, to speak during the remainder of this discussion, 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Motion Passes.

Sen. Stegmaier: Can I have someone from the music department come talk about the composition commission?

Dr. Timothy Rolls: I am the composition teacher.

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Sen. Stegmaier: Is the reason for the request of the \$2,000 because departmental scholarships have decreased or are you just hoping to offer more?

Rolls: The decrease in the Music Department scholarships is part of it. It's more about offering an opportunity to our composition students that they might not otherwise receive and to help them bolster their resume. It's in part a professional opportunity.

Sen. Stegmaier: Is it required for their major or is it something extra they can do?

Rolls: Composing is a part of the requirement for the composition degree but writing a piece for our ensembles is not.

Sen. Engel: Do we have a new total?

Sen. Ladd moves for a five minute recess while the totals are being figured with a 2nd by Sen. Engel.

Sen. Leer moves to pass by unanimous consent.
Motion Passes.

VP Engel calls five minute recess @ 8:00pm.

VP Engel returns the meeting to order @ 8:06pm.

VP Engel: Is there anyone in the audience to represent the Physics Department? By executive order, the funding recommendation for the EOF request in the amount of \$2,610 will now be shown at zero and in the request for the Physics Department/Physics and English Club request for enhancement programs and student retention at \$2,552 will be shown at zero. Your new budget surplus for Bill 09/S/114 is \$7, 299.

Sen. Purdy moves to amend the bill to fund \$5,220 to the Chinese Scholar Association and remove the words 1, 044 for the student coordinator with a 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

Sen. Purdy: I thought he had some valid points when he came up and spoke about how important the position was. I felt like making the amendment so we could discuss it.

Sen. Ladd: What percent of the students will be FHSU students or is it open to the community of Hays?

Jiang: So far we don't know but we did a brief survey that showed there is 50 American students on campus interested in the program and there are 30 kids off campus that are interested in the program too.

Sen. Stegmaier: I have read over the proposal and for the student director position to be fully funded I think that would be a great idea to have some sort of student oversight for the program. This would be something great for Fort Hays students and community members as well.

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Sen. Ladd: What do you mean by kids?

Jiang: The age under the freshman, like under the age of 18. I have two kids, one 9 and one 3 ½ and both of them will enter this academy. This academy will follow the style of the Western Kansas String Academy. They are going to have different classes like Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and cooking. It actually depends on the students and the interests of the local people.

Sen. Smriga: It's hard to realize that while some of the people that will be attending the academy are not directly Fort Hays students. The learning opportunities are coming for the students teaching the classes, coordinating the programs, and students who attend from Fort Hays. It's a great outreach to the community and a great opportunity for our international students, our Chinese students, to share their culture at Fort Hays. I interpret the EOF as a good enough reason to give money as any.

Sen. Engel moves for a direct vote on the amendment.
Amendment Passes.

Sen. Skaggs moves to amend the bill to read \$2,200 for the Department of Communication Disorders, 2nd by Sen. Leyerzapf.

Sen. Winter: Can I get a rationale for that \$400?

Sen. Skaggs: They did add the conversation group this year and it's a great way for the community to get involved. It's not just international students. They also have English speaking students who go, work with them, and have communication between both groups.

Sen. Engel: I have a question for the representative. How much will the \$400 help? What could you do with an additional \$400?

Representative: It would be more equitable in terms of the graduate assistant who coordinates all of the activities and I don't know if she would be able to do more but it is a very time consuming job, in terms of setting up the conversation group itself, the communication. The extra money would be to enhance the assistantship for the student.

Sen. Winter: With the additional money from the lack of representation of other groups, I would be willing to give them more. She said she wouldn't be able to much more with \$400. I would rather hold off and give more than just \$400.

Sen. Engel: Do you have a number in mind that will help you?

Representative: This past year we were funded at \$3,000 and each semester the student earned \$1,500. It would be my wish that it could be at the same level. It would be up to your council to decide. There is a lot of work involved in coordinating students in Communication Disorders who also work with the international students. It would help.

