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MINUTES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 15

2/3: 20

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order at 7pm.
- II. Roll Call
Administrative Assistant Shellnut
- III. Guest Speakers
 - a. Kent Steward, Crisis Management Team

Steward: There is a great amount of new senators in SGA this year. Shana Meyer and Tisa Mason are part of the Crisis Management team. Last year I was here to report on the Virginia Tech shooting and the university's Crisis Management plan. In the past, FHSU had some form of crisis plan that was in place but it was not as refined and comprehensive as it should be. The Virginia Tech shooting caused the Crisis Management Team to redouble their efforts in forming an updated plan.

In the updated crisis plan, there are three levels of responsibility. The first level is each individual to care of themselves. The second level of responsibility is for those not only responsible for their own safety but the safety of their fellow students and faculty. An example would be spreading the message once a crisis message is sent out. The final level of responsibility is faculty and staff following the correct procedures to make sure every person is safe during a crisis. I suggest any member of SGA contact the crisis team with suggestions or ideas. I want SGA to be ambassadors to other groups and organizations.

The Crisis Management plan is found by a link on the FHSU home page of the website. The experience of Virginia Tech tragedy helped us better develop and analyze our crisis plan. Where were mistakes made and how do we learn from it? As we all know, in the world things do happen and we need to be prepared.

There was an emergency earlier today which the Crisis Management team sent out an alert for. A former FHSU student was able to escape from the law enforcement center and was at large for two to three hours. The deciding factor to send out the crisis alert was the fact that he was a former student and might return to the FHSU campus. The crisis team is very limited on the length of the message they are able to send. So the team decided it would be better to send out the alert by e-mail. Also, a majority of students and faculty were not on campus by the time the team was able to gather all of the facts. Do you think we did the right thing?

Sen. Leyerzapf: I feel that if you think that it is an emergency then it probably is.

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Steward: I think that is a good point. One thing we are going to do is design a different front page for the website. This front page would only be visible when there is an active alert and this gives up to date information regarding the alert.

Sen. Smriga: Where there any other precautionary steps taken by faculty or campus police other than the alert itself?

Steward: Shanna contacted the residential life staff directly. We did take that step.

Sen. Konkel: I came from the residential halls and the alert e-mail was posted at the front desk and in the elevators. I was informed but beyond that I heard nothing about it.

Sen. Smriga: Is there any way that you can contact the residential halls? If you actually are in a residential building is there a way to just more directly contact them?

Steward: At the public forums last year someone asked if the telephones in the classroom were on the list, and we added those in immediately. Not only would individual phones would ring but so would the ones in the classroom.

Sen. Leyerzapf: How far off campus do you consider to be on campus?

Steward: Today we had a crisis alert sent out, and since he was a former student it seemed prudent to assume he may be coming this way. Again, in any given situation if you feel like it is an emergency then it probably is.

Sen. Konkel: In the event of an emergency, what is the time frame for everything to be set in motion?

Steward: We currently have a system where any two members of a five member council can agree to send a message. You don't want to sit and wait for a complete board of people to send out a crisis message. Every situation is different but we've tried to get things set up so we can send alerts out in a timely manner.

Sen. Smriga: Right now the system is set up so you can opt-out, correct?

Steward: When on tigertracks you have to update your contact information and at this time you can choose to opt-out of the alert system. We really struggle with that because as you all know we have a lot of students that live far away that wouldn't necessarily benefit from the warning.

b. United Way of Ellis County

Mark Lane, United Way 2008 campaign chair: Back to the basics of informing people about United Way. As the chair he is able to do a lot of things for the campaign. United Way doesn't have guaranteed funding but holds a lot of community programs and services to surrounding areas. One of the fundraiser they do is during parades. United Way members march their banner during the parades collecting spare pocket change from people on the street. Their goal for is to hopefully raise \$1,000. Every dollar counts and it can really add up. United Way also has site visits which can be an intense 6 week process. With just donations there is never enough money for everything but United Way cannot appreciate the donations enough. A couple of other

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programs United Way holds are Food for Thought and Backpacks for Kids which is now a self-funded program. United Way is a great way to put an investment into your community.

Lane: Question for SGA: How are FHSU students going to have a campaign? I would like to challenge FHSU students to get involved in their community.

Lane: I grew up on a farm in Ellis County. Was a very athletic and at the top of his class. Always challenged himself to be number one and has always be a competitive and physical person throughout his life. Began volunteering at a summer camp for United Way for kids with muscular dystrophy. It wasn't the fact that he met a lot of campers but volunteers that gave up their time to spend with the kids. He was able to meet a lot of amazing people that changed his life. Himself began to see doctors not too long ago and was prescribed to wearing braces on his legs. Personal experience with MDA gives him further momentum to help other people in his situation. MDA provides testing for people.

Lane: The American Red Cross, Girl Scouts, and Big Brothers Big Sisters are groups that help United Way succeed just as he hopes FHSU will continue to do in the future. Suggested having some kind of fundraiser on campus in October. Views the SGA as leaders of this university. Ronan Sramek hands out United Way pamphlets with more contact and program information.

Sen. Smriga: Right now I'm aware of the university campaign. Besides Tigers in Service, do any other organizations or groups help with United Way?

Lane: I've talked a little bit about the Leadership 310 classes who have volunteered with United Way in the past. Fort Hays is really a big part of the community and that's why we think it is so important to do an awareness campaign on campus. I didn't really know anything about United Way or that much. That's why I ask for your support.

IV. Executive Reports

a. President (Tyler Hughes)

Attended the KBOR meeting along with LD Anglemyer. KBOR discussed the issue of the Soccer Recreation Facility's costs, construction, and other specific details. The estimated amount is \$2.1 million for the university. There will be more info on the recreation center in November. The Student Advisory Committee talked about our goals for the year and the Kansas Board of Regents Day on the Hill. Thanks to anyone who signed up for the Lemonade Stand. Everyone is able to come and go working at the lemonade stand. Set up will be a little before 10 o'clock. The exec staff will be helping outside. I want to speak with everyone on the true purpose of the State Higher Education Lemonade Stand. The first action plans are due in the middle of October. The Board of Regent breakfast will be in the ballroom. I have 18 staff and a number of senate members attending. They want to hear from you and what you have to say.

b. Vice President (Cole Engel)

Served office hours, talked to the new senators about procedures/policies, and met with a few students regarding appropriations and equipment fund processes. Followed up on Sen. Smriga's question on tigertracks complications. Over the summer the e-mail system was migrated and they are still experiencing some issues and they are being worked on. They know that other students are having troubles. The e-mail server works well at other schools. We are having an ITPAC meeting tomorrow and will further discuss the issue.

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c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)

Attended the Oktoberfest Review Committee, updated more previous minutes, and updated the contact information sheet. He will send around the sheet again. Please verify all the information is correct.

d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)

Served office hours. The salary expenditures have been updated for August 24-September 6. The documentation for the first appropriation request has been received.

e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)

Prepared the folders for new senators ratified at the last week's meeting, completed the minutes, and served office hours. Also attended the Oktoberfest Review Committee on Monday with the Executive Assistant. Able to review and approve all the items that will be sold during the September celebration.

f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)

The Board of Regents voted to prove the budget for next year and raised it 4% to keep up with inflation. They want to emphasize that they give their budget precedence.

g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)

Served office hours and made some updates on the website.

V. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)

Appropriations heard an equipment request from Block & Bridle Club.

b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)

Met tonight and discussed filling the last 6 remaining seats. Also discussed possibilities for the senate social.

c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)

Elected Sen. Ladd for the Executive Review Committee. We also are preparing for next week when we meet with Dr. Jeff Burnett regarding student Health Center issues.

d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)

Nominated Sen. Sexson for the Executive Review Committee. They discussed the Athletic fee increase proposal. If anyone has any question for LPAC they will be setting up a meeting with President Hammond next week regarding the Athletic fee increase.

VI. Administer Oath of Office (newly ratified Student Senators)

Sen. Winter: Administration of Oath of Office

VII. Open Forum

Sen. Munson: For the senate social, one of the ideas we came up with is renting out Judges for a karaoke night.

Sen. Engel: I'm not into karaoke.

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Sen. Stegmaier: I'm with Sen. Engel.

Pres. Hughes: I think we go bowling every year and I commend you for choosing something that would get us all involved.

Sen. Hansen: What other ideas do you have?

Sen. Winter: Another thought was doing a BBQ before the senate meeting.

Sen. Dechant: Is there any reason you chose Judges over the facilities here on campus?

Sen. Munson: It was just an idea for a change of scenery. It would be private. It would just be SGA.

Sen. Smriga: I think it is nice to have a retreat off of campus.

Sen. Miller: I love karaoke, so kudos.

Sen. Smriga: I was working the UAB booth for homecoming today. The more we are able to educate students on voting, the more students we will probably have voting in our elections.

VIII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 08/F/103: Student/Faculty Court Ratification

IX. Old Business

X. Announcements

- a. Senator office hours have started; make sure you are serving your time.
- b. Homecoming Parade Help: UAB needs convertibles & drivers for the homecoming parade on 9/27, also needed is help with parade line-up & gap busting. (Contact UAB, 785-628-5355)
- c. LEADOFF, Friday 9/19 & Saturday 9/20 (Contact Tigers in Service, service@fhsu.edu, 785-628-5537)
- d. State Higher Education Lemonade Stand, Thursday 9/25 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- e. SGA Profile Pictures, Wednesday 9/24 & Thursday 9/25 @ 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. (Forsyth Library – Lower Level)
- f. SGA Budgetary Seminar, Tuesday 9/30 @ 7:30 p.m. – Stouffer Lounge
- g. There is a comedy double feature in Cody Commons Thursday 9/18 @ 7-9 p.m. Chad Daniels & Johnny Walker.
- h. Sen. Zervas: Tiger Football, FHSU vs. Emporia 9/20 @ 1 p.m. The game will be broadcasted online.
- i. Sen. Quinones: HALO Food Carnival 9/19 @ 11-2 p.m. in front of the Union.
- j. Pres. Hughes: Student turnout at the last home game was phenomenal. Homecoming game 9/27 @ 2 p.m.
- k. Sen. Munson: Iron Tribe 2008 Exhibition, 9/19-10/3 @ 8:30 a.m., in RH art gallery. There are sculpture from all over the world.
- l. Sen. Miller: Thanks to anyone who came out the volleyball game last night. We appreciate your support.
- m. Sen. Stramel: Midwest Oktoberfest this weekend at the Ellis County Fairgrounds.

XI. Adjourn

Motion by Sen. Engel, 2nd by Sen. Hansen at 8:09pm.