

**Student Affairs Director Meeting  
June 6, 2024**

**Minutes**

Present – RJ Schnack, Dave Bollig, Sherri Matlock, Ali Colwell, Dale Ano, Craig Karlin, Kathleen Cook, Joey Linn, Edie McCracken, Kayla Hickel, Chantelle Arnold, Lisa Karlin, Dennis King, and Chris Gist

**Academic Affairs Update**

- Jill thanked everyone for their work in organizing orientation and HCI. She also thanked Financial Aid for their efforts in the processing of financial aid applications.
- Dr. Arensdorf just got back from China from celebrating commencement ceremonies with SIAS and SNU and visited partner schools. Over 800 SIAS and 400 SNU students participated in the commencement ceremonies.
- Visited Wuxi University, a new partnership school in China and met with students and parents to answer questions. Wuxi University will be sending 50 to 80 students to Fort Hays in their senior year starting Fall 2025.
- The Academic Affairs program review with the KBOR approved the five proposals FHSU submitted. Four were action plans and one plan is a merger. The proposal recommendations will be up for approval at the June KBOR meeting. If the merged plan is approved, Philosophy will be removed as a degree program. The next academic program review for FHSU will happen during the 2027 academic year.
- Kathleen Cook has been asked to replace Taylor Kriley as the Co-Chair for Goal 2 of the strategic plan.
- The search for the Dean of College of Business and Entrepreneurship will start during the Fall 2024 semester. The plan is to have someone hired to start next fiscal year. Melissa Hunsicker Walburn will continue to serve as the Interim Dean.
- The university farm management structure is changing with how it works with the Agriculture Department. Two current employees will be moving on this week. Candidates for the University Farm Manager are being brought to campus for interviews. The business side of the farm reports to Administrative and Finance.
- The Registrar's Office is working on matriculating students in Workday as they are admitted.

**VPSA Update**

- Taylor Kriley has accepted the Vice President for Student Affairs position at Emporia State. A reception for Taylor is being planned for June 21. An invite will be sent out once plans have been finalized. Joey has asked Dale Ano, Senior Director of Strategy and Operations, to assume Taylor's responsibilities as a decision is being made for the best way for move forward for the cluster.
- The Governor has called an executive session in Topeka the week of June 10.
- Tuition for FY25 will be up for approval at the June Board of Regents meeting.
- The new FSLA rules will be activated July 1.

- Year-end budgets need to be finalized. Once budgets have been finalized, Joey will determine funds that will be available for mini-action plans for FY25.

### **Enrollment Update**

- Enrollment
  - Summer 2024 enrollment right now is flat.
  - FASFA applications are down.
  - Orientation numbers are up, as well as hall contracts.
  - At this time, we are up 250 student registrations for the Fall 2024 semester.
- Story to Excellence Timeline
  - On or before June 28th, most content to Print Shop for the first draft
  - July 12<sup>th</sup> First draft done/review
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> Edits to Print Shop
  - July 19<sup>th</sup> Draft 2
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup> Final edits to Print Shop
  - July 30 for delivery
- Shared Student Communication
- Parent portal is available.

### **FY25 Mini-Action Plan Process**

- Wednesday, July 3, 2024 – FY25 mini-action plans will be available in Campus Labs/Planning
- Friday, August 2, 2024 – Deadline to submit mini-action plans through Campus Labs/Planning
  - Submit plans under Calendar Year: FY25
- Mini-Actions reviewed by SALT – August 7, 2024
- Mini-Action approval memos sent to departments – August 9, 2024

### **Student Success**

- HCI
  - HCI started on Wednesday, June 4 with 76 students checking in. The closing ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 10 am.
- Orientation
  - June 4 – 191 students attended with 273 guests
  - June 10 – 209 students registered

### **Student Engagement**

- Welcome Weekend Schedule Update
  - Schedule attached.
- Student Engagement Numbers for 2023-2024
  - There were 170 active student organizations. Student Engagement is reviewing all the student organizations to determine which groups are active.
  - Over 1,000 events were recorded in TigerLink.

- Plan to work with organizations to better track attendance of their events.
- There were 202 active fraternity and sorority life members for 2023-24.
- Fall Events
  - Back to School Picnic
  - Family and Friends Day is scheduled for September 7.
  - Homecoming is scheduled for October
  - The Tree Lighting will be held on December 5.
  - The Fall 2024 event calendar is being created. If you have events you would like to be included on the calendar, send them to Jaden Rahe in Student Engagement.
- Back to School Picnic Tabling
  - Sign up is on Tiger Link.
- Wishing Brett Good Luck!
  - Brett Meyer, Coordinator in Student Engagement, will be competing in the Olympic Trials in Salem, Oregon.
  - A watch party for Brett Meyer will be held June 21 @ 7:20 pm in Cody Commons.

### **Search & Staffing Updates**

- Grounds Manager
  - Brenden Ibarra has accepted the position.
- Building Services (Residential Life)
  - Luke Depenbusch, Custodial Supervisor, has resigned.
- FHSU Online
  - Diane Hernandez-Ramirez accepted the Online Student Success Coach position. She will start on June 10.
- Registrar's
  - The Degree Analyst search has been posted. Kelsi Broadway is chairing the search.
- Admissions
  - Sam DeNike and Grant Schmidt have moved to Regional Counselor positions.
  - Joanna Lockwood, Elizabeth Sutherland, and Abigail Miller have been hired as Admissions Counselors.
  - One Admissions Counselor positions will be repurposed to a CRM Coordinator and the position will report to Dennis. Search for this position will start soon.
- Student Engagement
  - Interviews for the Administrative Specialist position are being scheduled.
- Early College Programs
  - Searching for the Assistant Director.
  - Jenner Little has resigned from the Coordinator and Marketing position.

The Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduling for July 18.