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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Agenda for Regular Meeting on Monday, May 7th
(3:30pm, McCartney Hall, Room 301)

Meeting began at 3:31p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

- 1a. April 3rd approval of minutes and sign-in roster – *Senators announced corrections that needed to be made to the April 2007 meeting roster; those corrections were to reflect that the following senators were present rather than absent at the April 2007 Faculty Senate meeting: Douglas Drabkin, Linn Ann Huntington, Sue Jacobs, Win Jordan, and Jeff Sadler.*

April 3, 2007 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Announcements and Information Items (no action required): Richard Lisichenko

2a. Systems Council of Chief Academic Officers – *CORE competencies outcome project update – Regents are still interested in this, and it will be continued to be explored into the Fall 2007 semester.*

2b. Council of Chief Academic Officers – *CODDL Statewide Database Proposal (Regents, Libraries and Kan Ed) Board needs to examine further.*

Regents Distinguished Professorship – option #4 was recommended so that the money would go to the college to help attract distinguished scholars to Kansas; however, it was pointed out in the Faculty Senate meeting that this doesn't apply to FHSU.

2c. Council of Faculty Senate Presidents – *They are working on a teaching evaluation statement that will clearly define definition and scope.*

2c. Kansas Board of Regents – *looked at two initiatives, both of which were tabled for discussion:*

- 1) State Transition Plan for Technical Education*
- 2) Career and Technical Education Annual Report*

2b. Presidents Cabinet –

- Discussed that the Governor will be here for commencement.*
- Graduation regalia – FHSU will be doing a one year pilot to see how the purchasing of gowns goes. Students will purchase their own gowns next year. There may also be a change in the graduation fees, but it is unknown at present how much the increase will be, what the fee will be and what it includes, etc. Faculty Senate discussed other related questions, such as whether faculty will be required to purchase a gown or whether they will have the option of getting the old gowns for free.*
- Posthumous Degree – FHSU is looking into defining when it should be given. The Regents' policy leaves when and whether to give posthumous degrees up to the individual university. At present, FHSU does not have a policy defining it, but is working on one now. Wichita allows it; if the student was within 30 hours of graduating, whether to grant the degree is taken into consideration.*

- *Deferred maintenance – due to the budget situation, twice the money is available for FHSU; it is on its way to the Kansas Governor’s office for approval.*
- *Review and rethinking of the organization of the University Project Team – There will be women on the team as well as additional faculty. At present there is no student representation. Provost Gould reiterated that everything is still open until after August 30, 2007*
- *Resolution regarding faculty use of blackboard – this has not been approved by higher administration because of the use of the language dealing with “academic freedom.” Provost Gould said that if that language was removed, it would be approved. (All other resolutions have been approved).*
 - *Senator Koerner moved to reconsider a previously passed resolution.*
 - *Senator Jacobs seconded.*
 - *The motion was passed and the senate reconsidered the motion.*
 - *The original motion was amended to delete the following: “The faculty senate resolves...at no time present or future...mandated”..*
 - *This amendment passed by a vote of: Twenty-eight in favor; Six against and no abstentions.*
 - *The motion was then amended to remove “whereas...freedom” language.*
 - *This amendment passed.*

The senate then passed the amended motion by a vote of Twenty-nine in favor; Five against and no absentions.

3. President Hammond – *Discussed the use of midterm grades and the changes that will occur. To eliminate confusion, midterms will continue to be reported but they will now only require that the teacher report a “pass” (for A, B & C grades), or a “D” or a “U” grade. Final grades will be entered as they currently have been entered.*

4. Reports from Committees

4a. Executive Committee: Rich Lisichenko – *No report.*

4b. Academic Affairs: Martha Holmes – *Two course approval requests were presented, and both were non-general education courses. One was MUS 483, and the Faculty Senate voted unanimously in favor of approving the course. The other was MUS 498, and the Faculty Senate unanimously approved in favor of approving this course as well. Also, the committee announced to the Faculty Senate that there was a resolution to approve a new major in the BBA degree: International Degree in Economics.*

4c. Student Affairs: Robert Howell – *No report.*

4d. University Affairs: Loretta Dorn – *No report.*

4e. By-Laws and Standing Rules: Win Jordan – *No report.*

4f. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Steven Schleicher – *No report.*

5. Reports From Special Committees and Other Representatives – *None.*

6. Old Business

6a. Writing Across The Curriculum Initiative: Daniel Kulmala – *Faculty Senate Member discussed. Academic Affairs already reviewed it and brought it forward to the Faculty Senate for a vote.*

Regarding the goals of the Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved.

Regarding the approach of the Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved.

7. New Business

- 7a. Course withdrawal policy: Richard Lisichenko - *Currently there is a WP or a WF after a certain date in the semester, and these designations represent that the student either withdrew passing (WP) or withdrew failing (WF). The Registrar's Office requests a change to simply placing a W on the transcript to show the student withdrew. Discussion was had in the Faculty Senate. The reason for the change had to do with simplifying the transcript due to digital considerations with TigerEnroll.*
- *Senator Trantham moved to change the designations of WP and WF to simply a W.*
 - *Senator Jordan seconded the motion.*
 - *The Faculty Senate voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

7b. Presentation of plaque to FHSU Printing Services – *the plaque was accepted by John Allen.*

7c. Passing of the gavel to Dr. Daniel Kulmala – *Dr.Kulmala accepted the gavel.*

8. Adjournment of Regular Faculty Senate Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

These meeting minutes were completed by Senator Andria Cooper, Faculty Senate Secretary.