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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
(Draft) Minutes of Regular Faculty Meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009
(3:30, MU Stouffer Lounge – Rm 222)

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Burnett. Guests included Provost Gould.

1. Approval of Minutes and Attendance of Prior Meeting

Minutes and Attendance were corrected (Ken Trantham represented Physics as the alternate after stepping down as president at the May meeting), moved, seconded, and passed.

Senate members introduced themselves and corrections were made to the new attendance forms.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action necessary)

- Board of Regents
The move from a 60 day wait to a 30 day wait for insurance for new employees has passed in concept by the Regents but will not take effect this year.
- COFSP meeting
Dr. Jeff Burnett is President of this committee this year
The faculty input survey (on how the Board of Regents can help) is too long and has had little input. The committee will be working on it this year.
KU and KSU are apposed to the Regents' Faculty Member of the Year. The rest of the institutions are neutral. This is be discussed further this year.
KU is pushing for domestic spouses to be included on insurance plans.
- No report from the President's Cabinet

3. Reports from Committees

No reports.

Jeff Burnett reminded committees they need to elect a president and secretary and forward the information to him.

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

- a. Peer and Self Evaluation – Jeff Burnett. The document is voluntary as it reads now. It is at the Provost's Council. They will review the document and further edit it. The Course Evaluation is still at the Provost's Council. It is ready to be implemented this fall.
- b. Chair/Dean Evaluation – Chapman Rackaway – No report.
- c. Student Government – Bradley Stramel – No report.
- d. Classified Staff Senate – Marcia Tacha – No report.
- e. Writing Across the Curriculum – Dan Kulmala – The committee worked on it over the summer. They are now looking at ways to implement assessment of writing outcomes and the document itself.

5. Old Business

No report.

6. New Business

Committee Assignments/ Agendas. The committee assignments were handed out to Senate members. After some discussion and changes in Senate representatives, the form will be revised and made available to Faculty Senate Members.

President Jeff Burnett informed the Senate there will be three main issues to be addressed in Senate committees. They are:

1. Undergraduate Research Experience
2. Brand Implementation
3. Internationalization (global competencies) of Brand and the Curriculum.

President Jeff Burnett reminded everyone of the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce Faculty Appreciation at Sternberg on Sept. 8, 2009 and encouraged everyone to attend.

President Jeff Burnett asked for a round of thanks to Charmion Arthur for the decorating of the faculty lounge (applause) and asked that we all stop by and view it as we adjourn from Faculty Senate.

Dr. Gould informed us that the new website will not be implemented until December. He thanked everyone for their help and requested we continue to work with Casey to add information to the website.

President Jeff Burnett charged the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate to be doers not talkers this year.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM.