

Student Government Association

Hughes/Engel

MINUTES

Thursday, April 23, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	13
2/3:	17

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order at 7:01pm.
- II. Roll Call
Admin. Asst. Shellnut calls roll.
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Tyler Hughes)

Had another Budget Watch forum on Wednesday with Dr. Hammond. FHSU is looking at a 7.3% cut this year. The KBOR asked for no more than 7% so the legislature said 7.3%. However, the revenue estimates that came out last Friday were not good. They look worse than the last couple of months. FHSU is possibly looking at a 10.6% cut. It's going to affect far more than what was discussed on Wednesday. In planning for the 7.3% cut, FHSU is looking at the elimination of 30 faculty positions, 15 of which are currently vacant, and of those 15, 5 would actually be classified employees, 5 would be unclassified employees, and 5 would be temporary faculty members. Those people are being told that their positions are either being evaluated or will not be renewing their contract. FHSU is also looking at prior summer plans, a 4 day work week, 10 hour days, people can option for vacation if not able to work 10 hour days because of family, and that's going to save us about half a million dollars. Those are key things that came out of Wednesday's meeting. This week SGA had the recycling drive in the Quad. Pres. Hughes thanks LD Anglemyer for his company during the drive. It was moderately successful. People brought things from dorm rooms and offices. Hopefully it is continued and SGA can do it again next year (directed toward next year's Pres. Bradley Stramel). Pres. Hughes and LD Anglemyer planted a John Pear Maple tree in the Quad on Earth Day. Actions shots for the website were taken. He attended the Wind Farm forum on Wednesday. It was awesome. Went to the debate on Wednesday as well.
 - b. Vice President (Cole Engel)

Sends around a sign-up sheet for Big Creek Clean-Up on Saturday, 4/25 from 3pm-6pm. SGA is sponsoring a BBQ afterwards. Participated in Tiger Pre-Enrollment Saturday. Enrolled over 200 incoming freshmen. Was out of the office on Monday, in Topeka with his graduate teaching assistant responsibilities. Had a dean search committee meeting on Tuesday and are bringing 2 candidates on campus during finals week. Submitted names of Business and Leadership senators and incoming senators to that committee. Senators may be contacted to help participate in that panel. Participated in the Budget Forum on Wednesday. Will be out of the office on Friday for the NBA assessment day for the College of Business and Leadership. Will be on the firing squad amongst the College of Business faculty.

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The new Mobile Teaching and Learning Policy was adopted by the participating members of the summit a couple of weeks ago and approved by Pres. Hammond prior to Orientation Advising last Saturday. The new policy was presented to the enrolling freshman on campus over the weekend. Part is printed on the back of the meeting's agenda. Starting immediately the new Mobile Teaching and Learning Policy to FHSU is that all new on-campus students, enrolled at FHSU, are expected to have available a mobile computing device in the form of a tablet, laptop, or net book computer for use in university learning experiences of all types. Because of their versatility, enhanced functionality, and compatibility with classroom use, the university is recommending, but does not require, the acquisition of tablet computers.

That is the main change in this policy. The university is still recommending that students purchase tablet computers but the tablet is no longer a requirement. A laptop, net book, or other form is now accepted. Some programs such as graphic design and individual instructors may employ Apple computers in their courses and/or curriculum, this exception to the policy is permitted, but students should check with their individual advisors or faculty members, teaching the class, to assess whether the Apple computing devices are a requirement or not in the course. Those are the main changes in the policy that came out of the summit meeting and from a lot of the feedback listed from constituents this semester.