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Sen. Smriga: How much would it help if it was split into two coordinators, like co-coordinators? I'm looking at how to give more students opportunities.

Representative: I have found that just one coordinator is best in terms of helping the international students know who to go to, there's one person. We have about 8-10 students who are majoring in speech language pathology who help in the program but it is part of their expectation to gain experiences in helping communications. I would still say that one coordinator earning a better stipend is what I would ask.

Sen. Smriga moves to amend the amendment to read \$3000 to the accent modification program for the Department of Communication Disorders, 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

Sen. Stegmaier: I don't think this would have any significant impact to the program that we will have to fund them at this level; otherwise any money we give them is pointless.

Sen. Leer motions for a direct vote on the amendment to the amendment.

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Amendment to the Amendment Passes.

Sen. Leer motions for a direct vote on the amendment.

Y=28 N=1 A=1

Amendment Passes.

VP Engel: The current surplus in the budget is \$5,055.

Sen. Stegmaier: Can we have a representative of the Athletic Department come up and answer a couple of questions?

Brad Haynes: I am with the FHSU Athletic Department.

Sen. Stegmaier: Can you explain what the placement of the students is for senate?

Haynes: The placement of the students is designed to take the majors that the students have, whether it's graphics, accounting, or marketing, and putting them in the different areas of the department and exposing them to the whole department as a business, as an athletic department overview. Then provide them with specific experience skills in their area of interest. They are going to take those skills and transfer them to the real world, whether or not they remain in the athletic world after they graduate college.

Sen. Stegmaier: In future years, if this program works out, how exactly is it going to get funded?

Haynes: We're hopeful that the combination of what we're able to do with those kids, both internally with the department and future cooperation with SGA is to continue to provide good experiences and benefits for the students. These kids are going to be coming in; a lot of them will be going out in the work force because of the experience they gained in the

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athletic department. They will return with positive feedback to their advisors and people that they interact with in their major fields. That's what we are hoping to continue and build it from there.

Sen. Ye: I have a question about the Information Networking and Telecommunication Department. Can you please come to the mic? You have listed the Victoria Project, what is that?

Dr. Keyu Jiang: Our University just launched a program. I am the leading faculty of this program. We want to promote our program and make our university recognized nationally and locally. We started to organize an information security competition this year. We are going to attend one regional competition in Denver and one national competition in future years. This year is the first year that we have organized this kind of competition. We have five faculty members and one GTA working together to organize this event. So far we have established state aid. There are many high schools and colleges participating in this competition. I would like to encourage students rather than faculties to organize this event. This event can give the student a kind of experience of how to organize this kind of competition and network and setup. I want next year for this event to be organized by students. This is the reason I have submitted this proposal.

Sen. Ye: What happens if you don't get funded?

Jiang: This is sad for me. This year five faculty and one GTA have worked hard to organize this event. We have contacted local high schools and colleges, made the ads, and set up a network lab, generate the questions, hold the quiz bowl, and whatever is done by the faculties. I don't think this is good to provide opportunities to students. So next year I would like to have it organized by students. Without it's funding, this dream cannot come true. I would like to request even a penny to encourage students to participate in this organization for this event. It's a really good opportunity to students, especially students interested in the information security. They want to gain knowledge, practice, and hands on experience. Even with limited funding left, I would like to request this funding.

Sen. Thompson: Can you explain a little bit about why you were brought here, what the INT is doing with the IA program as far as the NSA, the Center of Academic Excellence, and Information Assurance?

Jiang: For many years the INT was booming. Now, even though the economy is bad, the job openings for information security and network security are still hot positions. Today a company from Kansas City came to our campus to give a presentation. They wanted to recruit one student and we provided a class for to present to. This is a reason for the national security agent. They want to promote information security nation wide. They come up with a status quote, National Center of Academy of Excellence in Information Education. I was hired in 2007 and the purpose for hiring me was to start this program. Last year we got two certified cost ware. We just submitted our application to the National Center of Academy of Excellence in Information Education. We expect to get our status in June at Seattle this year. After we get a status there's a lot of funding, national and federal funding will be available to our department. To be qualified there is a lot of criteria such as

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student involvement. That's the reason we're going to participate in the regional competition in Denver and we're going to participate in the national competitions next year. This is also the reason we tried to initialize our regional competition. We called it Tiger Challenge. The reason for this name is to promote our university. We cooperate with a lot of donors like SISCO and local Nex-tech companies. I think this is a good opportunity for our students to participate in this organization.

