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Fort Hays State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting
of
Monday, April 2, 2001

Called to order at 3:34 PM by Vice President Paul Adams, due to lack of quorum at 3:30 PM

1. **Announcements and Information Items-no report**

2. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings**

2a. March, 2001 minutes-approved unanimously by faculty senators

3. **Reports from Committees**

3a. Academic Affairs = Martha Holmes, Chair-Requesting approval of MUS 180, BIOL563/763, BIOL 567/767, BIOL 569/769, HHP 460, SOCW 755 and SOCW 750 (see Attachment-B for course descriptions-except for HHP 460)-*all courses were approved by faculty senators.*

3b. By-Laws and Standing Rules-*no report*

3c. University Affairs = Requesting approval of change in mission statement (adding phrases relating to diversity – see Attachment-C)-*after much discussion, this was referred back to the University Affairs Committee for reconsideration/alternate revisions.*

3d. Student Affairs-*no report*

3e. External Affairs and Faculty Salaries-*no report*

3f. Executive Committee = Requesting approval of Resolution 2000/2001-009: Recommendations from FHSU regarding tuition increases or decreases should be made to the Board of Regents at least 15 months in advance of the Semester the proposed tuition change would occur. [In anticipation of the pending change to block grant funding and tuition control.]

Art Morin presiding at this time. President Morin addressed the senate regarding this request. With this proposal, FHSU can raise or lower its own tuition rates. Motion by John Durham, seconded by John Heinrichs, to table this until future funding is known and information from students regarding this proposal can be obtained. This was approved by all faculty senators.

4. **Old Business**

4a. Discussion of 'workforce baccalaureate' AQIP goal-*The question was raised by Richard Leeson as to whether or not this was a university goal to essentially develop a new program. Duane Renfrow explained that this program would tentatively be organized for individuals who have a degree in the area of technology (such as construction technology), who are seeking a bachelor's degree. Richard Leeson (seconded Fred Britten) made a motion that Faculty senate strike the workforce goal as one of AQIP's goals. The rationale provided was that individual departments could work on this program and submit it through the existing channels for approval, and that it does not fit with an overall university goal. Motion carried with 2 opposing, and 2 abstaining.*

4b. Discussion of revised 5th goal: "Improve the environment that fosters research, scholarship, and creative activities."- *This was written by Art Morin after the faculty senate discussion at the March meeting. Motion by Paul Adams (seconded John Durham and Dave Goodlett) that this goal be approved for the 5th AQIP goal. This motion passed with one opposing vote.*

5. New Business-*nomination received for John Heinrichs for the position of Vice President for the next academic year. All senators unanimously approved this nomination. The position of secretary will be filled at the next faculty senate meeting.*

6. Reports From Liaisons

6a. Classified Senate = John Durham-*no report*

6b. Student Government = Ervin Eltze-*no report*

6c. General Education = Martha Holmes-*this committee has met to discuss the instruments used in the evaluation of general education courses.*

6d. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee = Loretta Dorn-*no report*

6e. Virtual College Advisory Committee = Donna Northam-*the forum on the Virtual College was held, although Cindy Elliot did not attend due to the potential perceived conflict of having the forum perceived as a part of the negotiation process with AAUP. Donna Northam emphasized that Cindy Elliot encourages individuals to contact her if they have any concerns or questions, and she will try to address them. Items currently under review in the committee include Web site templates, distance education and access by individuals with disabilities. Quality as an issue is handled at the department level, and should remain a function of quality control at each department when courses are approved to be offered through the Virtual College.*

6f. Library Committee = Duane Renfrow-*no report*

6g. Faculty and Staff Development Committee = Chris Crawford-*no report*

6f. Report from AAUP liaison = Doug Drabkin-*this is a summary of the report that was written by Doug Drabkin. Progress is being made in the negotiation process. Current issues include salary, summer salary, flex time, the grievance procedure, Virtual College issues, and the possible development of a joint problem-solving committee. Considering the current state of affairs in Topeka, it does make it difficult to secure salary increases beyond what Topeka approves without possible serious effects in other areas in the academy. In the area of summer school, the issues being discussed include if it is fair to pay faculty lower salaries when enrollment is low, and how students are being treated when low enrollment classes are cancelled suddenly.*

7. Adjournment-*at 4:45 PM.*

Liane Connelly