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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by President David Goodlett.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

- 1a. September 7, 2004 minutes (see Attachment A) and sign-in roster (see Attachment B)
- Motion to approve made by Senator Lischchenko and seconded by Senator Holmes. The June 7, 2004 minutes and roster were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

2a. General Introduction

- Faculty Senate conducted introductions of faculty as a means to welcome new Faculty Senators. In addition, President Goodlett expressed his need for a complete list of alternative Faculty Senators from each department.
- Announcement made about Bio-Sciences Task Force meeting for October 6, 2004 at 9:00 P.M.
- Hays *Daily News* poll being run concerning Internet use at the Hays Public Library.

2b. Information from the Kansas Board of Regents: President Goodlett

- President Goodlett explained that he had little information to discuss since the Board of Regents has not made any major decisions; therefore, we will need to wait for the next meeting.

2c. Report from the President's Cabinet

- The topic of new portals for computers was briefly discussed.

2d. Breakfast with the Board of Regents

- President Goodlett announced the September 27, 2004 breakfast with the regents, encouraging as many as possible to attend.

2e. Priorities of Student Government Association

- For some unforeseen reason, SGA President Mitch Hall was unable to attend this meeting. President Goodlett expressed the possibility of his being re-scheduled for the October meeting.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

- The committee chose Senator Barton as vice-chair.

3b. Student Affairs: Robert Howell

- No report

3c. University Affairs: Loretta Dorn

- Senator Dorn asked that committee members remain after the meeting in order to elect a chair for this committee.

3d. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Daniel Kulmala

- Senator Kulmala asked committee members to remain after the meeting in order to discuss whether or not anyone else on the committee would like to be chair.

3e. Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Carla Hattan

- No report

- 3f. Ad hoc Teaching Evaluation Committee: David Goodlett
 - President Goodlett stated that the report from this committee is finished and that the report will be made available on-line to all senators for discussion at the October or November meeting.
- 3g. Ad hoc Good Teaching Practices Committee:
 - No report
- 3h. Ad hoc Faculty Retention Committee: Robert Howell
 - This committee is finished with its work.
- 3i. Executive Committee: David Goodlett
 - Discussed President Hammond's focus on quality as an issue and the need to decide what institutional mechanism should be put into place to measure quality.
 - President Goodlett questioned whether or not we should create a task force to address the questions of quality and the ones outlined by President Hammond.
 - Senator Morin made a motion stating that President Goodlett should appoint committees and task forces on this subject as he sees fit. Senator Britten seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with one abstention.

4. Reports from Liaisons

- 4a. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee:
 - Need a liaison.
- 4b. International Programming Team: Dosse Toulaboe
 - Dosse Toulaboe will remain as the liaison.
- 4c. Virtual College Advisory Committee: Sue Jacobs
 - No report.
- 4d. Classified Senate: Tom Martin
 - Not present.
- 4e. AQIP and Institutional Effectiveness Committee: Chris Crawford
 - Assistant Provost Crawford asked the following questions before this committee: What do we do after the systems criteria? What do we need to do to meet AQIP goals?
- 4f. Report from AAUP liaison: Douglas Drabkin
 - Senator Drabkin discussed these three points:
 1. AAUP would like to remind Faculty Senate that under the Memorandum of Agreement now in effect the Senate is charged with selecting the five members of the University Tenure Committee: two from the College of Arts and Sciences, and one from each of the other three colleges. Given the tenure timeline, these people should be selected in time to get to work by the fourth week of November.
 2. AAUP would like, if possible, to work with the Senate to address the salary problem that came to light last spring: new entry-level faculty members being hired at a salary higher than what is currently being paid to departmental colleagues who have comparable qualifications and responsibilities but were hired just a few years ago.
 3. AAUP would like to report that it has come to its attention that there has been a sudden and un-negotiated change in some recent contracts involving courses developed to be taught through the Virtual College. As usual, professors are being offered what is called "right of first refusal" to teach the courses they develop, but—and here's the change—this right is theirs for only one year. After this time, the professor retains no rights over the course. AAUP intends to look into this matter.

- 4g. Student Government: Robert Howell
 - No report.
- 4h. General Education: Martha Holmes
 - This committee met for an organizational meeting.
- 4i. Faculty and Staff Development Committee:
 - This committee is now two committees. Therefore, there is a need for a liaison for both committees.
- 4j. Library Committee: Douglas Drabkin
 - No report.
- 4k. Graduate Council:
 - No report.
- 4l. Research Environment Task Force: John Heinrichs/Carol Patrick
 - This task force is now a committee.
- 4m. Faculty Research Association: Steve Trout
 - No report.

5. Old Business

- 5a. Teacher Evaluation Committee report
 - This report was discussed within the Executive Committee report.

6. New Business

- 6a. Cancellation of classes at Oktoberfest
 - Provost Gould provided a paraphrase of the issue of Oktoberfest in connection to FHSU, especially in regard to resolutions to cancel Oktoberfest and hold classes on that day.
 - Lively debate ensued.
 - Senator Britten wanted to know whether or not a decision had been made about cancelling classes this year.
 - Provost Gould stated that no decision had been made at this time. The issue of whether or not classes were cancelled was in limbo.
 - Some senators wondered if FHSU could be held legally liable should a student be harmed as a result of Oktoberfest activities.
 - Some senators discussed the need for the event in regard to student activities and fund raising.
 - Some senators discussed the problem that students would not come to class even if classes were held.
 - Senator Stark made a motion to cancel classes on Oktoberfest. Senator Drabkin seconded the motion.
 - A general discussion on how to re-name the day ensued: Should we simply call it Homecoming? Or should we have a fall break and not mention Oktoberfest as a part of the break?
 - Faculty Senate voted on the motion: Classes for Oktoberfest should be cancelled for this year.
 - The motion passed with nineteen voting yes, ten voting no, and one voting to abstain.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 P.M.