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# Student Government Association

## Stramel/Thompson

### Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	12
2/3:	15

- I. Call to Order
  - a. VP Thompson calls to order @ 7:02pm.

- II. Roll Call
  - a. Admin. Assist. Amanda Basye

- III. Guest Speakers
  - a. Senate Orientation, VP Thompson

- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. President (Bradley Stramel)

Good evening everyone I want to welcome back all returning senators and all new incoming senators to the Student Government Association. For those who are new to the student senate this year probably don't know too much about me. I am President Bradley Stramel and I am senior from Hays, Kansas. I'm in my fifth and final year majoring in Communication Studies. I anticipate my graduation in May of 2010. I have served on the Student Government Association as a freshman senator and humanities senator. I've also had experience in Senate Affairs and appropriations and allocations.

The Executive staff this year I am very proud to say is hard working and very dedicated to working for the student body and the Student Government Association. Every Executive staff member will introduce themselves as they present the reports to all of you, but I am very confident in their job performance to make this Student Government Association Senate session very successful. In the next few weeks the bill will be introduced to you and you will know who will be serving on the court to represent the judicial branch of the SGA. The theme for this year for the SGA is Serving the Students. I encourage all of you senators to engage your constituents to find out what concerns them or what we need to do to make their Kansas life worthwhile. VP Thompson and I will be working along with the Admissions office to assist and recruiting students to Fort Hays State University. We are going to become part of the Hays Chamber of Commerce to get out to the Hays community and discuss and voice our needs and wants as a huge asset of the Hays Community at large. Those are some of the many opportunities for all of us to educate and engage our on campus environment to its fullest extent. President Hammond a few weeks ago at the fall convocation laid out the theme of the year, coinciding with the university brand. The new university brand is Forward thinking World ready. From this fall convocation he mentioned that "affordable success is the component but won't fade away because it's the end product when you add Forward thinking and world ready to the equation."

As we ended our last senate session in the Spring, we were hit with a pretty substantial budget cut prices. I hope each and everyone of you has been receiving my updates over the summer months to be thoroughly informed on the issues that has happened. As we started the fiscal year we are standing at a 14% budget cut system wide on the campus. Over the summer, also, our overall efficiencies from electrical bills to the redesigning of summer school has saved us from going more and more into debt.

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There are new editions to the student affairs division here at Fort Hays. During the summer months, I was involved in the interviewing process during three search committees to fill crucial positions on this campus. Mr. Bryan Fost is the new director of Residential Life, Mr. Wesly Armstrong is the new McMIndes Hall director along with Ms. Alison, who will also direct the Wiest Hall and Mrs. Donna Koenigsman is the director of Student Health, who will work with her staff to keep us informed on the H1N1 swine flu pandemic. From the Student Health Center, the office of Student Affairs and here at the Student Government Association, we recommend that every student take preventive measures with the pandemic occurring across the country. We recommend that if you are sick or have flu like symptoms to stay at home or residence halls, so we don't get the disease spread to those who are healthy. So practice good hygiene habits, cover your mouth and nose, cough or sneeze in a tissue or your elbow. I encourage you all to get in contact with your health care providers with this situation occurring and in the weeks ahead, I will be providing more and more information and news about the H1N1 pandemic. Everyone will be notified if we do get confirmed cases of this disease on this campus. Remember the policies are put into effect, but we will also be putting in other rules with exception that these are flexible because everything that has been going on, it's changing constantly. We've had to add newer things. If you have any questions please contact the Student Health Center or if you have any questions tonight please direct them to Tisa Mason.

Now to all of you senators of the Student Government Association, this year is more important to get out into the campus community and interact with those whom you serve. I have high expectations for this senate to be outgoing, involved and provide adequate feedback from your constituent. Introduce yourselves in your classrooms and tell your peers what you do and how you can make their college experience a good one. On this Senate, you are representing those who elected you, so I recommend that you take this position with dignity and respect. Be the best senator you can be. I would especially like you to use your one office hour a week constructively. There are good things that will happen this year that are yet to unfold, but with a good, honest, hardworking effort by us, the SGA, we can face the challenges ahead and recognize our successes when they arrive. I wish the executive staff and senators the best of luck this senate session.

b. Vice President (Tyler Thompson)

Have been working with the KFHS getting this all coordinated and ready to go. They set up a new intro to the live stream and it's pretty neat if you guys want to take a look at it. Justin did a very good job on that. Other than that, we spent a lot of time over the summer working with the budget situation, going to KBOR. For the last week, I've been trying to get everything ready to go for tonight's meeting.

c. Treasurer (Cody Kiser)

This week I served my office hours and had a couple of business meetings. Senator Sellard helped me get squared away on the programs. For my budget report, nothing's really gone through. This is our first meeting. The only thing that went through is our travel. Bradley and Tyler are going to KBOR. Other than that we haven't really had anything come up.

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- d. Administrative Assistant (Amanda Basye)  
This week I served my office hours and worked on the website.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director (Haley Wilkison)  
This week I served my office hours, familiarized myself with office, worked with Bradley.

### V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Sellard)  
At tonight's meeting we approved the appropriations forms for this year. Those will be updated and a copy will be available Monday morning. Encourage everyone to go to the budget seminars that will be later this fall.
- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Braun)  
Tonight we interviewed nine candidates for senate. Will have bill up for first reading next week.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Quinones)  
Committee did not meet tonight.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Glodt)  
Committee did not meet tonight, meeting next week at 6:30.

### VI. Administer Oath of Office (elected Student Senators)

### VII. Open Forum

- a. Homecoming King & Queen Nominations  
Senator Sellard, Senator Braun, Senator Hachmeister, Senator Eickhoff  
Winners: Senator Hachmeister and Senator Sellard

### VIII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 09/F/100: SGA Executive Staff Ratification
- b. First Reading of Bill 09/F/101: SGA Annual Budget Ratification

### IX. Old Business

### X. Announcements

- a. Senator office hours start next week - be sure to sign up for your time!
- b. SGA Profile Pictures, Wednesday 9/23 & Thursday 9/24 @ 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
(Forsyth Library – Lower Level)
- c. Ramada Kickoff Classic – FHSU Football vs. Colorado Mines. Lewis Field Saturday @ 7PM
- d. There will be a banner contest for homecoming-Show your Stripes-theme

### XI. Adjourn

Sen. Konkel motions to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Hertel @ 7:28 pm