Sen. Thompson: How many other institutions in the state of Kansas are Centers of Academic Excellence?

Jiang: There are none. Even though we got two certifications for our cost ware, we are the only university that has this kind of honor. We are the only university now qualified to apply at the National Center status. We expect that we can get the status by June.

Pres. Hughes: I want to speak to the committee's recommendation on this proposal. The total amount requested by the INT Department for the Victoria Project was \$22,307. A little over \$1,700 of that came in the form of awards given to the first through sixth placed student in the on campus canvas competition and the committee did not feel comfortable giving EOF money in the form of an award. The other part, the majority of the money, a little over \$20,000, came for salaries for those six students who placed in the on campus canvas event and then would move onto the regional event. That's been tagged for 16 weeks of research and training on behalf of the student. The committee felt that while this was a fantastic academic opportunity and a learning experience for the student, this should be something that the student should be volunteering for rather than being paid to do. That was the committee's rationale for not funding this project.

Jiang: The recommendation is reasonable. At the beginning we were not familiar with what EOF is and what it is supposed to do. As I requested, for any dollar amount that can help encourage students to participate in the organization of the event then we'd really appreciate it.

Sen. Stegmaier: If you were to receive any funding, would it go to student salaries?

Jiang: We're going to hire a student to organize the event rather than to award students with.

Sen. Ye: As the Dr. has talked to us about the project and things that will bring our university honor and how the GTA is working really hard, I think we can add this one more position for \$7.25/hr and for 12 hours a week for 32 weeks.

Pres. Hughes: I want to just clarify to make sure we make this absolutely clear. If you receive money, do you want to use it in the form of a salary for a student coordinator or as the proposal states money for researching and training of students for the event?

Jiang: Actually, we are using it for the student coordinator. I'm sorry.

Pres. Hughes: That's not in the original budget.

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Jiang: That is why I am confused with what is EOF and what the money can go to.

Pres. Hughes: So you wouldn't have a problem if the senate were to amend it to say that the money should be for a student coordinator position?

Jiang: No, I wouldn't have any problem. Thank you.

Sen. Ye moves to amend the bill to read \$2,784 to the INT Victoria Project, for one student position at the standard of \$7.25/hr for 12 hours a week for 32 weeks, with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Sen. Leyerzapf moves for a direct vote on the amendment.

Y= 22 N=4 A=2

Amendment Passes.

VP Engel: The current surplus will be \$2,271.

Sen. Engel: I have a problem with the consistency of the voting that is going on here from meeting to meeting. During the Allocations process the senate moved to zero fund CSI on the basis that they were receiving a line-item fee. I'm curious why that motion hasn't been made to do the same with the Athletic Department for the EOF request.

Sen. Winter: Can you explain a little bit more on what you mean?

Sen. Engel: During the Allocation's process the senate voted in a majority to zero-fund the CSI on the basis that they receive a line-item fee already. The Athletic Department is requesting fees and they receive a line-item fee already, why are we not zero funding them?

Sen. Smriga: I think while that may prove to be an inconsistency of the senator's voting, I don't think that it's the senate's decision. I think that we need to look at the constitution and see what is allowed. Last year the Memorial Union got money for a marketing position and that's in the EOF. They also get a line-item fee. It's been done in the past. From Allocation's that an individuals senator's issue. I think there is a difference in the two.

Sen. Engel: So you're saying there's a difference in zero-funding the CSI on the basis that they receive a line-item fee but there isn't with Athletics?

Sen. Smriga: I'm saying the senators that voted that way, that's an inconsistency in voting not in the senate as a whole. Our constitution does not allow that.

