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**Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by President David Goodlett.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

- 1a. April 4, 2005 minutes and sign-in roster (See attachments)
- The April minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required)

2a. Information from Kansas Board of Regents: President Goodlett

- President Goodlett reported that the Kansas Board of Regents continued its discussion on concurrent enrollment. And it expressed its concerns about funding K-12 education in Kansas since the legislature might take funds from higher education to supply monetary needs for primary and secondary education.

2c. Report from President's Cabinet

- Two issues were discussed: budget requests and the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. Both issues concern needs for funding.

3. Reports from Committees

3a. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes

- Six courses were presented for Faculty Senate approval.

Recommendation 105-055: SLP 318

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Unanimously approved

Recommendation 105-057: ENG 385

Recommendation 105-058: ENG 447

Recommendation 105-059: ENG 449

Some discussion ensued concerning whether or not the courses above were different from courses offered by Communications. However, Senator Trout confirmed that such issues had been worked out with Dr. Haggard and the English Department.

The courses were approved with one abstention.

Recommendation 105-060: ENG 602

Unanimously approved

3b. Student Affairs: Robert Howell

- No report

3c. University Affairs: Loretta DornSteve Trout

- No report

3d. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Daniel Kulmala

- The current definition of teaching faculty was briefly discussed. And Senator Kulmala asked for some feedback concerning the demographics of the teaching faculty in each department. In the future, a new definition of teaching faculty will be proposed in order to determine representation on the Faculty Senate so that the senate will reflect current on-campus instructors.

3e. Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Win Jordan

- No report

3f. Executive Committee: David Goodlett

- President Goodlett discussed the concern over whether or not we should have a June Faculty Senate meeting given that not all members of Faculty Senate are paid for the period of time. A general discussion ensued. And it was determined that departments can always send an alternate for the June meeting to substitute for the senator who might be out of town or not performing teaching and service duties for the June meeting.

4. Reports from Liaisons

4a. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee: Ron Fahey

- Senator Fahey discussed the recommendation for FHSU becoming a laptop university. The following calendar of events has been put into place:

1. Fall 2005: laptops will be given to departments and specific faculty members to experiment with and report upon the uses of laptops.
2. Fall 2006: all faculty members will receive laptops for their own use and to experiment with in the classroom.
3. Fall 2007: all students will have access of some kind to laptops.

- A general discussion ensued, containing the following:

1. Senator Drabkin wondered if this information about laptops at FHSU meant that this is an implementation program or a pilot program.
2. Vice Provost Crawford stated that this is still a pilot program.
3. Concerns were raised about the cost of this program and how all students would gain access to laptops.
4. Provost Gould emphasized that the students who would need the most financial assistance will be the middle income students who are not eligible for financial aid.
5. Some raised concerns about increasing student fees to pay for this program. However, at this time the increase will primarily come in a fairly small increase in students' fees to pay for technical support.
6. The concern about insuring the laptops was raised. And Provost Gould indicated that students will sign an agreement of responsibility.

4b. International Programming Team: Dosse Toulaboe

- No report

4c. Virtual College Advisory Committee: Michelle Selk

- President Goodlett discussed several issues which were e-mailed in a message to him by Senator Selk:

4d. Classified Senate: Tom Martin

- Two issues were discussed: two-part cost of living increase and the possibility of tuition waiver for faculty and staff dependents.

4e. AQIP and Institutional Effectiveness Committee: Chris Crawford

- This committee is waiting on the return of the systems appraisal and is concerned with the alignment of core competencies with our own university.

4f. Report from AAUP Liaison: Douglas Drabkin

- Like the concern under discussion in By-laws, AAUP is concerned about who should be members of the bargaining unit.

4g. Student Government: Robert Howell

- Senator Howell reported on the allocation controversy, stating that the allocations were eventually passed.

4h. General Education: Martha Holmes

- This committee has almost finished reviewing all the general education courses; and a letter will be sent to faculty chairs outlining the findings.

4i. Faculty Development Committee: Carol Patrick

- No report

4j. Library Committee: Diana Koerner

- Continuing the serials review.

4k. Graduate Council: Fred Britten

- No report

4l. Research Environment Committee: Amy Schmierbach

- Expressed the success of the Creative and Research Week.

4m. Faculty Research Association: Steve Trout

- All were encouraged to fill out John Heinrich's survey. And the third issue of *Research Matters* will be out soon, highlighting the events of the Creative and Research Week.

5. Old Business

5a. No Old Business to discuss.

6. New Business

6a. Senator Koerner expressed the concern to change the criteria to determine merit. However, Senator Trout and Provost Gould explained that each department can negotiate the criteria, making it a departmental concern.

7. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.