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Fort Hays State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting
of
Monday, June 3, 2002

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

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Adams at 3:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

1a. May 02 minutes (see Attachment-A)

The minutes were approved unanimously.

1b. Sign-in Roster May 02 (see Attachment B)

Greg Force and Richard Packauskas were also present at the meeting. The roster was unanimously approved, with the noted revisions.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

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

Tuition Proposals (on reserve in the library) – The tuition proposals of each of the Regents universities is on reserve at the library. President Adams noted that FHSU is taking the lead in economic conservatism when it comes to tuition increases. FHSU's proposed tuition increase for the next academic year is five percent, compared to 25 percent for some of the other universities.

Degree Definition – The Regents have changed the requirement to 45 hours of upper division credit (as opposed to the previous 54 hours) for a degree program. Students must also complete 60 hours at a four-year degree granting institution.

The "Initiatives" for Southwestern Kansas (on reserve in the library) – A number of proposals were presented to the Regents about how to provide a four-year institution presence in southwestern Kansas. Dodge City proposed a Regents Center housed at the old St. Mary of the Plains campus. All Regents universities could offer courses from this center. FHSU proposed a modest expansion of the services already being provided to the area by the Virtual College, to create more of an on-site presence. A joint FHSU/ESU/PSU proposal for providing teacher education services was also presented.

2b. Information from the administration – John Heinrichs

Budget Plan – Senator Heinrichs encouraged faculty to read the materials sent out over e-mail the last couple of weeks regarding the budget. There will be a budget shortfall of about \$1 ½ million dollars at FHSU. This will primarily be dealt with through a 5% tuition increase, a 1% decrease in OOE for non-credit hour producing units, a \$300,000 decrease in the Virtual College budget, and two non-filled positions being dropped (one in Modern Languages, one in the Kelly Center). The faculty has been able to be involved in the budget process this time. President Adams noted that the budget may change further if state revenues continue to decrease, perhaps including cuts in OOE.

Other items – Senator Heinrichs briefly discussed the new policies on Research Incentives and Consulting. Senators were encouraged to examine the policies sent out through e-mail. The former allows faculty to receive some of the salary monies they bring in through external grants, and the latter has stronger rules for the reporting of consulting practices by faculty members. The President's cabinet has also approved the repeat policy forwarded by the Faculty Senate in May.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Academic Affairs - Martha Holmes

Resolution 0102_104 SOC 479/779 Community Theory and Development

The question was raised as to why the undergraduate portion of the course was not at the 500 level, as is generally the case with cross-listed courses. Senator Holmes indicated it was the preference of the department. Art Morin made a motion to refer the matter back to committee for appropriate course numbering. Graduate School Dean Tom Jackson indicated that the matter could be handled through a request from his office. Based on that, Senator Morin withdrew his motion. The original motion passed unanimously.

3b. Student Affairs - Howard Peters - No report.

3c. Executive Committee - Paul Adams - No report.

3d. University Affairs - David Goodlett

A grievance has been filed by a member of the faculty, and the UAC is charged with forming an appeals committee to hear the case. This committee shall consist of five tenured faculty members and two alternates. UAC members are not allowed to sit on the appeals committee. Senator Goodlett requested that the members of UAC meet briefly after the meeting to set a time to handle the matter. He also asked senators to volunteer for the appeals committee.

3e. By-Laws and Standing Rules - Art Morin

The committee has not met so there was no formal report, but Senator Morin made several observations about issues to consider in the future. The issue of whether a policy should be created to deal with egregious absences at meeting by senators was mentioned, as was the need for a policy indicating when and where the Faculty Senate should be involved "in the loop" of decision making.

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

4. Reports From Liaisons

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

4b. Student Government - Robert Howell - No report.

4c. General Education - Martha Holmes - No report.

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

4e. Virtual College Advisory Committee - Ray Johnson - No report.

4f. Library Committee - Douglas Drabkin - No report.

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 - Robert Scott

The results from the FHSU Faculty Satisfaction Survey were received from UCLA. On most indices, FHSU faculty satisfaction was within 5-6 percent of the average of all universities included. A copy of the report will be placed on reserve in the library for those who wish to examine it.

5. Old Business

Resolution 0102_101 The Faculty Senate recommends reformulating the purpose and function of the Virtual College Advisory Committee (VCAC). The said reformulation is to look at the mission of the VCAC and reporting function of the VCAC. It is proposed that a joint ad-hoc committee formed from Academic Affairs and University Affairs committee members redefine and refine the role of the VCAC. Specifically the ad-hoc committee should examine moving the VCAC from an advisory capacity to a policy approval capacity, within the domain of governance of Faculty Senate with the VCAC actions being reported, acted upon, and brought before the Faculty Senate by the Academic Affairs Committee.

Stephen Schleicher moved that the resolution be passed. William Stark seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

Art Morin suggested that the Senate make it a priority next academic year to examine the General Education program, in particular the Foundations portion. Some possibilities for consideration: whether to incorporate financial wellness and service learning into the Gen Ed program.

President Adams handed the gavel to new President John Heinrichs to complete the meeting.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

Win Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Haggard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Patrick, Faculty Senate Secretary