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Minutes of Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
5 September 1995

A. President Steven Shapiro called the meeting to order in the Pioneer Lounge Room of the Memorial Union on 5 September 1995 at 3:30 p.m.

B. Senators present were Jean Gleichsner, Alan Schoer, Gary Hulett, Michael Miller, Joan Rumpel, Ann McClure, Jean Anna Sellers, James Hohman (for Max Rumpel), Charles Wilhelm (for Fred Britten), John Durham, Tom Johansen, Steven Trout, Richard Leeson, Kenneth Neuhauser, Steve Sedbrook, John Zody, Erv Eltze, Martin Shapiro, Eileen Deges Curl, Richard Hughen, Keith Krueger, Joseph Aistrup, Robert Markley, Alice Humphreys, and William Havice.

Senators absent were Warren Schaffer, James Murphy, Martha Holmes, Bruce Bardwell, Donna Ortiz, Christopher Lovett, Evelyn Toft, Phyllis Schmidt, Lewis Miller, Dianna Koerner, and Debora Scheffel.

Guest of the Senate was Lanette Schmeidler, President SGA.

C. Minutes of the May 1995 meeting were approved with the modification of correctly referencing Senator Martin Shapiro and President Steven Shapiro.

D. Announcements:

1. Scheduled 8 September 1995 meeting with Chair of the Board of Regents (BOR) and Executive Director Stephen Jordan has been postponed. President S. Shapiro will notify the Senate when this meeting is rescheduled.

For other announcements refer to the Faculty Senate Agenda for 5 September 1995.

E. Standing Committees:

1. Announcement of officers and memberships of standing committees. Membership list are shown in Attachment A.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Academic Affairs	Martha Holmes	Joan Rumpel
By-Laws	Richard Hughen	Tom Johansen
External Affairs	Michael Miller	Phyllis Schmidt
Student Affairs	Steve Sedbrook	Jean Anna Sellers
University Affairs	Martin Shapiro	Robert Markley

1. Academic Affairs had no report.
2. By-Laws and Standing Rules had no report.

3. External Affairs had no report.
4. Student Affairs had no report.
5. University Affairs had no report.

F. No old business

G. New Business

1. President S. Shapiro asked whether Faculty Senate was interested in inviting members of the state legislature to campus. Senator Markley noted that President Hammond routinely invites state legislators to campus. Senator Miller talked to President's Secretary to see if Faculty Senate could get state legislators on campus a day earlier so that faculty could interact with the state legislators. Members of the Faculty Senate did not object to President S. Shapiro pursuing this topic in the future.
2. The administration is exploring changing the starting times for classes to make better use of the facilities. Senator M. Shapiro asked whether the new schedule would take into account the lunch hour. President S. Shapiro will be checking on the status of any changes in the schedule.
3. President S. Shapiro asked whether Faculty Senate as a group would volunteer to participate in either the opening ceremony, reading names, or closing ceremony for the AIDS quilt on 21-24 September 1995. It was moved and seconded that Faculty Senate volunteer to participate as a group. The motion passed without opposition.
4. Other New Business

Senator M. Shapiro wanted to know if the issue of implementing a uniform merit policy for new faculty members (to prevent automatic 1/2 merit increases for new faculty) had been broached with President Hammond or Provost Arevelo. President S. Shapiro and Senator Gleichsner have talked to President Hammond who referred them to Provost Arevelo. This issue will be discussed in their next meeting with the Provost.

Senator Humphries wanted to know what the relationship is between the American Association of University Professors and Faculty Senate. President S. Shapiro noted that there is no official relationship. Senator Hughen pointed out that AAUP is trying to establish a chapter at FHSU. Professor Tom Guss has been elected President of AAUP, and Senator Hughen has been elected Vice President. If anyone wants to become a charter member of AAUP they should talk to these people.

Senator Neuhauser wanted to gauge the Faculty Senate's views concerning whether CTELT is serving faculty. Some sentiment

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was expressed that faculty development might be better served if the money budgeted to CTELT was divided among the departments. Senator Neuhauser suggested that the Senate should investigate perceptions about CTELT to ascertain the extent to which the faculty feel they are being served by it. After this investigation, the Director of CTELT, Richard Ranker should be invited to Faculty Senate to discuss issues resulting from the investigation (if any).

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Senator McClure asked if the Provost was proceeding with requirement that Tenure and Promotion files include comparative student teaching evaluations. Senator Gleichsner reported that the Provost was requiring that the files should include an average for the department compared to average student evaluations for the faculty member applying for tenure and/or promotion. A number of Senators once again stated their opposition to this type of evaluation system. Strong protests were voiced about the costs of collecting this information exceeding its benefit; that there was no compelling evidence that this information served a useful function or that it is reliable; and that administrators act as if "where there is paper, there is truth." President S. Shapiro asked if University Affairs could draft a statement regarding this issue.

H. Reports from Liaisons:

1. The liaison for Classified Senate will be Senator Leeson.
2. The liaison for Instructional and Technology Policy Advisory Committee will be Senator Max Rumpel.
3. President S. Shapiro will be assigning a liaison for Faculty and Staff Development.
4. The liaison for the Library Committee will be Senator Joan Rumpel.
5. The liaison for the Student Government Association will be Senator Sedbrook.
6. The liaison for the General Education Committee will be Senator Holmes.

I. Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph A. Aistrup
Faculty Senate Secretary