

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
October 31, 2024**

Minutes

Present - Dale Ano, Jaden Rahe, Dennis King, Amy Schaffer, Kim Cebula, Dave Bollig, Lisa Karlin, Edie McCracken, Marissa Nuss, Hampton, Chantelle Arnold, Kathleen Cook, Craig Karlin, Joey Linn, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The traveling trophy was presented to Edie McCracken and Jaden Rahe.
- SGA requested extended hours for late night studying in the Memorial Union and the Student Success Center. Edie and Jaden put together a plan to keep the Union and Student Success Center open longer in the evenings and weekends to allow students options for late night study.

VP Update

- The housing rate proposal for the next academic year has been forwarded to KBOR for its first reading in November.
- Student Success reorganization continues. Joey and Jill met with Barb earlier this week. Joey will continue to meet with Jill for further discussions. They will meet with Barb again before Thanksgiving to start moving forward with their proposal to Dr. Mason.
- KBOR next meeting is in November.
- Tisa is on the media tour this week.
- Affiliation work continues.
- Joey attended an Academic Council meeting to give an update on Student Affairs. Joey will attend Academic Council meetings periodically to give updates.
- ELT will review the recommendation from Faculty Senate for the proposed five days off.
- Joey and Dennis will be attending the SEM Conference in Boston, 4-6.

Enrollment Leadership Update

- Applications from free app day have been processed.
- RNL getting cleaned up.
- Went through clearing house data this week. FHSU aligned well with the national trends.
- FHSU retention rate of first-time students is 76.3. FHSU has the highest retention rate of the regent schools. The national average for retention is 71 percent.
- The persistence rate of UG, full and part-time, students is 61.5 percent compared to 59 percent last year.
- Affiliation for Recruitment and Marketing is putting together a FAQ document.

- Kayla Hickel has accepted a position at Sunflower Electric. Discussing how we will proceed in filling the position.

Residential Housing Rates – 2025-26

- Dave, RJ, Wesley, and Joey have been meeting the last month to determine the proposed housing rates for 2025-26.
- Factors that are looked at in deciding on the rate proposal are what other KBOR schools are doing, projects that need to be completed over the next 10 to 15 years, and UCC dining rate increase.
- The proposed housing rate increase is 1.5 percent and 3.5 percent in dining. The blended increase is 2.5 percent. The rate has been submitted to KBOR for first reading in November and final decision in December.

Residential Life

- Opening of 2025-26 Housing Contract
 - The contract will open the week of November 11.
 - If a student is under the age of eighteen when submitting their housing contract, a parent or legal guardian must sign the housing contract.
 - Returners can reserve their own space through the end of January. Returners get to choose their rooms before new students.
- Open House
 - The open house is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Stadium Place, Heather Hall and Wooster Place will have rooms available for students to view.

Student Engagement Update

- Fright Night at the Fort will be held in the Quad this evening, October 31.
- Fall Festival will be held this evening from 5 to 7 pm.
- The Haunted Ho Down event will be held by the Robbins Center this evening.
- Student Engagement has scheduled a Mental Health speaker for Wednesday, November 6 at 7 pm in Beach-Schmidt.
- Kansas Soldiers Home contribution boxes are distributed across campus. Items are due by the end of the day, November 6.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Enrollment Leadership
 - An offer for the CRM coordinator position has been extended.
- Memorial Union
 - Interviewing candidates for the evening custodial position.
- Student Engagement
 - Ali Colwell has accepted the Assistant Director position.
- Health & Wellness Services
 - Interviewing candidates for the Case Manager position.

For the Good of the Order

Career Services

- The deadline for on-campus internship deadline is November 1 for the internships available in Career Services and Sternberg Museum.
- The SLP and Education Career Fair is scheduled for November 15. To date, sixty-nine employers are registered.

Financial Aid

- Attended NASFA conference last week. The FASFA is online to open on December 1.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 1:30 pm in FWCSS 304.