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## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 4, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Watson, Faculty Senate President, at 3:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

### ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Frank Nichols, Dr. Frank Potter, Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. John Watson, Ms. Martha Eining, Mr. Larry Grimsley, Ms. Sharon Barton, Dr. Larry Nicholson, Dr. Stephen Shapiro, Dr. Marcia Bannister, Dr. John Ratzlaff, Dr. Dan Kauffman, Dr. Billy Daley, Dr. William Robinson, Dr. Allan Miller, Dr. Richard Leeson, Dr. Michael Meade, Dr. Benito Carballo, Mr. Gary Arbogast, Dr. Mark Giese, Dr. Robert Luehrs, Ms. Rosa Jones, Mr. Don Barton, Mr. Jerry Wilson, Dr. Jeffrey Barnett, Dr. Elton Beougher, Dr. Lewis Miller, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Rose Brungardt, Ms. Marilyn Scheuerman, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Dr. William Welch, Mr. Richard Heil, Dr. Cameron Camp, Dr. Nevell Razak.

Dr. John McGaugh, alternate, attended for Dr. Garry Brower.

Also present were: Dr. James Murphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Mona Hill, Leader reporter, and Mr. Chick Howland, reporter for the Hays Daily News.

The minutes of the October 4, 1982, meeting were approved as corrected.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The KANEDCO conference held on the Barton County Community College campus, October 4 & 5, was attended by Dr. Welch as the faculty senate representative. The theme for the conference was "Motivation: A Continuous Activity." The conference was led by an outside consultant who conducted six different sessions during a one and one-half day format. A few of the sessions were quite interesting and valuable but the others were only mediocre. The better sessions were concerned with assessing one's personal style of interactions with others. The conference should prove to be valuable for a significant number of FHSU administrators and a few faculty members that attended.
2. FHSU had a total head count of 5,513 down 94 from last year. This translates into a decline of 202 FTE on campus and a decline of 14 FTE off campus.
3. Dr. Shapiro requested that the FHSU senate president check to see if any of the Regents Universities provided as a fringe special tuition rates for

faculty and family members. This was asked of other senate presidents at the Regents schools and the answer was no, faculty and family members do not get a special rate for tuition.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Academic Affairs-Dr. Mark Giese, Chair

- M<sub>1</sub> Approval forms for M<sub>1</sub>, a request from the Mathematics Department, are being held by the Senate President until the December 6 meeting so that the proposal can be clarified to the Senate.
- M<sub>2</sub> The Committee moved that the Senate approve a new course proposal Agriculture 400 Topics in Agriculture, 1-3 hours credit. The motion passed.
- M<sub>3</sub> Approval of a new general education course offering History 305 Commerce, Industry, and Society, 3 hours credit, was moved by the Committee. When asked Dr. Giese explained that this course would replace History 100 Heritage of the Modern World. Dr. Giese further explained that the Department wished to move with a trend to emphasize World civilization rather than just Western civilization. Dr. Leuhrs added that the emphasis of the proposed course would not be political history but social and economic history. The Senate voted approval.
- M<sub>4</sub> The Committee also moved that a new General Education course, Biology 140 Basic Anatomy and Physiology (with laboratory) 4/1 hours credit, be approved. Dr. Potter explained that the new course would be replacing Biology 221 Biology of Humans, 3 credit hours. It would extend the same content and provide students a laboratory experience. Dr. Miller spoke against the motion reporting it became apparent to him in Committee that the course had been engineered to meet the pre-professional requirements of two departments. He felt that such a procedure was "antithetical to the spirit of general education." Dr. Potter responded that the goals of the Department were to meet the needs of as many students on campus as possible and cited several majors for which the course would be particularly appropriate. Questions were asked seeking clarification regarding current anatomy and physiology offerings and the prerequisites for this course. Dr. Leeson received "yes" responses to his question of whether nursing and physical education would require this course of majors. He stated his concern that this would perpetuate an unhealthy pattern in general education. Ms. Brungardt spoke in favor of the course because of its appropriateness for all students. In response to those stating concerns about the course being required by some departments, Dr. Potter reminded Senators that many departments require various general education courses of their majors. The Senate was reminded by Dr. Kauffman that many of the questions being raised related to the lack of a collective definition of general education. Mr. Arbogast thought that the Senate should know that the new state certification guidelines do not require an anatomy and physiology course. It is a choice of the Fort Hays HPER department. After responding to questions about the description of the course, Dr. Giese urged the body to vote on the merits of the course itself. Dr. Carballo moved that the question be voted upon. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. It passed. The Senate then voted 19-13 to approve the course.

- M<sub>5</sub> The Academic Affairs Committee moved that the Senate approve a new course HPER 177 Advanced Lifesaving, 1 hour credit. The motion carried.
- M<sub>6</sub> The Committee presented a motion for approval of a new course HPER 475 Recreation Field Experience, 2-8 hours credit. The motion was approved.
- M<sub>7</sub> The Committee also moved that a new course HPER 476 Internship in Leisure, 12 credit hours, be approved. Dr. Tramel requested a comment on the content of the course and a statement of rationale for the 12 credit hours. Dr. Giese responded by reading the course description. Dr. Carballo asked if the course covered one semester. Dr. Giese and Mr. Arbogast explained that this would be a one semester internship course away from campus in commercial recreation. The motion carried.
- M<sub>8</sub> The approval of a new course HPER 530 Motor Development of Special Population, 3 hours credit, was moved by the Committee. The motion carried.
- M<sub>9</sub> The Committee moved that the Senate approve a new course Political Science 532 Problems and Issues in World Politics, 3 hours credit. In response to Dr. Robinson's question, Dr. Giese explained that 240 Comparative Government would be withdrawn with the implementation of the new course. The motion was passed.

Dr. Tramel requested that in the future general education credit be indicated, with motions distributed prior to the meeting. Dr. Shapiro requested that course descriptions also be included. A straw vote of the Senate's desire for such did not pass.

By-Laws and Standing Rules--Mr. Frank Nichols, Chair

The Committee had no report.

Student Affairs--Dr. Allan Miller, Chair

The Committee had no report.

University Affairs--Mr. Gary Arbogast, Chair

The Committee had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

With a unanimous vote from the Department of Education, Dr. Allan Miller moved that mid-term grades be abolished for all students with the exception of incoming freshmen. It was seconded by Dr. Kauffman. In response to a question regarding rationale, Dr. Miller said that he thought the rationale on the part of his colleagues was that "the mid-term grade is meaningless for most of our students because it is just a paper matter which is fairly expensive to produce and to generate and takes a lot of secretarial and

computer time." He further stated that it does not accomplish the goal it was set out to achieve--that being better communication between students and instructor. He added that the Education Department believes that this action is appropriate in a time of financial exigency. Mr. Barton commented that he thought he had saved a few students through advisement following mid-terms. Ms. Brungardt reported that her students waited anxiously for their mid-terms in order to determine whether they needed tutoring in some courses. Ms. Eining stated that over 60 of her 70 advisees had not yet picked up mid-term grades. Mr. Heil moved that the motion be tabled and sent to the Academic Affairs Committee for study. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Bannister  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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