



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## NEW FACULTY & STAFF ORIENTATION

**DATE:** THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026 (FACULTY ONLY)

**LOCATION:** MEMORIAL UNION

Time	Description	Location
8:00 a.m.– 8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Continental Breakfast</b> Jill Arensdorf, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs	Stouffer Lounge
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Human Resources and Benefits Session</b> Russell Irby, Director of Human Resources Lauren Kent, Maggie McCombs, Kenadee O'Brien, Kristen Pfeifer, Morgan Shorb, Human Resource Specialists	Stouffer Lounge & Trails Room
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Blackboard Basics &amp; Showcase</b> (bring laptop) Kyle Horn, TILT Instructional Technology & Blackboard Administration; Zhongrui "Ray" Yao and Thomas Horne, TILT Instructional Design	Tebo Library 247
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch &amp; Presentation: Service Opportunities for Faculty</b> Jeff Briggs, Dean of Health & Behavioral Sciences	Stouffer Lounge
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Individual Photos and Time to Get Your FHSU ID</b> Opportunity for those who are interested	Location TBD



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**DATE:** MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 (FACULTY & STAFF)

**LOCATION:** MEMORIAL UNION

Time	Description	Location
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Check-in and Continental Breakfast</b> Time allotted for breakfast and securing photos and IDs. <b>*Program begins at 8:45 a.m. with Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Black & Gold Room
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Faculty Development Funding, Faculty Senate, &amp; AAUP</b> Marcella Marez, Chair of Faculty Development Funding Committee Christianna Pruden, President of Faculty Senate Shane Schartz, President of AAUP	Black & Gold Room
	<b>Staff Development Funding, Staff Senate, &amp; Employee Resource Group</b> Bob Duffy, Member of Staff Development Funding Committee Tyler Marcotte, President of Staff Senate Cindy Cline, Employee Resource Group Core Team Member	Stouffer Lounge
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>University Compliance and Legal Obligations for New Employees</b> Laurie Larrick, University Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator	Black & Gold Room
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Student Success Initiatives</b> Beth Spencer, Assistant Provost for Student Success	Black & Gold Room
11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch &amp; Welcome from City Partners</b> Sarah Wasinger, President/CEO, The Chamber in Hays, Kansas Nikki Brown, Director, Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau David Clingan, Director, Grow Hays Lee Ann June, Executive Director, The Bricks in Downtown Hays	Black & Gold Room
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Another Tool? Let's Talk About Viva Engage + the Intranet</b> Kristin Herl & Erin Bieker, University Marketing	Black & Gold Room
<b>DEPARTMENT / OFFICE TIME</b>		
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Reception</b> University President, Executive Leadership Team, and Senior Leadership Team  <b>*Remarks from President Mason at 6:00 p.m.</b>	President's Residence



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**DATE:** TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 (*DEDICATED PDD TRACK, NEW FACULTY ONLY*)

**LOCATION:** MEMORIAL UNION

Time	Description	Location
8:00 a.m.– 9:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast with all Faculty and Staff</b> *Featuring a Panel discussion over the revised Digital Master Plan with current and past Faculty Senate Presidents: Matthew Clay, Christianna Pruden, Shane Schartz. Moderator: Elodie Jones	Ballroom
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Scholarship Opportunities for Faculty</b> Keith A. Bremer, Director of The Graduate School and Office of Research; Ashlyn Sumrall, Pre-Grants Coordinator; Kaley Schnack, Post-Grants Coordinator	Stouffer Lounge
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<b>Classroom Technology Basics</b> Mark Griffin, AVP of Information Technology & CIO, Michael Nease, Dir of Campus A/V, Theater, & Special Event Services, Derek Johnson, Director of Networks & Technology Support	Stouffer Lounge
11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Overview of Tebo Library</b> Cyndi Landis, Instruction and Outreach Librarian Andy Tincknell, Brian Gribben, Claire Nickerson, Heather VanDyne, Jennifer Sauer, MaryAlice Wade, Robyn Hartman	Stouffer Lounge
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch with all Faculty and Staff</b>	Ballroom
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Overview of TILT</b> Andrew Feldstein, Asst Provost of TILT Dani Reilley, Debby Pfeifer, Kyle Horn, Magdalene Moy, May Yu-Harper, Robert Luehrs, Thomas Horne, Zhongrui “Ray” Yao	Stouffer Lounge
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Faculty Mentoring Faculty: What I Wish I Had Known</b> Robert Luehrs, Teaching Excellence Coordinator, TILT Faculty Mentoring Faculty Mentors	Stouffer Lounge
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Annual Title IX and Sexual Harassment</b> Laurie Larrick, University Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator	Stouffer Lounge