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**Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by President Win Jordan.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

- 1a. September 6, 2005 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

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

1. President Jordan distributed a summary of his information to the Faculty Senate. The following items were presented:
 - a. The board expressed “grave concern” over TABOR. And President Jordan encouraged all members of Faculty Senate to inform their departments about this troubling issue and initiative. President Jordan offered some information concerning the problems that TABOR will cause for universities, such as an increase in tuition.
 - b. Each university must have a policy on meningitis vaccinations by Fall 2006.
 - c. Fiscal Affairs will be discussing a new budget model.
 - d. The Board discussed a four-prong efficiency assessment model: Tactical, Leverage, Evidential, and Negative.
2. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents discussed the following:
 - a. RateMyProfessor.com.
 - b. How are institutions developing their professional teaching, not just technology.
 - c. Concerns expressed about redoing the Faculty Morale Survey.

2b. Report from President’s Cabinet

1. President Jordan provided a list of items discussed. But did not elaborate on them.
 - a. Grants Office activity summary
 - b. Virtual College enrollment figures
 - c. AQIP Review Panel Report
 - d. Overview of recent advertising legislation
 - e. 2005 Homecoming
 - f. Hazing policy
 - g. Campus posting policy
 - h. University policy on criminal background checks
 - i. Hurricane Katrina

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Executive Committee: Win Jordan

1. Discussed Provost Gould’s invitation to review and update policies and procedures.
2. Rich Hughen of AAUP discussed the following:
 - a. Terminal degree enhancement came from using vacated position monies.
 - b. Discussed their concerns in the lawsuit about intellectual property rights.
 - c. Invited the Faculty Senate to cosponsor a forum on intellectual property rights.
 - d. Faculty Senate unanimously agreed to cosponsor this event.

3b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

- No report

3c. Student Affairs: Robert Howell

- No report

3d. University Affairs: David Goodlett

1. In Senator Dorn’s absence Senator Goodlett read the report.
2. No votes were taken due to having no quorum at the meeting.
3. Discussed some issues briefly, including what the Executive Committee has asked them to consider. But will have more to discuss at the next meeting.

- 3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Daniel Kulmala
 - 1. Two issues under discussion
 - a. Elimination of Faculty Senate June meeting. A resolution should be presented at the next meeting.
 - b. Definition of teaching faculty under consideration in order to determine number of senators for each department.
- 3f. Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Curt Brungardt
 - No report

4. Reports from Liaisons and Other Representatives

- 4a. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee: Ron Fahey
 - 1. Discussed the University Portal Project.
 - 2. Wireless installation is progressing well.
- 4b. Virtual College Advisory Committee: Richard Peters
 - 1. Draft version of the Virtual College Student Satisfaction Survey to be distributed soon.
- 4c. Library Committee: Dianna Koerner
 - 1. Identified liaisons.
 - 2. Search is on for a replacement of Suzanne Vessaly.
 - 3. Small amount of funds available for book purchases.
 - 4. Funds have been cut for subscriptions for periodicals.
- 4d. Research Environment Committee: Eric Gillock
 - No report
- 4e. Writing Across the Curriculum: Daniel Kulmala
 - 1. Will meet with Assessment Steering Committee to discuss findings.
 - 2. In the process of finding members for the committee.
- 4f. Internationalization Team: Dosse Toulaboe
 - 1. Working on a website for the international students at FHSU.
 - 2. Examining international students' activities at FHSU.
- 4g. Faculty Research Association: Steve Trout
 - 1. Announced Norm Caulfield's presentation on NAFTA.
 - 2. Third Edition of *Research Matters* coming next month.
- 4h. FHSU AAUP: Jerrold Stark
 - 1. Announced a new faculty meeting in order to assess their needs at FHSU.
 - 2. Announced the intellectual property meeting to discuss concerns about this issue.
 - 3. Discussed the Peer Parity initiative.
- 4i. Classified Senate: Tom Martin
 - No report
- 4j. AQIP and Institutional Effectiveness Committee: Chris Crawford
 - 1. Executive summary of Systems Appraisal will be reported at next meeting.
 - 2. Announced the Year of the Department initiative.
 - 3. Assessment Report and Strategic Planning: where are we as an institution and where are we going?
- 4k. Graduate Council: Tom Jackson
 - 1. Reviewed courses from Nursing.
 - 2. Basically held an organizational meeting.

5. Old Business

- 5a. Fall Break
 - 1. Senator Goodlett read a letter written by Senator Dorn.
 - 2. In the letter, Senator Dorn expressed her concerns about Faculty Senate and its need to listen to and take into account the needs of minority voices when making decisions.
 - 3. Senator Koerner asked when will the Fall Break decision be final. She also asked about the evaluation of chairs and deans and interim chairs and deans.
 - 4. A general discussion ensued on this topic. Provost Gould indicated that the administration has created a process by which to appoint and evaluate chairs and deans.

5. General discussion about Oktoberfest emerged concerning the hours being extended to 7:00 pm being a bad idea.
6. Another general discussion ensued in which senators indicated that class attendance was good on Oktoberfest.

6. New Business

6a. Fall Break Decision

1. Senator Drabkin indicated that Faculty Senate might have “botched it” at the last meeting by rushing to a decision.
2. Senator Goodlett concurred by suggesting that procedural practices might not have been followed and that not enough senators had a voice in the decision.
3. A general discussion ensued in which the following was expressed:
 - a. Senator Koerner indicated that Faculty Senate has made such decisions in the past.
 - b. Senator Britten added that it is not unprecedented to have such a vote.
 - c. President Jordan stated that three quarters of those who responded to his questions about the vote indicated that they would not change their vote whether we had a special meeting or not.
 - d. Provost Gould remarked that Faculty Senate is only a representative democracy; those who are present give voice to our concerns and decisions.
 - e. Senator Goodlett expressed concern about tenure-track faculty who might feel reluctant to express themselves.
 - f. Several senators expressed the need for all to speak up and that they have never felt intimidated at the meetings.
 - g. The discussion ended with President Jordan reading from a statement he had written about activities in the Faculty Senate, emphasizing that a vote was taken and a decision was made by the majority in the Senate.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

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