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## Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate Minutes, April 7, 2003

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**Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes for Regular Meeting of Monday, April 7, 2003**  
(3:30pm, Memorial Union, Pioneer Lounge)

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by President John Heinrichs.

- 1. Election of officers-** Elections were held for Vice-President and Secretary of Faculty Senate for AY 2003-2004. Candidates for Secretary were Loretta Dorn and Rich Lisichenko. Lisichenko was elected. Candidates for Vice-President were David Goodlett and Win Jordan. The vote resulted in a tie. It was agreed that the candidates would meet with President Heinrichs to resolve the election.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**
  - 2a. March 4, 2003 minutes (see Attachment A) and sign-in roster (see Attachment B)  
A motion was made by William Stark to approve the minutes and sign-in roster. Win Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 3. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)**
  - 3a. Survey regarding teaching evaluation  
Senators were asked to fill out a survey for the Ad Hoc Teaching Evaluation Committee.
  - 3b. Information from the Kansas Board of Regents  
A re-examination of areas served by each university and college in the system will be undertaken. Performance agreement goals are being formulated; it appears that some will be Regents-mandated and some will be the choice of each university. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents is discussing ways to increase inter-university research and service efforts.
  - 3c. Report from the President's Cabinet  
No items of interest to faculty were discussed.
  - 3d. Special meeting of the Senate with President Hammond  
The President would like to meet with the Faculty Senate to discuss budget issues. After some discussion, senators agreed that the meeting should be held. A request will be made for a substantial period of question and answer time.
  - 3e. University Committee appointments  
Volunteers were sought for several committees.
  - 3f. End-of-year celebration – suggestions requested  
No suggestions for changes to the end-of-the-year celebration at Commerce Bank were offered.
  - 3g. Status of recent resolutions, including SGA comments on 103\_015 (online syllabi for on-campus courses)  
Recent motions (those on online syllabi and merit pay) have been acknowledged by Provost Gould and President Hammond. The Student Government expressed displeasure over the online syllabi motion; they wish to see all course syllabi online.
  - 3h. Status of Regents' Faculty of the Year awards  
The FHSU plan has been sent to the Board of Regents for approval.
  - 3i. Report on Internet II – Dave Schmidt  
The benefits of Internet II for a variety of academic disciplines were discussed. Extra equipment at each individual workstation will not be required. The service will not cost the university anything until extra bandwidth is needed.
  - 3j. Student Senate Resolution – Daron Jamison  
A resolution from the Student Senate, requesting that faculty, staff and administrators refrain from supporting any candidate for Student Senate in any form, fashion, or manner, was presented.

#### 4. Reports from Committees

4a. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

**Recommendation 103\_019:** Approval of MKT 508/708 (Database Marketing)

Both courses were approved unanimously.

**Recommendation 103\_020:** Approval of MKT 509/709 (Strategic Electronic Marketing)

Both courses were approved unanimously.

4b. Student Affairs: Rich Lisichenko

How strongly our privacy rules protect our international students was examined. It was found they are well-protected; a search warrant is required to get their information.

4c. University Affairs: David Goodlett – No report.

4d. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Neil Patrick – No report.

4e. Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Steve Trout

Much was learned at the forum on concurrent enrollment. The committee will be meeting in April to discuss upcoming initiatives.

4f. Ad hoc Teaching Evaluation Committee: Carol Patrick

Efforts have been increased to get faculty responses to a survey about what should be involved in teaching evaluation. Research reports about various aspects of teaching evaluation have been produced by committee members.

4g. Ad hoc Virtual College Governance Framework Committee: Ray Johnson

The report has been completed and will be presented at next month's meeting.

4h. Ad hoc Good Teaching Practices Committee: Sondra Schwetman

The eight principles of good teaching are being finalized and exemplars for each are being generated.

4i. Executive Committee: John Heinrichs

**Resolution 103\_021 (revised):**

Whereas, the Kansas State Senate has passed an amendment to SB 263, the 2003-2004 State Appropriations Bill, that directs the Kansas Board of Regents to terminate funding for any department of a Regents' University that purchases or uses "obscene" videos in a human sexuality course or other such class, and

Whereas the use of sexually explicit materials or other materials deemed "obscene" may be appropriate in a number of university-level courses, including those covering human sexuality, and

Whereas the referenced amendment represents a substantial infringement on academic freedom, which is vital to intellectual inquiry and a quality education,

The Faculty Senate of Fort Hays State University requests Governor Kathleen Sebelius use her line-item veto power to remove the provision from the bill.

After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the governor.

## **5. Reports From Liaisons**

- 5a. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee: Gladys Swindler  
The committee discussed Internet II, different policies across campus for charging students for printing in labs (it was decided that each department should be allowed to set its own policy), and the new Blackboard server that should be ready for use by the end of the year. Faculty are asked to remind students to fill out the web survey on computing resources at FHSU.
- 5b. Institutional Effectiveness Committee: Stephen Schleicher – No report.
- 5c. International Programming Team: Dosse Toulaboe  
The team has finished work on an affinity diagram for the International Studies minor, is working on a web site to provide information for international students, and is examining how to encourage international faculty exchange.
- 5d. Virtual College Advisory Committee: Glen McNeil – No report.
- 5e. Classified Senate: Tom Martin – No report.
- 5f. AQIP: Chris Crawford  
Data is being gathered for the performance scorecard to be presented to the Board of Regents.
- 5g. Report from AAUP liaison: Douglas Drabkin – No report.
- 5h. Student Government: Robert Howell  
Concern was expressed by students over the Faculty Senate resolution requesting that it not be mandatory for syllabi to be placed on-line. There was much discussion about the future of the Reveille; the students voted against the resolution to get rid of the yearbook. There was also discussion about appropriations to student groups and teaching evaluation.
- 5i. General Education: Martha Holmes  
A new General Education course offered by the Modern Languages department, Great Works in Translation, was approved. Different sections of the course based in different languages will be offered.
- 5j. Faculty and Staff Development Committee: Chris Crawford  
There has been an increase in applications for Faculty/Staff Development funding. A total of 25 applications for funding will be examined at the next meeting.
- 5k. Library Committee: Douglas Drabkin – No report.
- 5l. Graduate Council: Steve Trout – No report.

## **6. Old Business - None**

## **7. New Business - None**

## **8. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting**

Paul Siegrist motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Steven Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.