- c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)
Completed last year's legislature and minutes book and served his office hours.
- d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)
Served office hours, took part in the tree planting festivities in the Quad, took great action photos for the website, sent weekly e-mails for hearings, and attended the last Appropriations meeting for the year.
- e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)
Updated the previous minutes, attended the tree planting ceremony, and served office hours.
- f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)
Sent the cards in the mail this week that students wrote to legislators and will stop harping on students to write letters for the present time. Thanks for those who have signed up for the Topeka trip. LD Anglemyer has been working on a message for the trip to House and Senate representatives. Helped Pres. Hughes with the recycling drive and planting the John Pear Maple tree in the Quad on Wednesday. Attended the Alternate Energy Debate, the Budget Forum, and the drive-in movie Wednesday night. Was acting Vice-President when VP Engel was out of the office.
- g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)
Updated the website, attended the tree planting ceremony, and served office hours.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)

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Had four hearings, two trip requests, and two equipment requests. Had the last Appropriation meetings of the year. Thanks committee members for all of their hard work this year.

- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
Met briefly and finalized details for the senate social.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)
Talked about challenges for students and student organizations to access posting policies in central locations.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)
Talked about possible lobbying topics for the trip to Topeka and the athletic articles in the University Leader the last couple of weeks and their scholarship funding situation.

VI. Open Forum

Pres. Hughes: Sen. Smriga, can you relate to us what it was that you guys talked about posting policies a little bit?

Sen. Smriga: It had to do with where to find them. Sometimes it is hard to find a table tent policy on the CSI website or the Memorial Union website, while the campus policy may be somewhere else. It can be difficult trying to find which place the policies for a certain area and who enforces them. It needs to be put in a more condensed form and put in one place.

Pres. Hughes: Are you going to talk to Chandra Daffer about possibly making some changes to where it's posted? Did you have any alternatives that the group came up with?

Sen. Smriga: We didn't get quite that far. I think talking the Chandra Daffer would be a logical step.

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Waiver 09/S/103: Tiger Wellness Center
- b. First Reading of Bill 09/S/124: Tiger Wellness Center Equipment Fund
- c. First Reading of Bill 09/S/125: Campus Intramurals & Recreation Equipment Fund
- d. First Reading of Bill 09/S/126: Aikido Club Equipment Fund

VIII. Old Business

- a. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/122: SGA General Election Ratification
Sen. Sen. Purdy motions to consider this bill, 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

Sen. Winter moves for a direct vote.
Y= 24 N=1 A=0
Bill Passes.

- b. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/123: National Broadcasting Society Speaker/Event Fund
Sen. Ladd motion to consider the bill, 2nd by Sen. Kohman.

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Charles Lambert: I am the President of the National Broadcasting Society FHSU chapter. We're asking for \$949.40 to go towards the first annual stone post medium festival which has the potential to become the largest independent film and radio festival in Western Kansas. The reason we need this money is, even though the event does not occur until November and December of this year, we have to send out flyers to high schools and colleges in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma to get the word out about our event. The event will give 1-3rd place to college and 1-3rd place in high school students competing. This gives students the chance to receive appreciation for their creativity a lot of recognition for their hard work on these medium projects. We think it will turn out really well.

Sen. Engel moves for a direct vote.

Y=25 N=0 A=0

Bill Passes.

IX. Announcements

- a. National Youth Service Day, Big Creek Cleanup – Saturday, 4/25 @ 3 pm – 6 pm, BBQ @ 6 pm (SGA is sponsoring this event, please plan to attend if you can)
- b. National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Bake Sale – Wednesday, 4/29 @ 11:30 – 2:30 in the Memorial Union (proceeds go to the Hays Food Bank)
- c. Student Organizations Awards Banquet – Wednesday, 4/29 @ 6 pm – Fort Hays Ballroom, MU (tickets are on sale now in the Student Service Center until 4/22 – \$6.00, full meal served)
- d. SGA Senate Social – Friday, 5/1 @ 9:00 pm – Judge's
- e. Senators, please sign a thank you note the Physical Plant for helping with the recycling initiative in the Union, the recycling drive Wednesday, and the tree planting ceremony.
- f. Jamaican Me Crazy is still going on. Spencer's Illusion show, a full magic show, is at Beach/Schmidt tonight at 7:30pm.

X. Adjourn

Sen. Konkol moves to adjourn with a 2nd by Sen. Munson at 7:23pm.