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Minutes of FHSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
22 August 1995

- A. President Steve Shapiro called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. on 22 August 1995 in the Prairie Room of the Memorial Union.
- B. Senators present were Jean Gleichsner, Martin Shapiro, Rich Huguen, John Durham, and Dianna Koerner.
- C. Minutes from the 22 June 1995 meeting were approved with one small correction.
- D. Announcements:
1. Provost is pursuing changing the policy for the cancellation of Friday's classes for Oktoberfest. The general consensus of the Executive Committee was that although most faculty would prefer having classes, the reality is that students go to Oktoberfest even if classes are scheduled. If the students do not show up for classes, then classes are a waste. If the students wish to promote changing this policy, the Faculty Senate will support their efforts. However, the onus for changing the policy should come from the students.
 2. Faculty Senate Presidents' Orientation Manual is now finished. It is plumb full of all kinds of interesting bits about the Board of Regents and other need to know information.
 3. The Executive Committee approved the list of committee assignments (see Attachment A), with the change of John Durham being transferred to University Affairs.
 4. A meeting of COFSP with Governor Graves has been scheduled for 15 September 1995. If anyone has any suggestions for topics to discuss with the Governor, they should contact Steve. Jean suggested discussing a recent article by a K-State professor that the state should stop subsidizing health care benefits for faculty during the summer months. Dianna suggested showing the governor a pie chart illustrating the declining proportion of the budget that higher education is receiving from the state. John suggested that we should emphasize that Kansas universities need to get ahead of other states in regard to our electronic infrastructure.
Dianna suggested that an important topic for the COFSP should be quality control of ITV courses being beamed in from universities outside of the state. Some of these courses are dubious in terms of their rigor and requirements.
 5. Faculty Senate will be selecting a Student Assistant. Applications for this position should be processed through Kathy Radke's office.

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E. Standing Committees

1. No report from Academic Affairs. Steve noted that the new program Information Networking will be having a large number of courses coming through this year.
2. No report from By-laws and Standing Rules except for the election of its officers.
3. No report from External Affairs and Faculty Salary.
4. No report from Student Affairs. Steve indicated that he would be recruiting a Liaison for SGA.
5. Marty reported that the University Affairs Committee will be announcing the election of its officers. In addition, they will be reconciling the format of the University's format for faculty vita.

F. Old business

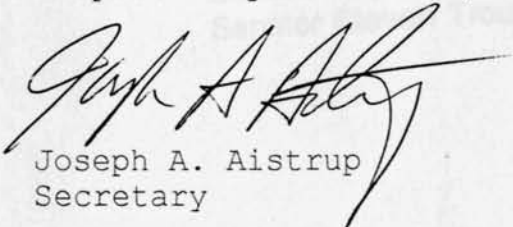
1. BOR will be coming to campus during the third week of October. Faculty Senate needs to recruit 45 faculty members for a breakfast meeting with the BOR.
2. An agenda item for the next Faculty Senate meeting will be the topic of comparative student evaluations being included in tenure and promotion files. The general consensus is that this type of comparison can be easily misinterpreted and is inappropriate for tenure and promotion files.
3. John Welsh, Director of Academic Affairs for the BOR will be coming to FHSU in early November. The suggestion was made that a meeting should be arranged with area state legislators to discuss Regent's issues. External Affairs will be contacted to arrange the meeting.

G. New business to discuss.

1. The Provost and Deans are discussing changing class schedule to eliminate starting times for classes that are earlier than 8:00 a.m.

H. Adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary