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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for November 2, 2010
3:30 PM Stouffer Lounge

1. Minutes and Attendance for the October 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Informational Items
 - a. President Rita Hauck asked faculty senators to be visible and vocal in their departments.
 - b. The “Essential Learning Outcomes” (Attachment C) are recommended as we look at our FHSU action plan. Dr. Gould recommended them to The Council of Chief Academic Officers as a starting point for developing Regents System areas for assessment.
 - c. Kansas Board of Regents
 - i. KBOR had lengthy discussions on tiered funding of Technical Colleges.
 - ii. Minimum requirements for a Bachelor’s degree were lowered to 120 hours. Dr. Gould stressed this was a minimum only, our program requirements would not change.
 - iii. The Student Advisory Council is putting together video clips of Kansas Regents System student testimonials. There is also a blog for all supporters of Kansas higher education at kansascommitment.net.
 - d. COFSP meeting
 - i. Faculty Senate Presidents are seeking issues from faculty to discuss with Regents.
 - ii. There is a faculty survey on morale issues on our website. ESU’s survey (Attachment D) was distributed for our information.
 - iii. Student readiness issues were discussed by Faculty Senate Presidents. As we increase enrollments, will this affect student readiness?
 - e. President’s Cabinet
 - i. Celebrating past success and looking at “Age of the Unthinkable”
 - ii. Discussed alignment of Duty to Dream, AQIP, and Foresight 2020
3. Reports from Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs: No report
 - b. Executive Committee: No report
 - c. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Sharla Hutchison requested faculty senators from departments that have “special” web needs, let her know what they are.
 - d. University Affairs: Joe Perniciaro distributed the survey from AAUP on options for pay increases. It was suggested an “other” option be added to the bottom of the list with room for a description.
 - e. Student Affairs: Denise Orth reported the committee was reviewing names for Student Who’s Who nominations.
 - f. Bylaws and Standing Rules: No report
4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

- a. AQIP and Institutional Effectiveness: Dr. Chris Crawford distributed the New FHSU Goals (Attachment F) LEAP. The new goals take effect January 1, 2012.
 - b. Research Environment: Connie Eigenmann-Malik distributed the draft FHSU Scholarship Goal (Attachment E). It will be forwarded to University Affairs for approval.
 - c. AAUP Virtual College Joint Task Force: Chap Rackaway reported 5 points under discussion by the committee. 1) Virtual College courses developed need to go through Academic Affairs. 2) Quality Processes including data in retention need to be followed. 3) The question of whether adjunct faculty could develop virtual courses was discussed in the committee. 4) The committee is requesting information about the differences between maintaining regular courses by updating them and revising regular courses. And 5), The committee is looking at open source learning, freeware, and open resource technology.
 - d. The University Mission Revision Taskforce is now a university wide committee. Dr. Gould added that the task force is developing a plan and faculty may be asked for input. A question was raised about revising the general education program. Dr. Gould answered that Dr. Faber is researching it. For our information, the KBOR likes our general education program.
5. Unfinished Business – none
 6. New Business - none
 7. The Faculty Senate regular meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.