

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
August 22, 2024**

Minutes

Present – Jon Armstrong, Edie McCracken, Sherri Matlock, Jaden Rahe, Dale Ano, David Bollig, Joey Linn, Kayla Hickel, Kathleen Cook, RJ Schnack, Craig Karlin, Chantelle Arnold, Lisa Karlin, Dennis King and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

The trophy travel will be presented to Laurie Larrick to welcome her to Fort Hays State University. Laurie is the new University Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator.

Academic Affairs

- Jill reviewed the three goals for Academic Affairs for the new academic year. Their goals will include focusing on results, building community within and external, and data.
- Academic Affairs will also be focusing this academic year in getting the internal program review process updated.
- The search for the Dean of College of Business and Entrepreneurship will kick off in mid-October with the hope of wrapping up the search by Spring Break for the new Dean to start in July. A search firm will be used to run the search.
- Academic Affairs will be hiring three new professional advisors. One new professional advisor has been hired in the Health and Behavioral Sciences College. A search will be launched for the other two advisor positions. These two advisors will work with specific populations, but not a specific college.
- The Academic Advising website was updated this summer to include the faculty mentor program. <https://www.fhsu.edu/academic-advising/>
- Dale, Donnette and Jill had a meeting with the Kansas Leadership Center, along with representatives from the other regent institutions. KLC plans to host something for student leaders about how to have productive dialogue about difficult topics and engage students in the conversation. The regent schools will provide feedback to KLC and they will bring the group back together to share their plan.
- The second group of 50 staff will be going through the Kansas Leadership program during the fall semester.
- Jill gave a sincere thank you for the recruitment, financial aid, move-in, and programming for all the on-campus and online students to start the fall semester.

VP Update

- Joey thanked the division for an awesome start to the fall semester.
- KBOR meetings will start again in September. Pittsburg State is leading the KBOR meetings this year.

- Tisa has tasked a core group to do a SWAT analysis of the pros and cons of drop dates and provide feedback to SLT.
- A group is also looking at innovative ways for students to be able to get their books earlier.
- Joey thanked the Division Events Planning Committee for a well-planned Summer Bash event.

Enrollment Update

- Dennis gave an enrollment update.

FASFA Update

- The 2025-26 FASFA will go live by December 1. There will be no priority deadline this year. No changes to the 2025-26 FASFA.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Residential Life
 - Kathleen Banks has been hired as the Administrative Assistant.
- Student Engagement
 - Zoom interviews are being held for the Assistant Director position.
- FHSU Online
 - Kelly Meyer accepted a position in Athletics and Bryn Hafliger took a position in the Graduate School. A search for both positions, Online Student Leads Manager and Administrative Specialist, will be done.
- Financial Aid
 - Alyxius Torres took a position at K-State. Since this position was a Workday backfill position scheduled to end in December 2024, the position will not be filled.
- CRM Coordinator
 - Two candidates are being interviewed.

Departmental Reports

Admissions

- Hays High concurrent enrollment is currently happening and numbers are good.
- Admissions plans to attend 235 college fairs this year. Counselors are scheduling their high school visits.
- Working with colleges to coordinate College Days for their college.

Career Services

- Career Services gave out 400 t-shirts out at the Back-to-School picnic.
- September is Career Fair Month
 - Part-time Job Fair – Wed., August 28 (2-4 pm)
 - Resume Madness – Tues., Sept. 3 (5-7 pm)
 - Applied Tech Career Fair – Thurs., Sept. 5 (10 am-noon)
 - Accounting & Finance Career Fair – Thurs., Sept. 12 (2-4 pm)

- Nursing Employer Spotlight Day – Mon., Sept. 23 (12:30-3 pm)
- Ag Career Fair – Thurs., Sept. 26 (2-4 pm)
- Several accounting employers will be on campus for interviews with students in September

FHSU Online

- Staff continue to work with students to get registered in Fall 2024 classes.
- Planning to promote 8-week programs.
- The company FHSU Online worked with for their retention and online orientation programs is going out of business. Working on new program.

Financial Aid

- FHSU was down 7 percent in FASFA applications this year. The national average was down 12.4 percent.
- FHSU distributed over 8 million dollars on the first day of disbursement, which was more than last year.

Health & Wellness Services & Auxiliaries Cluster

- Move in for Residential Life was positive.
- Dr. Curtis and Dave spoke to the KAMS students.
- Memorial Union has seen steady traffic.
- Health & Wellness Services is already busy seeing students.

KAMS/AMS

- Brody Groves has been hired as the Coordinator for Marketing and Recruitment. Brody is a former KAMS student.
- Enrollment is at 75 students with 45 juniors.
- Sessions were held to acclimate the international students to campus and Hays community.
- A winter service core project with international students at the Ghost Ranch is scheduled for January 2025.

Memorial Union

- The Union is hiring student employees for various positions. They have hired five building managers that are currently going through training.
- Encore Series tickets are on sale - <https://www.fhsu.edu/encore/>
- Victor E Apparel & Gift has new merchandise arriving. Their website should be up soon.
- Online Bookstore is piloting a first-day-digital access option for two classes this fall semester. Students pay a course fee and material is loaded into their Blackboard on the first day of classes. Working on expanding the program to include more classes. The digital access option saves students money.

Registrar's Office

- Everything is working well and things are working. Everything that a Registrar's Office should be doing, they are doing.

Residential Life

- Overall, fall move-in went smoothly. Melt is not going to be as big as it has been in the past.

Retention & Persistence

- Kathleen and Erica have been meeting with different offices to find ways to improve the Parent Portal.
- Met with Navigate for a data validation. An email will be sent out to campus about Navigate. Alerts and progress reports will be in the system by week 4, September 9. Plan to schedule Q&A sessions.

Student Engagement

- Welcome Weekend Update
 - Kick-off – 870 students compared to 730 last year
 - TGOFF Tunnel – 820 students
 - After Dark – over 900 students
 - Tiger Palooza – over 600 students
 - Tiger Celebration (Sunday) – over 650 students
 - Back-to-School Picnic – over 1,200 students checked-in
- Fall Events Updates
 - Family and Friends day is scheduled for September 7.
 - Homecoming schedules were distributed.
- 40 Days at the Fort
 - There are over 130 programs planned for the 40 Days at the Fort.
- FSL Recruitment Numbers
 - Sorority recruitment had 80 women sign which will be completed this week with 50 new members going to the chapters.
 - Fraternity system has 30 men interested.
 - FHSU currently has 5 sororities and 4 fraternities with a total Greek system member of around 250 students.

Student Success Cluster

- Student Engagement just kicked off a successful Welcome Weekend and gearing up for the fall semester.
- Career Services is looking at an AI tool for their area.
- Hannah is leading the Student Support AIT.
- There is new curriculum for Freshman Seminar.
- Postcards for the 2025 HCI are ready to be sent out with Admissions Counselors as they start recruiting.

For the Good of the Order

- Reminder for student employee supervisors to update the Student Employee database.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 pm in the Pioneer Room.