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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010
(3:40pm, Robbins Center)

1. Approval of Minutes and Attendance of Prior Meetings

1a. Attachment A and Attachment B

Minutes and attendance were approved as distributed

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

2a. Kansas Board of Regents, March.

- President Burnett reported that FHSU is in session three days over the other Regents institutions. PSU is going to shorten theirs. For the following year, Dr. Hammond wants to think about it. The topic will come up at the first Faculty Senate meeting. Regarding on-line portfolios (for merit, tenure, and promotion), other schools are where we are, looking into it. A department at FHSU is using Digital Measures.

2b. COFSP meeting

- Discussed the Economic Support Motions. FHSU was the first to come forward. KBOR is very excited about our coming forward and being active with the Chamber of Commerce. Economic Motions are still on-going.
- A task force will be initiated to look at online portfolio options for merit/tenure/promotion files.

2c. President's Cabinet – no report

3. Reports from Committees –

3a. Executive Committee: Jeff Burnett – no report

3b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes: the following courses were approved

- BIOL 695L Range Management Techniques
- GSCI 203 Petroleum Geology I
- GSCI 451 Petroleum Geology II
- GSCI 275 Climate Change
- GSCI 364 Geophysical Well Logging

- A motion, Clarification of the Implementation of Recommendation 102-028, was presented and passed by the Faculty Senate.

3c. University Affairs: Carol Patrick

- Carol Patrick reported on topics for the UA agenda for next year, they included:
 - The process for encouraging students to complete Course Evaluations need to be standardized.
 - To continue to look at the reliability and validity and response rate of the Course Evaluations

3d. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Chapman Rackaway

- The committee has the preliminary results of The Faculty Web Survey. Forty-six percent of faculty returned the survey. The results are not positive. The most common complaints include dead links, poor navigation, and inaccessible information. The complete report will be available soon.

Attachment A

3e. Library Committee – Dianna Koerner

- A report of the most recent library committee meeting will be distributed electronically to faculty.

5. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

- 5a. Mary Alice Wade reported on the new AguaBrowser for Forsythe Library and gave an overview of how to conduct a research search.

6. Unfinished Business - none

7. New Business

“Passing of the Gavel” to Rita Hauck

8. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

After a motion to adjourn, the meeting ended at 4:27 p.m.