Sen. Engel: I am concerned that we are alienating the CSI.

Sen. Quinones: Are you saying, just as a clarification, that you would want to zero fund the Athletic department?

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Sen. Engel: I'm not saying that I want to zero-fund the Athletic Department because I did not vote to zero-fund the CSI. I'm saying that a majority of the senate voted to zero-fund the CSI on that argument only. If we're going to do that to the CSI, why aren't those same senators moving to do the same to the Athletic Department?

Sen. Ladd: If we want to get into that debate, which was for a program, this will be student fees going right back to the students, student positions.

Sen. Purdy: I think you're right. It did go to a program. I don't think that was discussed very well. I think what he's trying to say is that he's proposing that we rethink the CSI decision that we made on the Allocation's fund.

Sen. Engel: I'm saying that what is on the record is that we zero-funded them on the basis that they receive a line item fee, not on programming. That is no different than the situation we are facing now.

Sen. Ladd: If you have a problem with the CSI being zero-funded, why don't you make the motion to have the Athletic Department zero-funded as well, for the precedent that we said earlier?

Sen. Engel: My problem is with the consistency of some of the members and their voting, whether or not the intent to zero-fund the CSI was based upon a line-item fee or something else. I wasn't in favor of zero funding the CSI.

Sen. Winter moves to amend to zero-fund the Athletic Department with a 2nd by Sen. Kohman.

Sen. Winter: I was against the line item and I didn't read it well enough. I would be against this line-item fee and I would zero-fund it.

Sen. Stegmaier: I'm not against CSI or zero-funding the Athletic Department because it benefits students at FHSU, which is the purpose of student fees and the money distributed through SGA. It doesn't matter if they have a line-item fee. It's something completely different that is not in their budget.

Sen. Purdy: I agree with Sen. Smriga. I voted no for the CSI. I don't think that we should zero-fund the Athletics for this reason.

Pres. Hughes: The decision is black and white at Allocations but senators are drawing lines in this that were not prevalent. How much of that budget goes to the Athletic Department?

Brad Haynes: The EOF money would go directly to the student labor that we would at this point hire. We talked about, at the other meeting, up to 5 people at \$1,200.

Pres. Hughes: How much of the student athletic line-item fee goes directly to the Athletic Department for that kind of distribution?

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Haynes: Are you talking about the per credit hour fee?

Pres. Hughes: Yes.

Haynes: That I don't know. I would have to do some checking because other staff members take care of that when it comes from across campus.

LD Anglemyer: Is this money going to benefit students outside the Athletic Department that are working through the Athletic Department or does it benefit the Athletic Department directly?

Haynes: We post the jobs. It's open to anybody, any majors. Like the original proposal says, they don't have to be a certain grade level. A lot of students will be at the age of juniors and seniors because they will have the skills we need that a freshman or a sophomore won't have. They're going to be older in the career competition of getting the position but the jobs are open to anybody.

Sen. Thompson: How do these students benefit the Athletic Department or is it an innovative program to benefit students?

Haynes: They benefit the Athletic Department in the fact that they are able to apply the skills that they have or are learning, in their particular area of expertise, and help out our accounting or other staff members. They are able to apply those skills in a real world scenario with guidance in a controlled environment. We're going to be able to walk them through things and educate them on how things need to be presented, written, and done. They will take that knowledge, in addition from what they have learned from their class work and apply it to a job setting.

Sen. Engel: I'm not in favor of zero-funding the Athletic Department because I think these position are valuable opportunities for students. I think that if we do this then the senate needs to explore, if at any means possible, doing right by the CSI.

Sen. Hansen: I think what Sen. Engel is saying is very commendable. We do need to have consistency in our voting but don't punish this organization because of our inconsistency. We really need to look at this bill and recommendation and not punish or reward them if something is not right. Take a look at what you're considering doing right now as this amendment stands.

Sen. Konkel moves for a direct vote on the amendment.

Y=1 N=27 A=2

Amendment Fails.

Sen. Engel: I have a question for someone on the committee concerning Disability Services and the Kelly Center for clarification. Could someone come up from each department and explain the distinction between the two programs? They seem very similar.

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Carol Solko: I am the director of Student Disability Services and that position works directly in the disability office. It's a graduate position that works with students who have documented disabilities and who are students on campus, providing note takes, test assistants, and things like that.

VP Engel: I've looked at the two requests and they seem similar. They both seem to help students with tutoring and test taking. Are we targeting two different groups of students?

Maggie Denning: I'm adding some more with the Kelly Center program like mentoring to go along with the test reading. You would have someone working 24 hours a day to be able to cover the test readers that you need in both departments. This was kind of a supplement and they also serve on the diversity committee.

Solko: It also works with underrepresented students in regards to Hispanics or some of the more diverse groups. Specifically to hire someone who is from one of those groups as well. They are separate because disability is from Student Affairs and this is out of the Kelly Center.

Sen. Engel: The Kelly Center is for students that don't have documented disabilities have the opportunity to receive help.

Sen. Ladd: Can you read the surplus again?

VP Engel: The surplus is currently at \$2,271.

Sen. Leer moves for a direct vote on senate Bill 09/S/114 and one objection is noted taking senate back on discussion of the bill.

Sen. Ladd moves to amend the bill to read \$3,600 to the Modern Languages Department line-item for tutors, 2nd by Sen. Leyerzapf.

Sen. Ladd: I would like to fund them at the same level from last year. We are still at a surplus and she made some compelling arguments. I think the extra \$338 will help with more hours of tutoring because sometimes you will need a foreign language or want to take a foreign language and those tutors can help.

Sen. Smriga: I still question that this is the way the money should be spent, that we should be paying for tutors. I think they need to start looking at new options of where to get money from and hope that they have that figured out by next year. We can give them money but if they explore new options. I think that each department needs tutors but I don't see the extra validity of one area getting tutors when others are not getting it through the same processes. I think it's turning into a budget item.

Sen. Quinones: I have to agree with Sen. Smriga. I don't see why we should fund them for one more Spanish tutor and I don't know if a few hundred more would cover that. I don't see why we need to fund more for this department when the Kelly Center also offers tutors in Spanish. I'm against it.

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LD Anglemyer: I'm doing a little bit of math; this amendment would bring another hour and fifteen minutes per week to any of the three tutors.

Sen. Miller: I have a question for the Kelly Center. Do you actually have tutors for the Modern Language Department right now?

Denning: Yes we do. We have two.

Sen. Sexson: I believe they have tutors for other languages besides Spanish. We do teach French and German here. I don't know which other ones we have but they do hire tutors for multiple languages.

Sen. Engel: Sen. Smriga touched on the fact that the EOF fund should not be used or treated as a line-item in a department's budget. By encouraging them to seek additional funding, if we were to have \$50,000 worth of new and innovative requests, then someone that got funded previously probably wouldn't be funded and they would be out of the program if they were relying on this Educational Opportunity Fund as a line-item in their budget.

Pres. Hughes: The proposal itself calls for a French tutor, a German tutor, and Spanish tutors. If you've taken a Spanish course, you know there is a large student population that takes Spanish courses. What Sen. Engel is saying is that it's a reoccurring theme in the recommendations. As long as we are talking about consistency, there are a number of groups in here that were cut or zero-funded because they were not a new group. It was to make room for the new and innovative programs, so they would not continue to be a line-item which is what this is served as for a number of departments and organizations. As long as we are talking about consistency, what Sen. Engel is saying should be taken into consideration when you look at the rationale on this page (EOF request) because whatever is passed by this senate, it needs to be consistent group by group. The CSI is over and done with and there may not be anything we can do about that now but all of these groups are right in front of you. If they're not consistent, when you have the chance to make it consistent right now, that's an even bigger problem.

Sen. Konkel moves for a direct vote on the amendment.

Y=8 N=20 A=2

Amendment Fails.

Sen. Engel moves to amend the bill under the Memorial Union line-item to remove the recommendation that says 'it is also the belief of the committee that the Memorial Union should not benefit from the EOF because the Memorial Union already benefits from a second student privilege fee' with a 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

Sen. Engel: It is just to keep it consistent with the Athletic fee recommendation.

Sen. Smriga moves for a direct vote on the amendment.

Amendment Passes.

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Sen. Ladd: Will you read through the amendments?

Treasurer Sellard: The Chinese Scholar Association was amended by \$1,044 to receive \$5,220, Department of Communication Disorders was amended by \$1,200 to receive \$3,000, the FHSU Athletics was only discussed and not amended, the INT Department was added \$2,784 for a position of 12 hours, and the Physics Department and the Physics and Engineering Club were zero-funded for lack of representation, bringing the total to \$52, 929 and a surplus of \$2,271.

Sen. Hansen moves for direct vote.

Y=30 N=0 A=0

Bill passes.

b. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/115: Delta Tau Alpha Appropriations

Sen. Stegmaier motions to consider the bill with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Mallory Saathoff: I'm President of our chapter of Delta Tau Alpha at FHSU. In case some of you senators do not know what it is, Delta Tau Alpha is an agricultural honor society which requires members to complete 45 total credit hours of which 9 must be in agriculture and rank in the top 35% of their respective classes. DTA's primary purposes are to promote the profession of agriculture and to render services to the department, university, and community. Our local chapter plans to attend the annual national convention in Springfield, MO at Missouri State University which is April 1-4 of this year. This is the only national event that we attend. During the convention our members will be able to participate in business meetings, tourism area agriculture, Ag Olympics, and an agricultural quiz bowl. Students will also get the opportunity to meet and interact with student across the nation and other Delta Tau Alpha chapters. We are mainly requesting funds to help pay for our travel expenses. We will be using university vans and there will be a motor-pool charge for our trip.

Sen. Stegmaier: Is there still five students going?

Saathoff: Yes.

Sen. Purdy moves for direct vote.

Y=29 N=0 A=1

Bill passes.

c. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/116: Nurses Christian Fellowship Appropriations

Sen. Quinones motions to consider the bill, 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Haley Webster: I'm a senior nursing student and the treasure of NCF.

Heather McDonald: I'm also a senior and the President of Nurses Christian Fellowship.

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Webster: We're going to Denver to help out a rescue mission for the homeless and we're also going to a drug rehab center. Our request is for funding for the vans and for our hotel expenses while in Denver.

Sen. Purdy: Is there still 15 people going?

McDonald: Yes, we cut it off at 15.

Sen. Engel moves for direct vote.

Y=30 N=0 A=0

Bill passes.

IX. Oath of Office

- a. Sen. Winter administers the oath of office to Sen. Glodt, Sen. McCampbell, and Sen. Dempewolf.

X. Announcements

- a. SGA Intent to Run Forms DUE Friday, 4/3. Encourage students to run for senate seats, they need to be contested.
- b. SGA General Election, Wednesday & Thursday, 4/8 & 4/9
- c. Navigator Award Nominations DUE Friday, 4/10
- d. April 2-4 is the annual Greek weekend. April 2 will be the Charity Pie Auction in the Quad for the United Way of Ellis County. Provost Larry Gould & Pres. Tyler Hughes will both be participating.
- e. Congratulates to the Shooting Club competing at nationals. They got 9th team placement.
- f. 2nd annual 5k to benefit the Northwest Kansas Sexual & Domestic Violence Services is April 4.
- g. Sign-up for the Summer Exchange Program to China. Applications due Wed. April 1.
- h. Friday, March 27 SGA will have their booth in the Union having the letter writing campaign and tree fund drive.
- i. Sen. Stramel and Sen. Thompson announce their candidacy for President/Vice-President to SGA and the FHSU student body. Slogan: "Serving the students."
- j. Invites everyone to Coffee Rules for a free Vegan meal Tues, March 31, sponsored by Actions for Animals, at 6:30pm in the basement.
- k. City Commission elections are on April 7. Vote!

XI. Adjourn

Sen. Ladd moves to adjourn, 2nd by Sen. Purdy at 9:08 pm.