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Faculty Senate Minutes January 24th, 2023 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ballroom, Memorial Union

Shared Faculty Senate Google Folder Faculty Senate Bylaws

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Attendance
- 3. Approval of Agenda:
 - A. Bill Stark moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Peter Lillpop.
 - B. FS President asked to add an item from Tiger Leaders to the agenda under new business.
 - C. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.
- 4. Approval of <u>December 5th</u> Meeting Minutes
 - A. Bill Stark moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Peter Lillpop.
 - B. Minor changes to the language of Item IV. Amended minutes were approved unanimously.
- 5. Announcements and Informational Items
 - a. Guest Announcements
 - i. Provost Jill Arensdorf
 - 1. Rpk report was sent via email.
 - a. KBOR wants Feedback by February 17.
 - b. In March, the Board will meet to discuss the report and utilize the feedback.
 - 2. GE Outcomes
 - a. GE Committee currently has three working groups for Critical Thinking, Combining Globally Engaged Citizens with Intercultural Competence, and creating a Personal, and Professional Development bucket.
 - b. Academic Council approved graduation requirements. Deans & Chairs will ID courses.
 - c. New Curriculum will be used for Fall 2023 freshman.
 - i. Workday is getting prepped
 - ii. Training will start this week with registrars and advisors on the new program. Chairs next, and then other professionals, such as FHSU online, and university recruiters.

- iii. New student document is being created to list courses and an updated website with details is in the works
- iv. Current students will not opt in automatically. Students will have to do so manually, and advisors will help them with that.
- d. KBOR will not approve buckets, but we will use tags to ID courses approved for specific outcomes
 - i. Other than the IDA, students will be required to complete the KBOR Gen Ed, but advisors will encourage students to follow buckets within that GE.
 - ii. Q: Why keep buckets if we can't require them?
 - iii. A: The new Gen Ed for FHSU was approved and will be followed. A different GE or different buckets can always be approved in the future, and hopefully, the connections between buckets and outcomes will be strengthened as we have time to work on that.
 - iv. Q: GE was charged to have outcomes by end of February, which is when students begin to register. Will that allow us to add courses?
 - v. A: Courses can be added continually. Current outcomes can be used in the meantime for proposed classes. Hopefully, the current outcomes and eventual outcomes won't be too far apart. So, faculty should propose with current courses to move quickly.
 - vi. Q: Where does Modern Languages fit in?
 - vii. A: KBOR put it in the Arts & Humanities bucket.
 - viii. Q: Why not just create larger outcomes for each KBOR bucket?
 - ix. A: Eventually we may do that, but it is what we can do immediately.
- 3. CAHSS Re Org Approved in Dec
 - a. Dean and the Provost are working on staffing, budget and other transitions.
 - b. Dean search is also continuing. The committee it reviewing applications.
 - i. Q: Is there a JEDI advisor on the committee?
 - ii. A: Some committee members were JEDI and they felt they had enough representation
 - c. Meetings for candidate will be scheduled soon and sent out to everyone.
 - d. Q: What would impact whether other colleges will be reorganized in the future?

- e. A: If factors called for that, it may happen. Currently, there are no such plans.
- ii. SGA Representative, Mickey Mason
 - 1. Students will be meeting with the state legislature on February 15 for Higher Ed Day.
 - a. Any student who is interested can apply for funding on Tiger Link to join the trip.
 - 2. Those who organize the Big Event will be looking for volunteer opportunities soon.
 - 3. Student Fees will also be discussed soon.
 - 4. This SGA would like a FAQ on the CAHSS reorganization for students.
 - 5. If you have questions, you can send them to Rob, to Mason, or stop by the SGA office.
- b. Faculty Senate President Announcements
 - i. KBOR/RPK Items
 - 1. Our new affiliation with the community colleges was approved.
 - a. KBOR seemed very supportive.
 - 2. The final RPK report is out. KBOR wants feedback on the suggestions for program review, on pp 5 -11.
 - a. You can provide feedback <u>online</u>. This form is different from the feedback form last semester because it is feedback that will be sent directly to KBOR instead of being sent directly to rpk.
 - b. The Board will not take action on the teaching workload section of the report.
 - c. Before providing feedback, it should be helpful to check the questions and feedback received by mid-December.
 - 3. Regents have responded to faculty concerns that have been conveyed to Rob
- 6. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Strategic Planning and Improvements
 - i. Chair Election Needed
 - ii. Bylaws still need to be revised.
 - b. University Affairs Chair Chris Olds
 - i. Dockings suggested including a Don't Know/Not Applicable option in the answers to ensure better accuracy on the 2023 Faculty Morale survey.
 - ii. The survey should be public for faculty responses on Jan 30.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Brent Goertzen in leadership studies spoke about FHSU in 2050.
 - i. It's a project with this year's Tiger Leaders.
 - ii. It will be a community discussion on March 1 to address where FHSU should focus its attention in the decades ahead.
 - iii. Donette Noble sent a save the date out recently and will send more information about it and about registering.

- iv. There will be a meal provided for the event, that starts at 12:30, and participation is limited to 100 people. There will be roundtables focused on specific topics such as stewarding resources and demographic changes, as well as many more.
- v. There will be notes on the discussions at each roundtable. Eventually, people at our new affiliated community colleges will be included or the community at large. Right now, the idea is to focus on the university community.
- 8. Adjournment of the regular meeting at 4:17
- 9. Next regular meeting Monday, February 6th, 3:30 PM, in Albertson Hall, room 169 (email Rob Byer, at srbyer@fhsu.edu, if a Zoom option is required)