

**Student Affairs Director Meeting  
October 17, 2024**

**Minutes**

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

**Traveling Trophy**

- The Traveling Trophy was presented to Jon Armstrong, Director of Admissions.
- Jon received the Laura Cross Distinguished Service Award at the KACRAO (Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admissions Officers Conference in Dodge City. This is the highest award given by the association each year.

**VP Update**

- Housing Rates
  - Residential Life is putting together their recommendation for the 2025-25 housing rates to be approved by RHA, ELT, and Dr. Mason
- There was no Board of Regents meeting in October.
- SALT had their quarterly lunch with SGA executive staff. SGA is working on recycling efforts on campus.
- No updates on the student success reorganization.
- HR Director search has interviewed two candidates.
- Spring 2025 teaching loads should be shared with your AVP. Before agreeing to teach a class, talk to your AVP.

**Enrollment Leadership Update**

- Free app days were held in October this year compared to November last year. It will take a few months before we are able to compare app numbers to last year.
- RNL was on campus and reviewed scholarship data.
- Student Communication
  - Early matriculation will allow communication with admitted students 11 months prior to their first semester.
- ERP Review
  - Listening sessions are being scheduled for specific groups to review how we are using Workday.

**Admissions Update**

- Upcoming dates
  - Future Educators' Day - Monday, October 21st, 2024
  - Future Engineers' Day - Thursday, October 24th, 2024
  - Social Sciences Academy - Monday, October 28th, 2024
  - Health & Behavioral Science Day - Friday, November 8th, 2024

- Informatics Open House - Monday, November 11th, 2024
- Nursing Nightingale Experience - Monday, November 11th, 2024
- Spring Tiger Day - Monday April 14th, 2025.
- Tiger Day Wrap-Up
  - 248 students and around 300 guests attended Tiger Day on October 12.
  - 192 students completed the evaluation.

### **Registrar Update**

- Kansas Free App Days – Numbers and Processing Update
  - FHSU received 1,789 applications which is up 740 from last year.
- Early Matriculation – Dates/Updates and Implications
  - Students are being matriculated and onboarded after they are admitted, allowing better communication with the student.
- FVT/GE – New Deadline and Update
  - The Financial Value and Transparency Act deadline was originally October 1, 2024. It has now been extended to January 15, 2025.

### **Student Engagement**

- Event Updates
  - Fall Fest is scheduled for Thursday, October 31 from 5 to 7 pm. The event is open to students, along with the public. Fright Night at the Fort for FHSU students will also be available for FHSU students only.
- Service Opportunities
  - Partnering with Health & Wellness Services to prepare care packages for patients receiving cancer treatment at Hays Med on October 28 from 12 to 2 pm on the second floor of FWCSS.
  - FHSU Online and Student Engagement are partnering together for a Veterans Day community service event for Soldiers Home in Dodge City. Students can help prepare care packages and write letters on November 11 from 12 noon to 2 pm on the second floor of FWCSS.
  - At the October 26 FHSU football game, vouchers will be handed out to active military and veterans. A donation drive will be held from October 6 through November 7 collecting items for Soldiers Home. Student Engagement will have boxes across campus to accept donations.
- Spring Event Calendar Deadline
  - Send spring calendar events to Jaden by November 1.

### **Search/Staffing Updates**

- Memorial Union
  - Steven Plante accepted the custodial position. Don Waldschmidt, Custodial Supervisor has resigned. This position has been posted.
- Health & Wellness Services
  - Interviews for the Case Manager position have been scheduled.
  - Traci Ditter, University Nurse, is retiring.
- FHSU Online

- Advisor and Administrative Specialist positions have been filled pending background checks.
- Student Engagement
  - Assistant Director position has been filled.
- CRM
  - An offer for the CRM Coordinator position will be made soon.

## **For the Good of the Order**

### Financial Aid

- FASFA testing is going according as planned with a scheduled December 1 launch.
- The scholarship event held on October 16 had 91 students attend.

### Residential Life

- Safe Trick-or-Treat will be held in the residence halls on October 24 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

### Admissions

- Admissions and FHSU Online will have a table at the Ellis County Career Expo at the Ellis County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, October 22.

### Student Success

- Dale had a meeting at Northcentral Hays and their building has been rebranded to FHSU.
- Orientation data 2024
  - 1,038 students attended orientation and 1,014 of those students are still enrolled on the 20th day of classes.

### Navigate

- The first progress report flagged 158 students.
- The second progress report will be sent out next week and will only be open for one week.

### Career Services

- The Speech-Language Pathology & Education Career Fair will be held on November 15.
- On-campus internships for Spring 2025 application deadline is November 1
- Applications are being accepted for the FHSU Service Internship for Jana's Campaign.

### Memorial Union

- Tickets for Home Free will be on sale October 21.
- Edie thanked everyone for supporting the Victor E Gift & Apparel Co. store.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting will be on Thursday, October 31 @ 1:30 pm in the Pioneer Room.