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**Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate**  
**March 3, 2020**  
**Location: Black & Gold Room, MU, 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Minutes**

Senators had access to the following documents before the meeting:

- January 2020 Minutes
- (Newly approved) Student Success Days Policy
- Consent Agenda Items
- President's Cabinet Minutes
  - Access to documents can be found through the shared Faculty Senate Folder:  
**[goo.gl/1Np8Fp](https://goo.gl/1Np8Fp)**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - Candace Mehaffey-Kultgen moves to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Helen Miles.
  - Approved.
3. **Approval of [January Minutes](#)**
  - Janet Stramel moves to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Pauline Scott.
  - Approved.
4. **Informal meeting notes (Feb 3, 2020):**
  - a. FHSU CORE
    - i. No update needed. Jeni McRay met with Brad Will and had her questions answered.
  - b. International Partners and coronavirus
    - i. Please see Partnerships and Technology update under "Reports from Committees" as well as Provost's Report.
  - c. Short Course discussion continued. Discussion of Strategic Enrollment Plan.
    - i. Please see "New Business" below.
5. **Announcements and Information Items**
  - a. **Guest announcements.**
    - i. **Provided by Seth Kastle,**
      1. Kansas Army National Guard Officer Candidate Program. MOA signing March 19<sup>th</sup> in Topeka.
      2. Information provided on Officer Candidate School (OCS; handout provided to senators). Seth explained that there are two required courses (MIL401 and MIL402) that were submitted and reviewed by Academic Affairs (see below under committee reports for more details). Courses will be taught by a full-time member of Kansas

Army National Guard (HLC requirements have been met). This is the only program offered in the state of Kansas.

- **Discussion:** Morgan Steele asked about any major restrictions. Seth indicated that the program would be open to any academic major. Hong Zeng asked about any age restrictions. Seth indicated that restrictions are based on army OCS requirements.

ii. **Provided by Provost Arensdorf,**

1. Program Review
  - a. Used in cooperation with KBOR and is mandated every eight-years; however, FHSU has a five year cycle by college.
2. Strategic Plan
  - a. Provost Arensdorf received 21 responses with ideas for Year Two Goals. These ideas were shared with goal team co-chairs. A University-wide email update is forthcoming.
3. Student Success Days
  - a. To be implemented Fall 2020
4. Z-Course Proposal (OER)
  - a. Approved last week at President's Cabinet. FHSU will be hosting a state-wide OER conference in September. Details forthcoming.
5. International Partners
  - a. Provost Arensdorf expressed gratitude to all International Coordinators, Chairs, and TILT for their efforts to move 34 on-campus courses to virtual at SIAS.
  - b. SNU will start online classes only on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Dean Searches
  - a. Decisions forthcoming about RCOBE Dean.
  - b. Library Services Dean search has begun. The tentative plan is for finalists to visit campus in late April/early May.
  - c. Glen McNeil will serve as Interim Graduate School Dean for one more year.
7. Coffee and Conversation with Jill
  - a. Thank you for attending these events. Provost Arensdorf will host another Coffee and Conversation in April (stay tuned for date/time/location).
  - b. Look for an email invite to attend a "thank you" breakfast for those who participated in an SRP.
8. Public Health Update
  - a. The university and community (i.e., Ellis County Health, Student Health, and Hays Med) have met to discuss potential concerns associated with Coronavirus. Provost Arensdorf stressed that plans are being developed IF needed.

**b. Report from Faculty Senate President**

i. KBOR

1. FHSU will deliver a Financial Report to regents in March.
2. KBOR approves bonding resolution for FHSU Student Success Center (15.25 million).
3. Program Review. This is ongoing; KBOR emphasizing efficiency (see note above from Provost Arensdorf).
4. [Foresight 2020 Report - Blake Flanders](#)
  - a. Population shifts in KS; 85 of 105 counties have decreasing population.
  - b. Nationwide the number of colleges and universities is decreasing.
  - c. Predicted 2029 post-secondary graduation rates in KS shows a decrease.
  - d. Percentage of Kansas, leaving KS, with higher degree levels, is higher. Opportunities and Salary much higher in other states, for those with higher degree. Yet, legislature wants to bolster KS economy. Therefore, affordability and attractiveness of our KS institutions is key.

ii. COFSP's

1. Free Expression Resolution voted down.
2. Ongoing discussion of Program Review at state level. Our stance is Shared Governance in processes. COFSP's will be making the Shared Governance statement to the Board in March.

