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# FHSU Faculty Senate Minutes

## Tuesday, September 6, 2016



3:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Ballroom in Memorial Union

Meeting convened by President Carl Miller, at 3:33 PM

### I. Approval of Minutes

May 2, 2016, Faculty Senate Minutes and Attendance log approved  
May 9, 2016, Special Faculty Senate Minutes and Attendance log approved

### II. Announcements

#### 1. Introduction

Carl Miller thanked Lorie Cook-Benjamin, Eric Deyo, Fred Britten, Trent Rose, and Taylor Hunt for their generous assistance to him

#### 2. FHSU President Mirta Martin

- a. Expressed her appreciation to the Senators for their service to FHSU
- b. Early enrollment numbers were disheartening, but the numbers increased by more than 1,000 after a campaign by faculty and staff to contact students
- c. The media understate the extent of state budget cuts by failing to add up all the periodic budget cuts
- d. State legislators agreed to interpret language in KPERS legislation such that 'continuously employed' means 'receiving continuous checks,' thereby saving jobs at FHSU
- e. Despite the various building projects on campus, FHSU has, believe it or not, 147 more parking spaces now than one year ago
- f. The administration will consider providing rain shelters for students waiting for the trolley
- g. State budget cuts have cost the University \$2.4 million

#### 3. FHSU Provost Graham Glynn

- a. Praised President Martin for being instrumental in protecting KPERS jobs
- b. The Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Greg Farley, is extracting from the Provost's strategic plan faculty expectations for the coming year
- c. Negotiations between AAUP and the administration have produced some minor agreements, and will continue over the next year
- d. Some new provostial committees have been created; e.g., the Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee and the Workforce Environment Committee
- e. FHSU is pursuing a partnership with Cambodia
- f. Seeking to put 21 new programs online **over the coming years if appropriate faculty hires occur**

g. The administration is seeking increases in course caps and reductions in overloads and summer courses; adjuncts will replace full-time faculty in teaching these courses; the administration does not envision that overload courses can be eliminated entirely

4. Matt Means, Honors College Director

Presented a detailed description of and a PowerPoint presentation on the Honors College

Accompanied by two Honors students who introduced themselves, Aaron Fisher and Sintia Jimenez

5. Tony Gabel, Faculty Senator and Chief Negotiator for AAUP

Discussed the results of recent negotiations of the Memorandum of Agreement between the FHSU administration and AAUP

a. Librarians are recognized as Faculty

b. Reasonable office hours should be established: ½ hour for every hour in class

c. Increasing faculty development funds to \$125,000

d. Obtained 2015 budget at last

6. Carl Miller, Faculty Senate President

a. The new gun law, which allows everyone at least 21 years of age to carry concealed handguns on FHSU property, goes into effect on July 1, 2017

b. Faculty can send out campus wide e-mails by sending them to Carl Miller or Linda Smith, who can sow them across the University

c. Tim Crowley and Shala Mills will speak to the Senate at the October meeting on the topics of Credit for Prior Learning and Liberal Education reform, respectively

### III. Reports of the Standing Committees

None

### IV. Unfinished Business

None

### V. New Business

Discussion of Provost Glynn's suggestion that the Faculty Senate meet twice each month, to allow more time for dialogue between Faculty Senate and the administration

The Strategic Affairs Committee was charged with evaluating the proposal and bringing a recommendation to the full senate in October

### VI. Adjournment

Meeting mercifully adjourned at 5:23 PM