

Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate
Monday, May 8, 2018



Black & Gold Room, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting called by: Denise Orth, Faculty Senate President

Please read/review prior to the meeting: *Located in Blackboard course FS000_01: Faculty Senate*

Agenda – Call to order 3:32pm

1. Approval of Minutes

March Special Meeting
April 2018

- Minutes were approved without discussion.

2. Announcements and Information Items:

Welcome – Denise Orth

Brad Will: General Education Update

- Briefly reviewed goals and objectives from previous presentation to faculty senate.
- Have been following a process of identify stakeholders, draft measurable outcomes for each objective, present outcomes to committee for review, review of outcomes by stakeholders, approve outcomes.
- The process is not yet complete for all objectives.
- Not talking about courses at this point.

Tim Crowley & Deb Ludwig: Strategic Plan

- Shared a strategic plan draft document.
- Components included president's message, plan introduction, mission statement, values, and key performance indicators.
- President Mason will chair the committee that creates the plan.
- The draft is available if anyone wants to see it.
- The first phase of the plan is planned to be shared at the fall convocation.
 - There will then be a four phase endorsement period by various entities on campus (e.g. faculty senate).
 - There will then be operational plans (aka action plans).
 - Strategic planning committee will then review.
- There were questions about how Dartlet fits into this plan.
 - There was not an answer to this question.

Tim Crowley: UNIV 101

- This class is freshman seminar and is a one hour course. The course information was shared with the faculty senate. The course began in 2014 and in 2016 was assigned to the provost. Then a coordinator was hired for the program.

- Retention data was shared from 2014-2017. Retention is up so something is working, but we don't know if it was freshman seminar or one of the other three programs started at the same time (e.g. learning communities).

Report of the Faculty Senate President – Denise Orth

- Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) and Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP)
 - KBOR Did not meet in April. COFSP did have a zoom meeting to discuss potential KBOR policy for consensual romantic relationship policies. The group is working on a statement to share with Dr. Flanders next week.
 - If you have any specific comments or ideas for the policy discussion, please let Denise Orth know.
 - It seems like the decision is leaning towards a strict prohibition of relationships between faculty and students.
- Meeting with Tisa Mason & Jeff Briggs
 - Talked about spring convocation and the NTT contracts and problems associated with NTT contracts (e.g. plane tickets and other plans that are dependent on knowing if there is going to be a new contract). The possibility of 3 year contracts (with performance clauses) is still being considered and discussed.
 - Also talked about new hires and the negotiation of salary with respect to average salaries.
 - The printer issue is still dragging on and some are still fighting for their right to keep personal printers.
 - SGA is drafting a dead week survey for the fall semester.
 - Discussed TVAL instruments and what type of input is needed to improve courses and instruction.
 - The Blackboard contract is expiring in 2019 and a committee is being formed to evaluate different CMS options.

3. Consent Agenda

Item 1: New Course – IDS 399 – Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies. Motion passed 10-0-0

- Consent agenda was approved without discussion.

4. Reports from Committees –

Academic Affairs—Kenny Rigler and Helen Miles

- See report in blackboard
- Modified the recommended syllabus template to improve it. The document is not required just recommended and will be a working document that is intended to be continually improved.

Partnerships and Technology—Jason Harper

- No report.
- There was a question about allowing international faculty to live off campus, but there was no new information from the committee.

Strategic Planning and Improvements—Tony Gabel

- The committee is excited to announce that many of the senators will be returning so they will be able to continue the discussions they started this year.

Student Affairs—Jana Zeller

- No report.

University Affairs—Amy Schmierbach

Resolution on Course Evaluations

- A resolution was introduced to invite collaboration and discussion on the issues regarding course evaluations. It was described as a resolution to ask for help from the university to improve this process.

5. Unfinished Business

Faculty Priorities

- Encouraged faculty senate to continue to think about what is important to faculty and push what is important to us. Also encourage to consider what is not a priority.

6. New Business

KBoR Consensual Relationships Policy – no new information was shared.

2018-2019 Committee rankings – encouraged faculty to fill out the preference form.

Passing of gavel – gavel was passed peacefully ☺

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm