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# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

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## FACULTY SENATE

### Faculty Senate Minutes February 6th, 2023 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Albertson Hall, Room 169

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- I. Call to Order
- II. [Attendance](#)
- III. Approval of [Agenda](#)
  - A. Ken Windholz moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Helen Miles. It was unanimously approved.
- IV. Approval of [January 24th](#) Meeting Minutes
  - A. Lori Kniffin moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Karla Johnston. They were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Informational Items
  - A. Guest Announcements
    1. Provost Jill Arensdorf
      - a) Gen Ed Update
        - (1) There is an educational session about the new Gen Ed on Thursday, February 16 at 3 p.m. in AH 169 or via Zoom. Faculty and Staff got an email invitation on February 2. Zoom is an option since everyone won't be able to fit into the meeting room.
        - (2) An informational website and handouts will be available soon. Most of the training has been focused on professional advisors who will have the most students on the plan.
        - (3) There were a couple of questions about the development of new outcomes and why we stayed with multiple outcomes in some of the generalized KBOR buckets.
          - (a) Gen Ed committee is in charge of its sub-committees to create new outcomes. Faculty Senate will get to approve the outcomes, but it will be more difficult, after Gen Ed and Academic Affairs approval, for those to be changed. Speed can be helpful in this process.

- (b) New students will be in the program this Fall.  
Current students can choose to opt-in.
  - (c) Tagging courses that fit into specific outcomes within each bucket only enhances what students can take in a bucket.
    - (i) It never limits what students can take. We did ask KBOR for more guidance related to subdividing its buckets but didn't get a clear answer last Fall. We got a clearer answer in January.
    - (ii) We moved forward, despite the uncertainty, to allow students to quickly take advantage of a new Gen Ed program with fewer hours.
    - (iii) Gen Ed is not meant to be a permanent fixture. We should constantly be looking at our gen ed and the IDA because it's intended for flexibility.
    - (iv) If a new course is approved and already in the catalog, it should be relatively easy to then fit it into the new outcomes and go through the approval process.
  - b) RPK Group - At this point, Jill has received an excel sheet that shows how rpk has categorized our individual programs. All of the FHSU representatives (deans, faculty representative, IR, General Counsel, and the AP for Academic Programs have received the FHSU data from rpk. Jill has chosen not to share it more broadly until we know what will happen with that information at the Regents level. She expects to know that in March.
  - c) Legislative hearings begin next week. Lots of info is being requested and a lot of questions are coming in about Higher Education. IR requests would be better next week instead of this week, because of all those questions.
2. SGA Rep Mickey Mason
- a) SGA had a bill to amend fee reviews. It wants to change to change the process to an annual review instead of having some reviewed biannually. That preference appears to be unanimous within the organizations that use the fees.
  - b) They are also working to change the University Song. It is currently *On the Plains of Western Kansas*, but no one has used that song in many years. Instead, the University Band usually plays *A Song for Fort Hays*, which was written by the former Director of Choirs, Donald Stout. Since that song is better known, representatives in the SGA plan to work with Senator Peter Lillpopp on a Faculty Senate resolution to support making *A Song* the university's alma mater.

3. Staff Senate Rep: The Staff Senate is continuing its work to convert staff survey data into a goals sheet.
- B. Faculty Senate President Announcements
  1. KBOR/RPK Items
    - a) On Wed CFSP will discuss how KBOR will use the rpk report.
      - (1) In Sept., KBOR suggested rpk data about individual places would be given to places to make changes, if necessary. KBOR would only use it to revise the program review standards.
      - (2) CFSP wants to make sure that is still how KBOR plans to use the information.
    - b) Also feel free to bring issues up to Rob for him to bring up too.
  2. Other Items
    - a) Faculty Morale Survey
    - b) Please remember to convey the info discussed at Fac Sen.
    - c) We'll nominate officers in April. Nominations will be due in March.
    - d) Strategic Committee is still working on bylaws. Convey any requests or suggestions to them.
    - e) Cabinet notes also feature rpk link and [feedback form](#) due on 2-17

## VI. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs - Chair Justin Greenleaf
  1. Reviewed many courses, but they'll have some minor revisions.
- B. Strategic Planning and Improvements - Chair Vinod Srivastava
  1. Committee meeting on 2/9
- C. Student Affairs - Chair Lori Kniffin
  1. Collaborating with student organizations on various projects and will bring them to FS when they are ready
- D. University Affairs - Chair Chris Olds
  1. Survey closes 2/20
  2. Institutional Effectiveness meeting with them to discuss whether students get requests for feedback after dropping a class.
    - a) Also considering new mentoring/advising feedback forms: What's best for undergrad mentoring & Grad advising.

## VII. Unfinished Business

## VIII. New Business

## IX. Adjournment of regular meeting at 4:05 pm

- X. Next regular meeting - Tuesday, March 7th, 3:30 PM, in the Black and Gold Room, Memorial Union (email Rob Byer, at [srbyer@fhsu.edu](mailto:srbyer@fhsu.edu), if a Zoom option is required)