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FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Minutes
September 7, 2021
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Black and Gold Room, Memorial Union
Or join via Zoom <https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/91742697162>

Shared Faculty Senate Google Folder - <https://tinyurl.com/21-22faculty senate>

[Faculty Senate Bylaws](#)

- I. Call to Order: 3:33 PM
- II. Attendance
 - (quorum reached)
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - Bill Stark moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Helen Miles.
Approved.
- IV. Approval of [May 3, 2021 minutes](#)
 - Skip Ward moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Bill Stark.
Approved.
- V. Announcements and Informational Items
 - Provost Jill Arensdorf
 - We are now officially in year 3 of the strategic plan and that strategic proposal approvals are now available on the president's webpage: <https://www.fhsu.edu/president/strategic-plan/year-three-strategies/index>
 - Enrollment growth is a focus this year with an anticipation that enrollment will be lower this fall 2021 semester. The 20th day enrollment numbers will be provided to all once they are available.
 - COVID-19 is continually being monitored, for details visit the president's cabinet notes and/or the dashboard. The dashboard is updated every Tuesday.
 - All China partnerships have officially started the fall 2021 semester. The international reorganization is currently in process, expect changes and announcements.
 - Centralized advising continues to move forward, five additional advisors to be hired soon. This fall, the Student Affairs committee should expect to

aid in defining the role of faculty mentors. By fall 2022, the goal is to have all incoming students advised by professional advisors and faculty mentors.

- KBOR and our transfer policies going through an alignment process, see cabinet notes for more details.
- Faculty portfolio task force has completed, concluded with strong support to moving toward electronic review processes. Now going to RFP process. Possible first use could be as early as fall 2022.
- Library Dean search is underway, Interim Library Dean is MaryAlice Wade. Search is looking to complete June 2022.
- Upcoming Tenure Panel is geared for 1st and 2nd year candidates but open to everyone. It will be recorded. from 3-4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 20, in the Stouffer Lounge, Memorial Union. (Janet Kohl email)
- Upcoming Conversation with Jill via Zoom, Tuesday, September 14 from 8-9 am (CT) using the Zoom link: <https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/97672190093> (Jill Arensdorf email)
- Upcoming Tenure and Promotion reception, on September 21, Jill will be hosting a come-and-go reception from 3-4:30 pm for all faculty who received tenure and/or were promoted in AY 2019-2020 and AY 2020-2021. (Jill Arensdorf email)
- Questions for Provost:
 - Skip Ward asked the Provost where additional COVID-19 information could be found, Provost directed Skip to check the FHSU COVID-19 website.
 - Chris Olds asked the Provost why FHSU is not currently listed as an approved university for Walmart and Target's employees' free tuition programs. The Provost informed all that the appropriate communication and contact has occurred with the organizations regarding being listed.
- Report of Faculty Senate President
 - General education policies should be approved this fall by KBOR, big thank you to all involved in the general education committee and the faculty senate academic affairs committee.
 - Be sure to help and support the strategic plan.
 - Check your access to the faculty senate blackboard shell. If you do not have access contact Janet Stramel.
- SGA - Mark Faber
 - Students are excited about the relaxed COVID-19 restrictions on campus.
 - SGA will soon provide student representation to be included in faculty senate committee meetings.
- Dean of Graduate School - Dr. Angela Pool-Funai
 1. Gave a brief introduction and will bring new ideas for recruitment and marketing.
 2. A virtual lunch and learn series available 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month on zoom, focuses on graduate student orientation and professional development topics.
- President's Cabinet - August 25, 2021
 1. PC users <\\ad.fhsu.edu\fhdata\UniversityDocs\Cabinet>

- 2. Mac users <smb://ad.fhsu.edu/fhsudata/UniversityDocs/Cabinet>
- President's Roundtable
 - No updates

VI. Consent Agenda

- Skip Ward moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Bill Stark Seconded.
- Chris Olds voiced a concern of PHIL 201 being delivered infrequently which may not fit as a CORE course and wanted clarification on offerings of the course. Cole Engel (Parliamentarian) requested Chris Olds limit discussion on the course or remove the course from the consent agenda to be discussed. Jeni McRay suggested the course may need to move back to academic affairs in this situation. Rob Byer and Jeni McRay discussed the possibility of moving the course back to academic affairs while Helen and Chris discuss course offerings related to the PHIL 201 infrequent offering situation. After discussion it was decided to not move the course from the consent agenda.
- Consent Agenda was then **Approved**.
- Academic Affairs Committee ([Committee Minutes 5-10-2021](#))
 1. **GBUS 603 Corporate Governance** (new course)
 2. **GSCI 105 Cultural Geography** (CORE Intercultural Competence)
 3. **NURS 431L Capstone** (CORE Sr. Level Writing & Critical Thinking)
 4. **Philosophy** (CORE Philosophical Mode of Inquiry)
 - a) **PHIL 170 World Religions**
 - b) **PHIL 201 Political Philosophy**
 - c) **PHIL 340 Ethics**

VII. [Standing Committees](#)

- Standing Committees met and discussed after faculty senate.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- None

IX. New Business

Elodie Jones informed faculty senate she is serving on the alumni board as faculty, which is a new and important role.

Jill Arensdorf (Provost) updated faculty senate on Workday improvements. Notably there are improvements to the onboarding process, reporting systems, and security – all improvements are within FERPA guidelines.

X. Adjournment of regular meeting

- Thomas Dunn moved to adjourn; Jason Harper seconded. **Approved**.

XI. [Standing Committees](#) will meet and determine chair and secretary positions and meeting dates and times. Please forward this information to Janet Stramel (jkstramel@fhsu.edu).

XII. Next meeting - Monday, October 4 in Albertson Hall Room 169 or Zoom
<https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/96756405195>