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Meeting convened by President Lorie Cook-Benjamin

1. FS minutes were approved
2. Announcements
   a. Shared Governance – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
      i. Reminder of January 15th town meeting
      ii. College yet-to-be-named as a process in place for tenure/promotion
      iii. Technology up-date – Joy Hatch distributed handout which will be sent electronically to all faculty
      iv. Faculty Growth Model – Provost Glynn shared info on numbers and how new positions are determined
   b. President Martin and Provost Glynn answered questions.
      i. State funding will be cut – amount yet to be determined
      ii. Graduation rates at FHSU not acceptable (44% national rate). Would like to work together to achieve 70% graduation rate in 10 years.
   c. KBOR – COFSP – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
      i. New college and management/marketing split on Nov. KBOR agenda.
      ii. COFSP will meet with COGRO to discuss ways to improve public’s perceptions of higher education in Kansas.
      iii. COFSP and University Support Staff will administer a survey to all faculty and staff on gun control. Docking will present data from survey January 15th.
      iv. Sponsored by the ADP, FS, and GSA and University Support Staff will hope a campus forum on weapons possession and campus safety on January 26th. More information to follow.
3. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Academic Affairs – Senators Burnett and Donnelly
      i. Approval process – all new courses through Lotus Notes platform. Deans and chairs will not be required to approve only write a letter of support. The submission will be finalized with the Assistant Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Crowley. Then will go to Faculty Senate Academic Affairs.
      ii. FS – AA will review course approval checklist in Lotus Notes.
   b. Strategic Planning and Improvement – Senator Goodlett
      i. Revisions of academic committees
      ii. Mentoring Program – for faculty, they are looking at a survey to get a sense of what new faculty need.
   c. University Affairs – Senator Hamlin
      i. End of term evaluations – discussion of ways to best facilitate this. Something about evaluations was passed by FS in 2014. UA will look into this.
      ii. Librarians and Rank – distributed handout on current roles and definition as presented in the MOA. Discussed by FS. UA will contact Jennifer Sauer for additional points on this issue.
   d. Student Affairs – Senator Walters
i. Students question mid-term grades. Shouldn’t all students receive them?
ii. No more submission of names for Who’s Who for Students
iii. Student Success Week
iv. DoNut Cheat – November 4th
e. Partnerships and Technology – Senator Yang
   i. Electronic Portfolios
   ii. Senate involvement for virtual and international full-time faculty – conference available for a year

FS voted to increase FS time by 15 minutes to complete the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Liaison Reports
   a. Faculty Values Steering Committee – Senator Goodlett – committee going through checklist provided by the Provost.
   b. Faculty Workload Task Force – Not available
   c. AAUP – Linda Smith – there has been increased interest in joining AAUP this year

5. Unfinished Business
   a. Change of December meeting date – Monday, December 7.

6. New Business

7. Adjournment 5:15 PM