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**Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by President Win Jordan.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

1a. May 3, 2005 minutes were unanimously approved. And since there was no quorum at the June 6, 2005 meeting, a vote for approval was not necessary.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

2a. Information from Kansas Board of Regents: President Jordan

- 1.. The board has reached a temporary agreement on concurrent education. However it is not entirely satisfied with the agreement, and it has concerns about the knowledge base of students entering the Regents' universities.
2. President Jordan reported that the Kansas Board of Regents continued its discussion on performance agreements. There will be an increased emphasis on efficiency during this year's deliberations.

2b. Report from President's Cabinet

- No report

2c. Leadership Studies initiative on CPR training across campus.

1. Two students informed Faculty Senate about a questionnaire that will be distributed concerning the need for CPR training on campus as part of an initiative to make Fort Hays State University a safe place.

2d. Thank you to AAUP and FHSU's administration

1. Senator Trout put on record a thank you to AAUP and the administration of Fort Hays State University for solving the hyper-compression salary problem. General applause followed in acknowledgement of solving this problem.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

1. Six courses were submitted for Justice Studies: **114: 350, 355, 370, 375, 385, 390.**
 - a. General discussion ensued concerning the rather confusing wording of the course descriptions for these courses.
 - b. Senator Trout made the motion to send them back to Justice Studies for rewriting of the course descriptions in order to make them student-friendly. Senator Gillock seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of the motion.
2. One course was submitted for Nursing: **340: 632.**
 - a. Brief discussion ensued concerning whether or not this course was taught as a topics class.
 - b. The course was approved unanimously.

3b. Student Affairs: Robert Howell

- No report

3c. University Affairs: Win Jordan reported in Loretta Dorn's absence.

- No report.

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

- No report

3e. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Win Jordan reported since no chair has been appointed

- No report

3f. Executive Committee: Win Jordan

- Already covered in other discussion

4. Reports from Liaisons and Other Representatives

- 4a. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee: Ron Fahey
 - No report
- 4b. International Programming Team: Dosse Toulaboe
 - No report
- 4c. Virtual College Advisory Committee:
 - No report
- 4d. Classified Senate: Tom Martin
 - Senator Martin discussed some concerns about the tuition waiver.
- 4e. AQIP and Institutional Effectiveness Committee: Chris Crawford
 - No report
- 4f. Report from AAUP Liaison: Douglas Drabkin
 - 1. Senator Drabkin asked to withdrawal from being the liaison.
 - 2. Senator Jerrold Stark agreed to assume this responsibility.
 - 3. A future meeting for new tenure-track people was discussed.
- 4g. Student Government: Robert Howell
 - No report
- 4h. General Education: Martha Holmes
 - This committee will have an organizational meeting soon.
- 4i. Faculty Development Committee: Carol Patrick
 - No report
- 4j. Library Committee: Diana Koerner
 - This committee will meet in September
- 4k. Graduate Council: Fred Britten
 - This group will meet later in the month
- 4l. Research Environment Committee: Eric
 - No report
- 4m. Faculty Research Association: Steve Trout
 - Third issue of *Research Matters* will be out soon

5. Old Business

- 5a. No Old Business

6. New Business

- 6a. Provost Gould addressed Senate about Fall Break
 - 1. The possibility of having a Fall Break on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break was proposed.
 - 2. Provost Gould indicated that he needed a decision from Faculty Senate soon so that he can take the proposal to the Chief Academic Officers to prepare the proposal for the Board of Regents' approval.
 - 3. SGA President Kylie Eisenhower confirmed SGA's approval of the idea.
 - 4. General discussion ensued concerning whether or not to make this decision this semester.
 - 5. Several motions were proposed as a means to amend the plans for a Fall Break this year.
 - 6. Those motions were withdrawn or voted down.
 - 7. Motion put to a vote. Fall Break will be held on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break. Votes stood at 30 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions.
- 6b. Bylaws and June Faculty Senate meeting
 - 1. Bylaws is now charged with creating a proposal to replace the June meeting with an Executive Committee meeting and the option of calling a Faculty Senate meeting or holding an email vote if necessary .

6c. Background Checks on Faculty

1. A general discussion followed Senator Koerner's concern about background checks for security reasons.
2. Some senators questioned this concern. Also some wanted to know something about the extent of the checks. Would such checks be university wide?
3. Provost Gould stated that FHSU currently does not have a policy in place. However, a standard background check will be in place for students.
4. Some senators expressed the general possibility of a nationwide practice of background checks for faculty in the near future.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

7a. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.