iii. SGA

1. The Big Event - April 24, 2020.
2. FHSU Online Policy (committee formed to examine how FHSU polices include virtual students).
3. Facilities: Sidewalks and Parking near crosswalks.

iv. [President's Cabinet 2-27-20](#)

1. [Student Success Days Policy](#)
2. Z-Course Policy (OER) - moving forward (see notes above from Provost Arensdorf).
3. VP for Student Affairs, Dr. Joey Linn, and Chief of Police, Ed Howell, have invited local and state personnel to review/plan emergency procedures and protocol for public health emergencies.
4. Foundation: FHSU has the highest percentage increase to foundation dollars of any regent's institution.

v. CIE - no February meeting.

vi. Statewide OER committee hosting 1st OER Showcase. March 26 at Washburn. Contact Jason Harper with any questions.

vii. FHSU to host statewide OER Showcase on Sept 19, 2020.

viii. Rarick Hall renovations. 1st floor is first. Then 2nd and 3rd floor moving down to 1st floor in spring (end of spring) 2021.

ix. Provost Committee assignments, notifications in May.

- x. March 2, 3, and 5: **TILT Faculty Training for FHSU CORE Rubrics / Assessments** (Forsyth Library, 3:00-4:40PM).
- xi. Standing Committee approved meeting minutes go to Kevin.
- xii. FS Elections will be in April.
  - 1. Vice President nominees: Elodie Jones, Janet Stramel, Rob Byer, Shane Schartz, Bill Stark, Brittany Howell
  - 2. Secretary: **If anyone is interested and willing to serve, please contact Kevin**
  - 3. Filling expiring terms in your departments (President's Report)
    - a. Need one person from: Agriculture, Biology, Economics, Health and Human Performance, History, Mathematics, Modern Language, Music & Theater, Psychology, and Sociology.
    - b. Please talk to departments about filling spots. Contact Kevin with questions.

#### 6. **Consent Agenda,**

- Motion to approve by Janett Naylor-Tincknell, seconded by Jeni McRay.
- Approved.
  - a. New course: [MUS 619 Small Jazz Group](#)
  - b. New course: [CRJ 374 Mental Health & the Criminal Justice System](#)
  - c. Program change: [MUS minor in Theatre](#)
  - d. New courses: [MIL 401 Platoon and Staff Leadership I](#), [MIL 402 Platoon and Staff Leadership II](#)

#### 7. **Reports from Committees**

- a. **Academic Affairs:** Helen Miles provided a report. More classes for Gen Ed. are on the way for review. Please attend workshops hosted by TILT for information on building rubrics.
  - i. [Jan 28 AA Meeting Minutes](#)
  - ii. [Feb 25 AA Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. **University Affairs: No report provided.**
  - i. Faculty Morale and Merit Resolution
- c. **Strategic Planning and Improvements: No report provided**
  - i. University Strategic Plan - staying connected, faculty involvement
    - 1. <https://fhsu.edu/president/strategic-plan/implementation/index>
- d. **Partnerships and Technology:** Report provided by Jason Harper. Thank you to TILT for ongoing support!
  - i. [State Department Travel Advisories](#)
- e. **Student Affairs:** Report provided by Lexey Bartlett. Please use the link provided below for help and resources on current policies and procedures. Student Affairs is working on creating more resources for faculty (e.g., how to handle academic dishonesty) in collaboration with Dr. Clouch.
  - i. Drop Policies Relating to Student Misconduct
    - 1. [Processes Currently in place through TigerCentral](#)

8. **Old Business**

- a. Thomas Dunn presented information about KMASST (Kansas Mathematics Alignment for Student Success Taskforce) and College Algebra.
- b. University Strategic Plan link from Provost for ideas (~21 responses)

9. **New Business**

- a. Tony Gabel requested that short-courses be renamed to accelerated courses given potential misperception among students that a short-course means less work.
- b. Tom Schafer and Glenn Growe asked about updates/plans in the case of a public health emergency in Hays. Tony Gabel asked if Blackboard is ready for a shift to all online courses should this be necessary. Provost Arensdorf discussed that the university and community (see notes above under Provost Arensdorf's report) are working on a plan IF it is needed.

10. **Adjournment**

- a. Motion from Tony Gabel, seconded by Rob Byer. **Approved.**
- b. Meeting adjourned at 4:19pm
- c. Next meeting April 6, 2020, Black and Gold Room