**FHSU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**May 2, 2016**

Meeting convened by President Lorie Cook-Benjamin, at 3:31 PM

1. April 4, 2016, FS Minutes and attendance log approved.

2. Announcements

a. FHSU President Mirta Martin—Discussed the state’s budget cuts to FHSU

* Expects a 3% cut (approximately $1 m. for fy 17)
* Additional 3% cut is possible
* Cost containment strategies have been successful
* Tuition revenue now exceeds state funds for the first time in the history of FHSU
* Thanked faculty for their contributions to the success of the University
* Thanked Lorie Cook-Benjamin for her leadership of Faculty Senate

 b. Provost Graham Glynn

* Thanked Faculty Senate for their work
* University will be providing pins recognizing academic rank, to be worn at the commencement ceremony
* Academic Affairs Strategic Plan survey has closed; Provost will schedule a mini-retreat with chairs and deans to prioritize items
* Will be conducting a faculty values survey to help prioritize expectations of peers and new hires
* Developing new tenure, promotion, and merit criteria, which will not replace departmental criteria

c. Faculty Senate President Lorie Cook-Benjamin

* Explained Credit by Examination, and SB 388 (‘Requiring the state board of regents to adopt a policy on awarding credit hours based on CLEP test results’)
* The Faculty Senate executive committee will forward e-mails to all faculty, without filtering them for content
* Technology security training will commence in the Fall on line, requiring approximately 45 to 60 minutes
* Joy Hatch, Vice President for Technology, is working to resolve pre-enrollment computer issues
* To schedule a video recording of an event, send an e-mail to video@fhsu.edu
* Dr. Martin encourages faculty to follow up with prospective students for the sake of retention

3. Reports of Standing Committees

 a. Academic Affairs—Senators Burnett and Donnelly

* Univ. 099: Prior Learning Portfolio--consideration postponed till Fall Semester by unanimous voice vote

b. Strategic Planning and Improvement—Senator Goodlett

* Have not received information from the Faculty Values Survey

c. Partnership and Technology—Senator Yang

* Recommendation to improve communication with faculty abroad
* Ensure that off-campus faculty remain informed
* Consider inclusion and representation of virtual faculty in Faculty Senate, including necessary changes to the FS Bylaws
* Suggestion to change default setting in Outlook to ‘no clutter’
* Joy Hatch is working with staff in China to improve technology support

d. University Affairs—Senator Hamlin

* Proposed FS resolution of support for Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects, headed by Leslie Paige, passed on voice vote with two senators opposing

4. New Business

President Martin having requested that Faculty Senate support the University’s Journey to Distinction Strategic Plan, Sen. Goodlett so moved, and Sen. Yang seconded. After much spirited discussion, the motion was narrowly rejected, with 13 in favor, 14 against, and four abstentions.

Sens. Bartlett and Breit led a discussion of Faculty Workload (covering teaching and service), possible changes proposed by the Provost, and the results of a faculty survey with 84 responses, which revealed that many think their service obligations are too onerous.

Two time extensions, of 15 and 10 minutes, were approved.

Sen. Goodlett praised Lorie Cook-Benjamin for her leadership of the Senate and the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents

5. Adjournment

Vice President Miller, after thanking President Cook-Benjamin for the example of her leadership, adjourned the meeting, at 5:20 PM.