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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by President Win Jordan.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

1a. October 3, 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 consent agenda permitting the Fall Break on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break was approved.
 - b. TABOR was the primary issue of great and grave concern. President Jordan explained the detrimental consequences of this plan, especially for upper education.
 - c. President Jordan saved the discussion of the resolution to oppose TABOR for New Business.
 - d. The Board discussed the progress on the review of core curriculum courses at high schools in Kansas.
 - e. And President Jordan informed Faculty Senate that President Hammond presented FHSU's efficiency assessment to the Board.
2. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents discussed a series of topics, and President Jordan highlighted the following:
 - a. COFSP members agreed that each of the institution's Faculty Senate should pass a resolution supporting KBOR's resolution which opposes TABOR.
 - b. The state charges a \$2.00 fee for every check or EFT prepared. This fee can cost each institution \$160,000 to \$300,000. WSU wants to determine whether or not the school can assume this job and save the cost of the fee.
 - c. Considerable discussion ensued concerning stopping the tenure clock for parents of a newborn child. Some women expressed concern that this policy might create a hostile work environment. A general discussion ensued in Faculty Senate. Some expressed the possible need for such a policy at FHSU. Some stated that women already have the right for this policy. This issue seems to be one for future consideration, possibly by University Affairs.

2b. Report from President's Cabinet

1. President Jordan provided a list of items discussed. But did not elaborate on them, asking senators to contact him for details.
 - a. Revised policy statement on the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the FHSU campus.
 - b. Virtual College FY06 budget.
 - c. Policy on the use of campus facilities.
 - d. Revise statement on legal defense of state employees.
 - e. FY03 cohort default rate.
 - f. Hazing policy.
 - g. Campus posting policy.
 - h. University policy on criminal background checks.
 - i. Headcount at Kansas universities for Fall 2005.
 - j. Total FHSU scholarships awards paid through 20th day for Fall 2005.
 - k. Discussion of what TABOR would mean for Kansas.
 - l. United Way update.

2c. Faculty Forum on Intellectual Property and Virtual College Contracts

1. This forum, sponsored by FHSU AAUP and supported by Faculty Senate, was held on October 26, 2005.
 - a. Does the intellectual property belong to the author or the employer?
 - b. Discussion on the wording of current VC course development which limits the developer's right to teach the course to one year.
 - c. AAUP will develop and submit alternative wording for VC course contracts.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Executive Committee: Win Jordan

1. Discussed the TABOR resolution.
2. Discussed ways to streamline Faculty Senate meetings, agreeing to dispense of regular reports by liaisons and other representatives.
3. Seeking an update on the status of pilot testing the new teaching evaluation form.
4. Discussed how some full-time permanent program specialists have been denied faculty development funding.
5. Bylaws resolution to eliminate the June meeting was discussed.

3b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

1. Following courses were presented for approval: **JUS 350, JUS 355, JUS 370, JUS 385, JUS 390, and JUS 650.**
2. JUS 350 to 390 were discussed and voted upon as a block, saving JUS 650 for a later vote.
3. Senator Trout raised concerns about grammatical correctness in the documents.
4. Senator Johnson moved to have Senator Trout consult with Justice Studies and amend the course descriptions in order to meet standards. Senator Jacobs seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Unanimous approval of the five Justice Studies courses by Faculty Senate.
6. Unanimous approval of JUS 650 by Faculty Senate.

3c. Student Affairs: Robert Howell

1. SGA President Kiley Eisenhower discussed SGA's concerns that students' needs are met with mobile computing.

3d. University Affairs: Loretta Dorn

1. In Senator Dorn's absence Senator Goodlett read the report.
2. Senator Dorn was elected chair.
3. Discussed concerns about temporary faculty and their treatment at the university as far as decisions made about employment.
4. Discussed the issue of tenure files and the growth in size of them
 - a. Concern for tenure track faculty who put them together.
 - b. Concern for committee members who read and review them.
 - c. General discussion ensued in which senators proposed ways to keep the size to a containable level.

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

1. A resolution was brought to Faculty Senate for a vote:
2. **Resolution 05-02: June Meeting Elimination**
3. **Regular meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be held from September through May.**
4. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate.
5. Now it must meet approval by the Faculty.

3f. Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Curt Brungardt

1. No significant decisions or actions have been made by this committee at this point.

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

4a. Writing Across the Curriculum Task Force: Daniel Kulmala

1. The committee is being formed, and Senator Kulmala will have more information at the next meeting about plans for the year.

4b. Other

1. Senator Koerner stated that monies are available for book orders for the library.
2. Senator Holmes stated that departments will receive letters about the need to send courses taught more than three times without course approval back through for official acceptance.

5. Old Business

5a. No Old Business discussed.

6. New Business

6a. Discussion and voting on **Resolution 05-01: Opposition to TABOR**

1. See Faculty Senate website for full text of resolution.
2. Senator Koerner moved and Senator Johnson seconded the motion to approve the resolution.
3. Faculty Senate unanimously approved Resolution 05-01.

6b. Discussion of Modern Language proposal to move to five-hour courses five days a week.

1. General discussion ensued in which the following was discussed:
 - a. Senator Holmes indicated that this proposal would require a general education change.
 - b. Some wondered if a foreign travel course could be developed to help with the credit hour lost due to this change.
 - c. Senator Siegrist emphasized that this move would bring Modern Languages up to the norm for teaching foreign languages at universities.
 - d. SGA President Kiley Eisenhower stated that SGA approved of this change, and she expressed the need for the study of foreign languages.
 - e. Some expressed concerns about the impact on general education courses, increasing the amount of credit hours.
 - f. Senator Holmes ended the discussion by asking for others to send their comments on this issue to her for future consideration.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

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