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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for September 7, 2010
3:30 PM Stouffer Lounge

1. Minutes and Attendance for the May 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Informational Items
 - a. President Rita Hauck welcomed Senators to a new year. All present introduced themselves. The 2010-2011 Faculty Meeting Schedule was distributed.
 - b. Board of Regents meeting
 - i. The Kansas Board of Regents has three new Regents: Ed McKechnie who was elected Vice-Chair, Mildred Edwards, and Tim Emert. The newly elected Chair is Gary Sherrer. The new President and CEO is Dr. Andy Tompkins. The Board of Regents revised seal has six stars on the bottom ring. (Attachment D)
 - c. COFSP meeting
 - i. In 2006-2007, the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents reported on the problems of recruitment and retention of faculty, with salary and workload being the top obstacles. Nothing much has changed since that time. Under Jeff Burnett's leadership as President of the Council, the Council requested the Kansas Board of Regents to advocate to increase compensation for faculty at nationally competitive rates, provide sufficient funding to recruit, rebuild faculty ranks to levels before the economic downturn, advocate for work-life balance policies, for improved access to non-salary forms of compensation, including professional development opportunities, and implement a uniform tuition waver policy for spouses/partners and dependants. (Attachment E)
 - d. President's Cabinet
 - i. At this month's President Cabinet, the University emergency plan was reviewed. Other agenda items included revised policies for cell phones, the campus posting on bulletin boards, kiosks and other areas, smoking, and budget. It looks right now that there will not be more cuts for higher education.
3. Presentations by Guests
 - a. Melinda Wells, Interim Director of the Health Center, presented on changes for this year. A new smoking cessation program is underway. The new Health Center hours are 8 – 4:30 M-F. The Health Center is moving to electronic medical records. It is progressing but moving slowly. There is now electronic scheduling for appointments available. The Health Center can do allergy injections this year.
4. Reports from Committees – election of officers
 - a. Academic Affairs: Dr. Jeff Burnett, Chair; Dr. Jill Arensdorf, Secretary
 - b. University Marketing and Strategic Academic Partnerships: Dr. Sharla Hutchinson, Chair; Dr. Conchita Espino-Bravo, Secretary
 - c. University Affairs: Dr. Joe Perniciaro, Chair; Ms. Karen Tribble, Secretary
 - d. Student Affairs: Ms. Denise Orth, Chair; Ms. Marcella Marez, Secretary

- e. Bylaws and Standing Rules: Mr. Joe Chretien, Chair; Dr. Chris Bennett, Secretary
- 5. Reports from Special Committees and Other Representatives
 - a. Digital Measures: Dr. Jeff Burnett reported that FHSU has purchased the Digital Measures software. Faculty will submit Merit forms in the Spring 2011 using Digital Measures and will submit Tenure/Promotion files using Digital Measures in the Fall 2011.
 - b. Chair/Dean Evaluations: Dr. Rita Hauck reported that the evaluations will be used in the Spring 2011 and every other Spring thereafter. (Attachments F, G, H)
- 6. Unfinished Business – none
- 7. New Business :
 - a. Standing committee officers were announced.
- 8. The Faculty Senate regular meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM with a reminder of the Chamber of Commerce Reception at Sternberg at 5:00 PM.