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DECEMBER 5, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Sandstrom, President of the Faculty Senate, at 3:40 PM in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

The following members were present: Dr. Bill Daley, Mr. Rick Mullen, Mr. Dale Ficken, Ms. Martha Holmes, Dr. Fred Britten, Dr. Thomas Wenke, Dr. Manton Gibbs, Ms. Joan Rumpel, Dr. Jim Rucker, Dr. James Hohman, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. Bill Watt, Mr. Jack Logan, Dr. Bill Powers, Dr. Paul Phillips, Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Paul Gatschet, Mr. David Ison, Ms. Leona Pfeifer, Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. Mark Giese, Dr. Ray Wilson (for Dr. John Klier), Mr. Glenn Ginther, Dr. Ron Sandstrom, Dr. Jeff Barnett, Mr. Kevin Schilling, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Ms. Dianna Koerner, Ms. Marcia Masters, Dr. Paul Faber, Dr. Maurice Witten, Dr. Larry Gould, Dr. Robert Markley, Dr. Richard Schellenberg, Dr. Nevell Razak, Dr. Art Hoernicke (for Dr. Michael Kallam).

Members absent: Dr. Merlene Lyman, Mr. Marc Campbell.

Also present: Dr. James Murphy, Dr. Leland Bartholomew, Dr. Al Geritz.

The minutes of the November 1, 1988 meeting were approved after the following addition and correction:

Page 1: spelling of 'Arnhold' under announcements.

Page 2: Under University Affairs, the first sentence of the report was to have read, Dr. Faber stated that University Affairs is working on revisions of the latter part of Appendix O this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sandstrom reported that he did not have any additional announcements than those listed in the distributed agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Reported by Mr. Jack Logan.

The committee did not have any motions at this time; however, it was reported that the committee would be discussing the computer literacy requirement on Tuesday, December 13 at 3:30 in the Prairie Room of the Union. All interested persons are invited.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS: Reported by Dr. Paul Faber.

Appendix O will be considered at the January meeting. Dr. Faber reported that part of the Reassigned Time Policy sent to the administration last year was returned to the committee and assigned to a subcommittee for further revisions.

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STUDENT AFFAIRS: Reported by Dr. Martin Shapiro.

Dr. Shapiro presented an explanation of academic clemency and then presented the following motion:

MOTION 1.

Undergraduate students returning to Fort Hays State University after a separation of a minimum of five calendar years may petition the appropriate dean to have certain previously earned grades and credits removed from the calculation of their cumulative grade point average. This action may only be taken with regard to courses which are no longer applicable to the students current degree objective or which are no longer being offered. The petition may be filed only after the student has completed a minimum of 24 credit hours with a grade point average of 2.5 or better following re-enrollment.

There was a friendly amendment to limit the number of credit hours to 15; however, several senators did not feel the amendment was friendly. No vote was taken on the amendment.

There was discussion about the need to limit the number of credits this would involve and the number of years of separation before this petition could be filed. How will this affect transfer students? What about graduate students? Does this affect graduation honors? After considerable discussion, the motion was tabled and sent to committee for further discussion.

The motion to table carried with one dissenting vote.

MOTION 2.

Given the persistency of complaints from the faculty directed towards the present form of the graduation ceremony, especially the practice of recognizing each graduating student individually, the President of the Faculty Senate is directed to form an Ad Hoc committee to explore the possibility of revising the ceremony.

Dr. Al Geritz, English Department, addressed the Senate speaking in favor of this motion. He distributed a letter which suggested several possible revisions for the ceremony. The Student Senate has been involved.

The motion carried.

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES: Reported by Dr. Bill Powers.

The current membership of the Faculty Senate meets the by-laws stipulation that 1/3 of the terms expire each year. With reorganization, this is met.

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Dr. Michael Kallam will serve as the Faculty Senate liaison with the Computer Advisory Committee.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Reported by Dr. Larry Gould.

The articulation agreement is still being discussed with COCAO.

The priorities of the 1991 Margin of Excellence budget is still being discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate proposed two motions that need to be reaffirmed by the Senate.

MOTION 3. (Reaffirms November 17, 1987 Resolution).

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Fort Hays State University recommends to the Board of Regents that a pre-college high school curriculum be adopted as the minimum standard for admission to all four-year Regents' institutions in the State of Kansas.

The motion carried.

MOTION 4. (Reaffirms February 8, 1988 Resolution).

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Fort Hays State University go on record as being opposed to the admission of Washburn University into the Kansas State Board of Regents' System.

The motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

LIBRARY: Reported by Dr. Jeff Barnett.

The Library Committee will be meeting to discuss the monies that are being spent on periodicals. Departments will be asked to help the Library decide what changes could be made in the current subscriptions in order to help reduce the amount currently being spent on periodicals.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Fred Britten, Secretary
FHSU Faculty Senate