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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012
(3:30pm, Stouffer Lounge)

1. Approval of Minutes and Attendance of February 7 Meeting

(Attachments A and B)

It was moved by Kathi Sanders and seconded by Jeff Burnett to approve the minutes and attendance of the regular meeting as printed.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements and Information Items:

3. Reports from Committees –

3a. Executive Committee: Chapman Rackaway, Chair

- Board of Regents
 - Mission statement approved
- Red Balloon
 - Action item on track for April presentation to Senate
- Committee openings for 2012-2013
 - Reminder
Please contact Chap before March 16 for committees.
- Solicitation of Online Syllabus comments
Chap needs comments before March 16.
- President-elect nominations
 - *Rita Hauck nominated Stephen Donnelly for President-Elect. Kathi Sanders seconded the nominations.*
- Secretary nominations
 - *Kathi Sanders nominated Janet Stramel for Secretary. Rita Hauck seconded the nomination.*

Elections will be held at the April 10 meeting.

3b. Academic Affairs: Jeffrey Burnett, Chair

- Courses to Approve
Doug Drabkin moved to table the course approvals until the April meeting. Kate McGonigal seconded the motion. The concern stated was the volume of information that senators were presented at the beginning of the meeting. Drabkin expressed the desire for more time to review proposals between passage by the Academic Affairs Committee and consideration of the Senate. Fred Britten pointed out these courses had already been reviewed by the Academic Affairs Committee. It was further stated that the usual practice is not to present this much information of courses.
After further discussion, the motion failed.

The following courses were presented to the Faculty Senate for approval:

BIOL 230 Anatomy and Physiology II

BIOL 230L Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory

BIOL 638 Rangeland Plant Identification Lab

HHP 305 Sport Information and Marketing

HHP 432 Event and Facility Management

HHP 435 Personal Training (Committee vote: 5-0-1)

SOC 325 Popular Culture

SOC 681 Non-Governmental Org: Global Social Innovation

The following courses were approved as a block of courses since they were all related to the same curriculum of study:

ESL 090 Grammar for Academic Use

ESL 091 Advanced Academic Reading

ESL 092 Advanced Writing for Academic Success

093 Advanced Academic Oral Communication

After discussion, all courses were approved.

- Credit Hour Definition
 - *The credit hour definition was discussed in the Academic Affairs committee. The committee recommended that the Senate endorse this policy. After discussion, motion carried.*
- Faculty Speaker Series
 - *No report at this time.*

3c. Student Affairs: Denise Orth, Chair

- Common Ground Initiative – March 14
 - *Student Government Association will be publicize this.*
- Safety Campaign
 - *SGA is currently working on skits to be presented at various events on campus.*
- Smoking Policy
 - *Awareness of the smoking ban on campus is an issue. SGA is working on ways to get the information to students.*

3d. University Affairs: Emily Breit, Chair

- Faculty Morale Survey
 - *Emily provided a summary of the survey. Two hundred forty-six (246) faculty responded to the survey. After questions, and much discussion, Emily will place data disaggregated by college in the attachments database in Lotus Notes. This information will be forwarded to AAUP, as well as to the Board of Regents.*

3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Rita Hauck, Chair

- Policy for Use of Faculty Lounge
 - *Rita asked for input before the committee meets.*
- Departmental Elections
 - *The following departments should conduct elections before the third week in April:*
 - *English, Library, Biology (add 1 rep), Management & Marketing, Psychology, Teacher Education, Leadership Studies, Technology Studies, Chemistry, Geosciences.*

3f. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Lorie Cook-Benjamin, Chair

- *The committee moved the following resolution:*
"The Faculty Senate recommends that the search function on the FHSU home page be changed so that it is Google-driven and configured to search all FHSU-related sites." After discussion, motion carried.

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

Doug Drabkin moved to allow Stephen Kitzis, non-member of the Faculty Senate, to speak to the Senate. Motion was seconded by Charles Gnizak. The motion carried.

Dr. Kitzis spoke of his dissatisfaction with Fort Hays State University described as a “business whose product is Student Credit Hours” by President Hammond at a recent Student Recognition Program (SRP).

Doug Drabkin moved that the President of Faculty Senate visit with the President of the University regarding the President Hammond’s characterization of FHSU as a “business whose product is Student Credit Hours” at the SRPs. The motion was seconded.

Fred Britten moved to postpone the Drabkin motion indefinitely. The motion was seconded.

The question was called. Motion carried.

The Britten motion was then voted on. The motion failed, 10-17.

David Goodlett moved to table the Drabkin motion until the April meeting. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion to table carried.

Richard Packauskas brought to the Senate the concern of students parking in faculty/staff parking. Dr. Gould will talk with the University Police about this issue.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

David Goodlett moved to adjourned. Kate McGonigal seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.