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Minutes of the Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
11 March 1996

G. President Stephen Shapiro reconvened the meeting in the Black and Gold Ballroom of the Memorial Union on 11 March 1996 at 3:30p.m.

H. Senators present were: Warren Schaffer, Jean Gleichsner, Martha Holmes, Richard Packauskas, Ann McClure, John Watson (for Gary Hulett), Joan Rumble, Jean Anna Sellers, Max Rumpel, Stephen Shapiro, Tom Johansen, Steven Trout, Evelyn Toft, Richard Zakrzewski (for Kenneth Neuhauser), John Zody, Erv Eltze, Martin Shapiro, Dianna Koerner, Richard Hughen, Keith Krueger, Pelgy Vaz (for Alice Humphreys), and Joseph Aistrup.

Senators absent were: James Murphy, Alan Schoer, Bruce Bardwell, Fred Britten, John Durham, Donna Ortiz, Richard Leeson, Steve Sedbrook, Norm Caulfield, Phyllis Schmidt, Lewis Miller, Eileen Deges Curl, Robert Markley, Debora Scheffel, Willian Havice and Mike Miller.

Guests of the Senate were: Kenzie Singleton, Travis Crites and Provost Arevalo.

I. Announcements:

1. The senators on the nomination committee are: Bob Markley, Rich Hughen, Bill Watt, Stephen Shapiro and Dianna Koerner.

J. Standing Committees:

1. Academic Affairs- Senator Martha Holmes

a. Course Approval: Orientation to Chemistry 101.
Description: One Hour Credit non-general-education, added for the degree program. This course was approved by Academic Affairs (6-2) and Faculty Senate (unanimously).

b. Academic Honesty and Responsibility Policy (See Attachment B of the 3-5-1996 agenda)
When presented to SGA they requested examples of disruptive behavior. These examples have been added. SGA President, LaNette Schmidler, read the up-dated version and is opposed to the additions. In a letter written to Senator Holmes, SGA President Schmidler expressed concern that trivial issues would be

prosecuted on the level of plagiarism. Senator Max Rumpel felt that the word "persistent" needed to be added to the policy. Senator Holmes accepted this as a friendly amendment. Senator Johansen nonetheless voiced concerns that the examples are too frivolous and should not be equated as the same magnitude as plagiarism, cheating, and falsification. Travis Crites felt that academic honesty and academic responsibility are two different issues. It was moved and seconded that the policy be split into two policies with the academic responsibility portion to be sent back to committee. The motion passed 10-9-2. The Senate then discussed on the Academic Honesty portion of the motion. It was determined that too many changes were needed to adequately split the two policies. It was moved and seconded that the Academic Honesty portion be sent back to committee for additional work. The motion passed.

2. By-Laws and Standing Rules- Senator Richard Huguen

a. Senator Huguen moved that standing rule number nine be amended as follows:

"Library Representation: See article III Sec. 3 pt C (4). For purposes of determining senate representation, the staff holding academic rank at Forsyth library shall be considered a department and elect representatives accordingly.

The motion passed 18-3.

b. Senator Huguen also moved that CTELT be given the same rights as the library (see 3-5-1996 agenda). The discussion shifted to concern over the rights of unclassified staff without academic rank. Senator Johansen stated that since CTELT does not teach classes and they do not hold academic rank, they should not be in Faculty Senate. Senator Koerner felt that the amendment was not broad enough to encompass other unclassified staff in admissions and other areas who presently have no representation. Senator Koerner advocates giving representation in Faculty Senate to all unclassified employees without academic rank. Provost Arevalo noted that he did not think that normal Senate discussions were relevant to unclassified employees without academic rank. It was moved and seconded to send the motion back to

committee. The motion failed.

There was a nonbinding straw poll taken to see if Senate supported 1) including only CTELT, 2) including all unclassified staff without academic rank, or 3) dropping this discussion and recommending that they form their own representative body. The Senate overwhelmingly supported the third option.

The motion to adopt the proposed standing rule #10 failed.

3. External Affairs and Faculty Salary -- President Shapiro announced that Senator Mike Miller has resigned his post as chair of this committee. Senator Phyllis Schmidt will be the new chair for the rest of this academic year.

4. Student Affairs- Senator Steve Sedbrook -- no report

5. University Affairs- Senator Martin Shapiro

a. Correction to "Faculty Evaluation Report." "The university assumes, unless negotiated otherwise, a weighted workload assessment of 60% teaching, 20% research, and 20% service."

b. First reading for the "Policy on Chronically Under Performing Faculty." (See Attachment C on 3-5-96 agenda).

K. Old Business- None

L. New Business

1. Senator Johansen announced that his department's curriculum is now officially registered with the Certified Board of Financial Planners. FHSU is the only program in the state that is certified.

2. A moment of silence was observed for Dr. Bill King who passed away this past week.

3. President Hammond suggested that Faculty Senate should meet more often than once a month. There was a straw poll to determine the extent of support for this. The consensus was that we should meet twice a month when needed. President Stephen Shapiro assigned it to the By-Laws and Standing Rules committee.

4. Senator Koerner noted that FHSU does not have transfer and articulation agreements for students from private and out-of-state schools. She would like to see FHSU develop agreements with these types of schools.

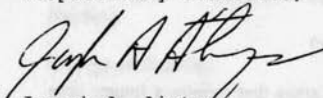
5. President Stephen Shapiro asked the Student Affairs Committee to review the "Guaranteed Four Year Degree Policy," change in full-time status for disabled students (from 12 hours to 9 hours), and to formulate a policy for those called to active duty.

M. Reports from Liaisons

No reports

N. Adjournment 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary