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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate

Agenda for Regular Meeting on Monday, 3 February, 2014 (3:30pm, Stouffer Lounge)

1. Approval of Minutes and Attendance of Prior Meeting

No errors. Janet Stramel motioned and Lori Cook Benjamin seconded. Motion passes.

a. (attachments A and B)

2. Announcements and Additional Information

a. Kansas Board of Regents i. Social media policy (attachments C and D)

Meeting in January only issue is the social media policy. All Regents universities have large issues with this policy. FHSU and other regents are asking for a suspension. They was declined. Donnelly has had several phone and web discussion with others. CoFSP have created senate-approved document for this policy suspension to present to regents again.

Rackaway did some research and his department said there are some precedents on this issue and it looks like the university doesn't have control in this issue.

David Goodlett brought up FIRE involvement.

Donnelly urges the senate to approve this measure.

Gary Brinker – asks Rackaway if under new policy the KU professor be fired. Is concerned with Hammond's lack of concern of this new policy.

Crawford – KU administration said that they do not have the power to fire this professor. Regents' policy manual discusses reasons for tenured professor dismissal.

Brinker – is worried that this policy is coming from legislature, not from faculty presidents. This will damper research and academic freedom.

Carl Miller - Does Hammond oppose this measure?

Brinker – should we or CoFSP meet with legislature? Why were faculty not involved? It will effect our students.

Donnelly – measure that were discussed to boycott social media for one day. Sit-in on legislative session. Donnelly suggests to vote on using this resolution and see if this helps, then in April take a different charge. K-State faculty senate president have asked for faculty guidance on this measure.

b. President's Cabinet (attachment E and F)

Britten asked if cabinet policy needs to be routed through senate for approval/awareness, specifically pass/no credit. Crawford explained it pertains to transfer credit only

c. Academic Council (attachments G)

i. Virtual college expansion

d. Strategic Planning Steering Committee

3. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Executive Committee: Stephen Donnelly

b. Academic Affairs: Jeffrey Burnett

9-0-0 voted in favor of Bachelors of Science in Health Studies - please see attached proposal.

Briggs discusses this degree with the senators. Deyo asked about student numbers 25 first year and then in a couple of years up to 75 students.

Senate passed with 1 abstention.

c. Student Affairs: Cynthia Garretty - no report

d. University Affairs: Kathleen Sanders

Dean Evaluation Instrument - DRAFT (attachment H) –

Crawford brought it to the president's cabinets.

Kathleen suggests edit to be sent to her directly. Britten asked about department (how many years have you worked questions) when a department is small it could pin point a faculty member.

Brinker - One is not obligated to fill out any question they are not comfortable with.

d. Strategic Planning and Improvement: Chapman Rackaway - no report

e. University Partnerships and Technology: Lorie Cook-Benjamin

Met Jan 16 created agenda for new website task force at the 22 of Jan. Tricia Cline added to this committee. New template will be live in March. Plans are being made to change the website. Webmaster will have more than one person to contact and more than one web editor. Dan Shay discussed about department web sites. Hopefully mobile site will be up by summer.

4. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives

a. Presidential Search Committee

The search firm has confirmed 25 applicants and 20 nominees and many requests for applicants. This pool will be release soon to committee; the committee will select down to 8-10, interviewed at an airport, then down to 5. The top 5 will visit campus.

Donnelly asked about how this will affect the Provost search. Crawford asked we have to ask the new president.....A good question to ask a president candidate.

5. Old Business

a. other - none

6. New Business

a. Social media policy KBOR institutions joint resolution (attachment I)

Motion – Kathy Sanders

Seconded - Goodlett

Intention to present Deyo????????

Vote - unanimously

b. Prior learning assessment (attachment J)

This is being discussed in Topeka.

Crawford – KBOR is pushing hard for this. Up to 60 credit hours. Credential based could benefit for them. Crawford believes 60 is too much.

c. Faculty senate appointments to university committees

Donnelly will be emailing faculty.

d. Nominations for Faculty Senate President Elect and Secretary (AY 2014/2015)

e. Other – General Education Curricular Change Capping credit for degrees. It was 124 and brought down to 120 minimum.

e. Rackaway – academic council/provosts council committee will meet tomorrow

Questions for Faculty Senate regarding General Education revision

- What does our current general education program do best for our students?
- What are the elements of our current general education program you think most need improvement?
- What are the characteristics a student who has completed a quality general education program should evince?
- What portion of a student's time at a university should be taken up with general education?

7. Adjournment

Motioned Kathleen Sanders and seconded Lori Cook-Benjamin