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**Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by President Win Jordan.

**1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**

- 1a. April 3, 2006 minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)**

- 2a. Information from Kansas Board of Regents: President Jordan
1. Little of interest for FHSU discussed at this meeting held from April 19-20.
- 2b. COFSP Meeting
1. Little of interest for FHSU discussed at this meeting held on April 18.
- 2c. Strategic Planning Committee
1. Reviewed the first round of forums on strategic planning. The decision was made to continue this initiative in the next academic year.
- 2d. President's Cabinet
1. Requirements and procedures pertaining to Short-Term J-1 Student Program.
  2. BOR Program Review Update
  3. BOR Accreditation Report
- 2e. Council on Institutional Effectiveness
1. The subcommittee working on developing an employee satisfaction survey submitted their input for questions.

**3. Reports from Committees**

- 3a. Executive Committee: Win Jordan
1. Shared an e-mailed message from Terry Balthazor, an FHSU graduate who thanked the Faculty Senate for "dissociating itself from the Kansas BOE 2005 Science Standards."
  2. Introduced a concern that the Faculty Senate needs to address next year. Should Program Specialists belong to Faculty Senate?
- 3b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes
1. The following courses were presented for a vote:
    - a. **POLS 660, Political Campaign Management**
    - b. **POLS 665, Interest Groups and Lobbying**
  2. Both classes passed by a unanimous vote.
  3. Introduced a concern for next year: the need to make certain that policies for departments are consistent with university policies.
- 3c. Student Affairs: Robert Howell
1. Senator Howell briefly discussed SGA's concern about mid-term grades.
- 3d. University Affairs: Loretta Dorn
1. No report
- 3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Daniel Kulmala
1. By-Laws will address the issue of the teaching status of Program Specialists next year.
- 3f. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Tim Crowley
1. This committee made the following recommendations for continuous quality improvement of international education activities at FHSU:

Recommendation 05-03

That the administration do all it can to match current and future international partnership academic calendars with the FHSU academic calendar.

- a. Unanimously approved.

Recommendation 05-04

For international faculty members who teach courses on the FHSU academic calendar in addition to international calendars, that the administration develop a supplemental prorated compensation formula to compensate for teaching FHSU on-campus courses when international partners are not

in session. Typically, this is the first two weeks of the FHSU fall semester and a period between early January and late February when international partners are in recess.

- a. Passed with three nays and one abstention.

Recommendation 05-05

That the administration addresses the issue of the 5-year appointment limit for full-time temporary faculty members in the 2006-2007 year.

- a. Unanimously approved.

Recommendation 05-06

That FHSU negotiate for more control in recruiting and hiring cooperating teachers (CTs) for our international partners.

- a. Unanimously approved.

Recommendation 05-07

That department chairs responsible for managing departments with greater than 3.0 FTE of international faculty members be given an assistant chair to assume duties equivalent to one course reassignment to help manage these programs.

- a. Rewritten to the following:
- b. That department chairs responsible for managing departments with 3.0 FTE or more of international faculty members be given a Director of International Partnerships to assume duties equivalent to no less than one course reassignment to help manage these programs.
- c. Unanimously approved as rewritten.

Recommendation 05-08

That more resources be given to the Registrar and Business office to support international operations.

- a. Rewritten to the following:
- b. That FHSU Administration address the issue of providing appropriate funding to support international operations.
- c. Unanimously approved as rewritten.

**4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives**

4a. Writing Across the Curriculum: Daniel Kulmala

1. The following items were briefly discussed
  - a. Outline of the basic agenda for next year
  - b. Plans to create a Research and Writing Center, expanding upon the Writing Center already in existence.
  - c. Plans to create writing awards for the Research and Creativity Week in Spring 2007.

**5. Old Business**

5a. Progress on a stakeholder-derived strategic plan for FHSU.

1. President Jordan invited faculty to participate in this initiative.

5b. Discussion on requiring use of Blackboard by faculty.

1. President Jordan suggested that we leave this issue open for discussion next year. We should ask SGA what the real need is for FHSU students.

**6. New Business**

6a. Bylaws will consider whether or not Program Specialists should be eligible to vote for Faculty Senators and whether or not they are eligible to be Faculty Senators.

1. Applause and general congratulations to Win Jordan for an excellent year as president.

**7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting**

7a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.