Minutes of the Fort Hays State University
Faculty Senate
June 9, 1993

A. President Rich Hughen called the meeting of the Faculty Senate to order in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union on June 9, 1993 at 3:33 p.m.

B. Those Senators present were Martha Holmes, Fred Britten, Joan Rumpel, Sandra Rupp, Max Rumpel, Lance Lippert, Stephen Shapiro, Albert Geritz, Pamela Shaffer, Gary Millhollen, John Zody, Merlene Lyman, Wayne Pricer, Charles Votaw, Mohammad Riazi, Dianna Koerner, Richard Hughen, Maurice Witten, Richard Heil, Gerry Cox, Michael Rettig.

Those Senators absent were: Bill Daley, Michael Slattery, Jean Gleichsner, Zoran Stevanov, Dale McKemey, John Durham, Abha Gupta, Ralph Gamble, Evelyn Toft, Tom Kerns, Helmut Schmeller, Herb Zook, Lewis Miller, Martin Shapiro, Mary Hassett, Robert Markley, Kenneth Olson and Claire Matthews.

Guests of the Senate included: Dr. Rodolfo Arevelo, Provost, Dr. Larry V. Gould, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Bill Rickman, Chair, Department of Economics and Finance, Dr. Cliff Edwards, Chair, Department of English, Dr. Don Fuertges, Chair, Department of Health and Human Performance, Chris Crawford, Kelly Freeman, University Leader.

C. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

D. Announcements

1. Senator Dianna Koerner discussed attachments #1 and #2 and presented three motions. Motion #1 was tabled. Motions 2 and 3 were passed.

Motion 1: The Senate recommends that the 'line up' for the line of march revert back to the method employed in the past - based on seniority.

Tabled and passed.

Motion 2: The Senate recommends that the faculty form two lines (a gauntlet?) to welcome the students as they march into the coliseum, as was done in the past.

Passed.

Motion 3: The Senate recommends that Graduate Commencement ceremony be moved to Friday evening at Beach-Schmidt Auditorium at least on a trial basis.

Passed.

Discussed Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Administrative Fees. The Regents approved the following:

1. Establish Student Athletic Fee of $2.75 per credit hour and reduce Student Activity Fee by $2.00 per credit hour. Revenue from this fee will be used to alleviate gender inequity funding in athletic programs. 2. Increase Student Health Center Fee for physician visits from $1.00 to $5.00 to offset the increased cost of pharmaceuticals. 3. Establish an international undergraduate student application fee of $35 to cover the costs of processing approximately 150 applications each year. This includes the $15 application fee required of all undergraduate applicants.
Note - The fee increases from FY91 to FY93 was 1.8%, but the overall fee increase for students for FY94 will be 5.4% ($11.25).

Discussed Commencement Ceremony

Rationale: a. The old line of march takes no more time than the new method and there was (is) a clear preference for the old based on faculty responses to Rich Hughen's PROFS survey. b. Forming the welcome line takes a few extra minutes but if the recommendation to have the Graduate Commencement on Friday evening is accepted then the additional two to three minutes is not significant and many faculty members were quite concerned that the welcome line was eliminated this year. c. Even with all of the concerted effort to contract the Commencement ceremony to no more than 90 minutes - we did not succeed. There is too much to do with so many students and the various protocols. The Graduate hooding and associated activities took almost 25 minutes and by moving the Graduate ceremony to Friday evening the Saturday morning undergraduate ceremony could move at a slightly less hectic pace and still be over in 90 minutes or less. With the graduate ceremony moved, there would be fewer family members and friends at the Saturday AM ceremony and perhaps there will be enough room in the coliseum to have the faculty sit somewhere other than behind poles and in the deep recesses of the coliseum. The Graduate ceremony would then be located in the quiet dignity of Beach-Schmidt Auditorium where the hooding would not need to be rushed and the parents, friends and the graduates could enjoy the special ceremony. The graduates would also be welcome to attend the Saturday AM ceremony where they would be recognized collectively. No faculty member would be required to attend both ceremonies. One faculty member from each department should attend the graduate ceremony, preferably members of the Graduate Faculty. In an unscientific poll taken last year both faculty and graduate students indicated a preference for the Friday evening Graduate Commencement ceremony.

E. Standing Committees

1. Academic Affairs presented by Senator Martha Holmes offered six motions as follows:

Motion 1: The Senate recommends the approval of the following existing courses for inclusion in the General Education Program: BSAH 221 Humans & the Environment (3) Change of level. BSAH 223 Laboratory Experiences in Biology (1) BSAH 322 Human Heredity (3) Change of title. ENG 125 World Literature and the Human Experience (3) Change of level and title. GSCI 110 World Geography (3) Change of level.

Motion 2: The Senate recommends the approval of the following new course for inclusion in the General Education Program: BSAH 121 Human Biology (3). An introductory course using fundamental concepts of human structure and function as the starting-point for the exploration of principles and processes common to all living systems and of the interrelationships between humans and the rest of the biosphere. 302-121-01-0401

Motion 3: The Senate recommends the approval of the following course: INTS 201 Introduction to Leadership Concepts (3). This course will actively engage students in the acquisition of information about historical and contemporary theories, concepts, and issues associated with leadership. Students will be exposed to the nature of leadership through presentation of objective material, through group activities, and through laboratory exercises. 118-201-0-4903
Motion 4: The Senate recommends the approval of the following course: ECFI 450 Financial Planning (3). A comprehensive study of the concepts and techniques of financial planning. Topics include: the role of the financial planner, legal and ethical requirements, developing a financial plan, economic analysis, insurance analysis, investment analysis, tax planning, estate and retirement planning. 403-450-0-0504

Motion 5: The Senate recommends the approval of the following course: HHP 290 Introduction to Coaching (2). This course will introduce the general philosophy and methods of coaching. Various topics to prepare the individual for the task of coaching, such as sport science, sport psychology, and sport management, will be included. Successful completion of the course may lead to certification by the American Coaching Effectiveness Program (ACEP). 331-290-0-0835

Motion 6: The Senate recommends that the Personal Wellness course (HHP 200) be allowed to fulfill partial credit for the PE requirement in the old General Education Program.

All motions passed.


Senator Maurice Witten distributed a salary comparison chart. (See attached). Discussion followed.

4. Student Affairs. No report.


F. Old Business. None was taken.

G. New Business. There was none.

H. Reports From Liaisons.


2. Computer Advisory Committee. No report. There was a query on the status of previous senate action.

3. Instructional Media Committee. No report.


6. General Education Committee. Senator Martha Holmes reported on the activity of the committee. The committee has evaluated 20 courses. Some were approved and some were returned to departments.

I. Adjournment was at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry R. Cox
Secretary