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Minutes of the Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
7 April 1997

I. President Jean Gleichsner called the meeting to order at
3:35 p.m., Monday April 7, 1997 in the Pioneer Lounge. (See
Attachment A for the roll).

A. Faculty Senate minutes were approved with one
correction to the New Business section.

B. Announcements

1. At the request of the Faculty Senate Executive
Committee, Dr. Hammond will reconvene the Empowerment
Task Force to address some of the issues raised during
its existence. This action will take place before the
end of April.

   Senator Jim Murphy asked about the issues that
   will be addressed by empowerment task force.
   President Gleichsner indicated that the Task Force
   would pick up where it had left off. Senator Tom
   Guss suggested that one aspect of faculty
   empowerment should be that each department select
   its chair.

2. Some faculty have noticed that several new policies
   that should be in the faculty handbook have not been
   added (Chronic Low Performance). The Provost indicated
   to President Gleichsner (March meeting) that the
   Chronic Low Performance policy will be added to on-line
   handbook in May. Senator John Durham noted that the
   speed to which the administration revises the on-line
   handbook reflects its importance to them.

3. Status of Faculty Senate Recommendation:

   a. #15 - Creation of new departments from existing
   one's or the combining of two or more existing
   departments was approved by the Provost and the
   President with some modification (see University
   Affairs Committee).

   b. #21 - Definition of Emeritus Faculty was
   approved by the Provost and the President.

C. Standing Committees

1. Academic Affairs - Senator Martha Holmes

   a. INT 490 Capstone Seminar in Information
      Networking.(3) This is an advanced course that
      studies information network theory through case
      study, application, and on-site observation.
      Emphasis is placed on studying actual information
      networking problems encountered in organizations
      and communities. Field work and compilation of
      the student's portfolio is required as part of the
      course. 118-490-0-0699 Requisites: Completion of
      all other INT degree core courses or FERM.

   Faculty Senate unanimously approved INT 490.

   b. The guidelines for Academic Program Review in
      the Kansas Regents System has been sent to the
      committee. Input is needed by April 16 to the BOR
      staff. The BOR will act on the guidelines at the
      May meeting. Since senate does not meet again
      until May, faculty are asked to send input to the
      Academic Affairs Chair (See Attachment C of April
      4, 1997 Agenda).


   a. Slate of Candidates for Faculty Senate Offices:

      Vice-president: Debora Scheffel and Evelyn Toft
      Senator Stephen Shapiro motioned to close
      nominations, Senator Martin Shapiro seconded
      his motion. Motion passed unanimously.
      Senator John Durham moved that Senator Schoer be
      declared the winner by unanimous
      proclamation. Senator Dean Zerr seconded his
      motion. This motion passed with one opposed.
      Senator Schoer will be Secretary next year.
3. External Affairs and Faculty Salary - Senator Mike Miller
   No report.

4. Student Affairs - Senator Craig Shwery
   No report.

5. University Affairs - Senator Martin Shapiro
   a. Senate Recommendation #15 - Creation of new departments from existing ones or the combining of two or more existing departments was approved by the Provost and the President with some modification.

   Committee recommends approval of the President’s modification of Senate Recommendation #15. It now reads as follows:
   In all procedures involving the creation of new departments from existing ones, or the combining of two or more existing departments, the decision-making process shall include meetings of the President and/or the Provost and all relevant Deans with all affected faculty and Chairs.

   Motion passed unanimously.

   b. The committee has been reviewing the University Policies and Procedures Guide for Protection of Rights of Human Subjects. A copy of the document has been placed on reserve at Forsyth Library under Faculty Senate and one copy will be sent to each department (with editorial changes suggested by University Affairs). Interested faculty should review the document prior to the May senate meeting. Questions may be directed to Dr. James Forsythe.

   Senator Max Rumpel noted that these procedures bring FHSU in line with federal guidelines for grants.

D. Old Business
   1. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee moves that since the funding for reassigned time comes from unclassified salaries (1/2%) that any unused funds be used to directly benefit faculty through the Faculty and Staff Development Fund and/or used for faculty research salaries.

   Motion passed unanimously.

E. New Business
   None.

F. Reports from the Liaisons
   1. Classified Senate - Senator Debra Scheffel
      No report.

   2. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee - Senator Jean Anna Sellers
      a. Dave Schmidt is looking into pricing and leasing for computers for students.

   3. Faculty and Staff Development - Senator John Durham
      No report.

   4. Library Committee - Senator Steven Trout
      No report.

   5. Student Government Association - Student Affairs Committee
      No report.

   6. General Education Committee - Senator Martha Holmes
      No report.

G. Adjournment 3:54 p.m.

The next meeting of Faculty Senate is Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union.