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Fort Hays State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting
of
Monday, April 1, 2002

(3:30pm, Memorial Union, Pioneer Lounge)

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by President Paul Adams.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

1a. Mar 02 minutes

Stephen Schleicher moved that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

1b. Sign-in Roster Mar 02

Lynn Haggard moved that the roster be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

2a. Information from the Kansas Board of Regents Meeting – Paul Adams

Letter Initiative- An e-mail has been sent requesting that faculty participate in a letter writing initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to convince state legislators that raising taxes would have less serious consequences than allowing the deep budget cuts in education. The e-mail contained some ideas about information to include in the letter; however, it is suggested that each person use his/her own words, as legislators appear to find this more convincing. It was also suggested that FHSU letterhead not be used for the letters. Adams will send out a listing of addresses for state legislators in a future e-mail.

Tuition – Final decisions regarding the universities' tuitions plans have been put on hold.

2b. Initiatives by the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents

54 Hour Rule – The issue is still being discussed. There is some consensus that requiring 45 hours of upper division credit would cause fewer problems than 54, so the COFSP are promoting that idea.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Academic Affairs, Martha Holmes –

The following resolutions were presented:

Resolution 0102_88 It is recommended that *PSY 234 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology* be deleted from the General Education Program, and that *PSY 300 Abnormal Psychology* be substituted in its place in the Social and Behavioral category of the General Education Program.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 0102_84 rev The Faculty Senate recommends that *ECFI 205 Essentials of Personal Finance* be added to the General Education option under the Social and Behavioral Sciences category.

This motion was in response to the original motion (Resolution 0102_84) from the Executive Committee (see the March 2002 Faculty Senate minutes for that motion). The vote on the revised motion, from the Academic Affairs Committee, was 5 in favor, 4 against, and 2 abstaining. The first reading of Resolution 0102_84 rev for the full Faculty Senate was provided. Discussion and action on the motion will occur during the May meeting of the Faculty Senate. Senators were requested to discuss this motion and its history with their constituencies prior

4c. General Education – Martha Holmes

The committee discussed the change in courses in the Psychology section of the General Education program, as well as proactively considering how to process Resolution 0102_84, if Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate passed it.

4d. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee – Cynthia Danner-Kuhn – No report.

4e. Virtual College Advisory Committee – Ray Johnson

The idea of having all Virtual College course syllabi on-line is moving forward. CTELT will help faculty complete the task. A template is being created that may be used for the syllabi. The target date to have all VC syllabi on line is August 1. (Note: Academic Affairs has been considering the request to put all syllabi on-line, focusing in particular on how requiring this would impact faculty's intellectual property rights. The issue is being referred to the University Affairs Committee). Other issues discussed by the committee: preventing delays in students getting course materials, and the formation of learning communities to assist faculty with on-line teaching.

4f. Library Committee – Douglas Drabkin

The committee met on March 13th. Progress is being made on setting up a system whereby students can, through the internet, access documents put on library service. Various documents in the university archives and special collections are also being put into a computer-accessible format. A display focusing on campus honor societies in the process of being composed, contact Jean Gleichner if you would like your department's honor society represented in the display. Also, anyone interested in working on the development of a special collection of materials from Nicodemus, KS, should contact John Ross. Finally, if your department would like to schedule a meeting with library staff to discuss what the library has to assist your department in its work or how the library could better assist you in your work, contact John Ross.

4g. Faculty and Staff Development Committee – Chris Crawford – No report.

4h. Report from AAUP liaison – Douglas Drabkin – No report.

4i. Internationalization of the Campus: John Heinrichs – No report.

4j. AQIP Report by Dr. Robert Scott

A group representing FHSU attended the NCA Annual Conference. It was very informative, and John Ross gave a well-received presentation on the role of the library in the accreditation process.

5. Old Business

None was reported.

6. New Business

John Heinrichs reminded senators about the Second Annual Sigma Xi Science Research Showcase to be held on April 26th. The event offers an opportunity for all faculty and students to exhibit their research. Awards will be made for the best posters in three categories (undergraduate student, graduate student, and faculty) with cash prizes for the student categories. Senators were asked to encourage students and colleagues to participate.

Steven Trout requested an update be provided in the next meeting regarding the progress made toward implementing the new student-access computerized enrollment system.

Fred Britten requested that the Provost provide information at the next meeting about the changes in commencement this year.

Provost Larry Gould emphasized the seriousness of the budget problem for next year. It appears as if there might be budget cuts at a level that may necessitate cuts in faculty and staff positions or cuts in the summer schedule. It might also cause tuition hikes that would limit access to higher education for students,

to the May meeting in order to provide the greatest possible representation of the faculty.

Courses submitted for approval:

JUS 140, 245, 395, 640	Approved unanimously.
LDRS 110	Approved unanimously.
PSY 568, 734, 768	Approved unanimously.

3b. Student Affairs – Howard Peters

No report. Paul Adams noted that a forum, in conjunction with SGA, would be held on the topic of concurrent enrollment courses.

3c. Executive Committee – Paul Adams

Status of Appointment of University Standing Committees – Nominees are still needed for some committees. Paul Adams will circulate another e-mail requesting nominations. The issue was raised regarding whether those serving on departmental tenure committees could serve on the University Tenure Committee, as long as the department had no 5th or 6th year tenure candidates.

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers – Candidates for the offices of President-Elect and Secretary are still being sought. Paul Siegrist moved that elections be deferred until May. Art Morin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Indication of Committee Preference for 2002-03 – A notice will be sent soon requesting each senator's committee preference for next academic year.

3d. University Affairs – Marty Shapiro

A report on the Teaching Evaluation Workshop attended by Carol Patrick was presented. A system for revising the process of student and peer teaching evaluation was provided. The UAC will discuss how to use the material obtained at the workshop in their April meeting.

3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules – Art Morin – No report.

3f. External Affairs and Faculty Salaries – Mahboub Hashem – No report.

3g. AQIP 5th Goal Committee – Steven Trout

Resolution 0102_37 Scholar Day The Faculty Senate proposes that FHSU designate one day out of each academic year as an official day for the celebration of research, scholarship and creative activity. This event will feature concurrent presentations by faculty and students, art exhibitions and recitals, and the President's Distinguished Scholar address. FHSU faculty will have the option of holding classes on this day or sending their students to various presentations and performances.

After some discussion on the merits of canceling or not canceling classes for Scholar Day, a vote was held on the motion. The motion passed, with one member opposing and none abstaining.

Other issues on which the committee is working: policies on sabbaticals and reassigned time, the use of grant overhead monies that go to the university, and determining a baseline of scholarly activity for the AQIP process.

4. Reports From Liaisons

4a. Classified Senate – Paul Adams – No report.

4b. Student Government – Robert Howell

SGA is dealing with the issue of budget reductions. Funds were cut for the radio stations, and cuts are being considered for the yearbook, given how few students purchase it.

especially those with more limited incomes. Faculty members are encouraged to write letters and interact with legislators regarding this issue. Paul Adams mentioned that Faculty Senate may hold a forum to discuss budget issues.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

Stephen Schleicher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lynn Haggard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

Carol Patrick, Faculty Senate Secretary