



Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 24, 2022

1. **Call to order (Waring) ✓**
2. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum (Fennessy) ✓**

Guests: Dr. Stramel, Advisor: Atkins, SGA President: Mark Faber

Members:

Edwin Escobar, Seth Dewey, VP Waring, Brian King, Kaitlin Ptacek, Karyn Forbes, Alonda Lona, Chelsea Kiefer, Crista McDonough, Gina Woods, Brian Fennessy

3. **Approval of Minutes (Fennessy) ✓**
4. **Guest Speaker – Dr. Janet Stramel, President of Faculty Senate**

Rob Dyer President next year.

Sen. Escobar - Survey went out by VSS, timely feedback from professors

Dr. Stramel - will investigate and get an answer (Chris Munch - Technology Studies - handles that area)

VP Waring - What is the tenure process for professors? Is everyone tenure tracked?

Dr. Stramel - 7 Years required for tenure (and more criteria, see recorded video for details), not everyone is tenure tracked (e.g. funding issues prevents a tenure track)

Sen. Fennessy - How do you feel about plagiarism and accessing history from previous semester data on collaboration apps (e.g. Discord, Slack, etc.)

Dr. Stramel - Encouraging collaboration is important for virtual students, not against collaboration outside of Blackboard.

Sen. Kiefer - She runs a Discord channel, and asks her members to not share projects that could encounter plagiarism (e.g. working on same project ideas/topics)

Sen. Kiefer - Is there a different class curriculum for online vs. in-person courses?

Dr. Stramel - No midterm grades previously for online students, but it might be changing (no certainty)

Sen. Escobar - Who gets to see the course evaluations?

Dr. Stramel - Department chair and dean get to see the course evaluations

Sen. Ptacek - Who do we contact regarding changing our Academic Advisors?



Dr. Stramel - To change your Academic Advisors - Contact your Department Chair

5. Executive Reports

a. SGA President Farber

Overview

- ✓ EOF (Ed. Opportunity Fund) - reviewing next week (Feb. 17th)
- ✓ Increasing sustainability (On Campus) - different ways to lessen impact on environment, recycling, (e.g. eco friendly cleaning supplies)
- ✓ Friday - Feb. 11th - (Allocations for funding for student organization funding) Workshop 24th, feb. 23rd, 29th) working with a committee to help Student Organizations?

✓ Reviewing Bylaws and funding guidelines to fix remote requirements and loopholes, respectively

Funding for mental health, funding for course resources (free resources)

✓ research and invest in higher education

Talk about higher education for virtual students questionnaire

✓ student organizations - (on-campus students get funding for student organizations b/c of enrollment fee, whereas, online students do not pay that fee), but he plans to talk about online funding for student organizations

Goal 5 year plan University so next members can work to follow it

✓ If not a standing committee, a 5 year plan - to the sustainability department - how can we keep such a venture or plan for future goals? We will need to research.

b. VSS Vice President Waring

Committee work likely to submit new bills and work - **Committees Homework until next meeting: write a description summary of bills and work that will be presented to future Senate Meetings**

Can call her if you have any questions (7857645939)



VSS Secretary Fennessy

No Report

c. VSS Public Relations Dewerff

working on getting access to VSS website (she will be working with TigerTech)

Sen. Kiefer - She says she can help with getting in touch with Tiger Tech,

d. FHSU Online Director Atkins – April Giving Day

Last summer (2020) - for online retention - moved to help connect online students - Introducing Circle of Support by Grad. Assistant (GT) Emmerie Roth launching peer assistant group

\$130 -> to \$500 For scholarship for VSS members serving whole term - give back for contribution to VSS (We need to talk about requirements and reach out to FHSU Foundation to get funding secured)

Sen. Power - Resignation received

Sen. McDonough (New Chair of Equity & Inclusion) will be taking over her position (Chair of Equity and Inclusion)

Recorded Zooms on Webpage - looking at Blackboard module -

Open course - open all the time - move orientation module in Blackboard to track online orientation by online students, might offer an orientation badge (for recognizing online students) if they become Tiger Experts for resources in assisting other online

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate Affairs - Forbes

Met with Amy Schaeffer, tips and tricks to suggestions she advised to committee

✓ committee will meet to look at implementing new ideas

b. Equity and Inclusion –McDonough

No Report

c. Student Relations -Need volunteer for Chair position

440 Responses from Survey

holiday break homework, not enough to make a case to Faculty Senate



40 students responded with holiday break assignments (not enough she feels to push for a solution with Faculty Senate)

d. Virtual Channel - Fennessy

7. New Business

a. Swearing in of Senators

N/A

b. Online Student Leaders Scholarship

Elected in Fall & Recognized for contribution from VSS Members who fulfill their obligations

Where are we getting this funding?

FHSU Foundation - Media Package - premade social media posts, media link - giving day project - rolled onto several social media platforms - if VSS is a project they will fund - we can share our VSS Media accounts to find tiles (links) to donate to help get VSS projects funding for future projects (tax deductible) previously raised \$130.00, maybe we can raise more this year...

Senate Member Homework: Share VSS Fundraising links with friends, family, other students, etc. to get funding for our future projects

Student Relations - Invite Dr. Atkins to further discuss this fundraising opportunity.

see <https://ifedthetiger.blackbaud-sites.com/> for who the FHSU Foundation is and how donations are collected.

Sen Forbes (Sen. Affairs Chair): Can we work with the Student Relations committee to work on FHSU Foundation funding projects (so VSS members can be compensated financially for their efforts)

Sen. Lona - Why would people donate? We need to give people a reason to donate.

Advisor Atkins - Previous Sen. Flores, asked for a compensation project for future VSS members (that is where the idea came from)



[Virtual Leaders Scholarship.docx - Google Docs](#) (outlines the previous work from 2020/2021 term for project)

8. Old Business

a. Bylaws Amendment – Forbes

Not enough time to cover in meeting

b. Virtual Student Survey - Dewerff

Not enough time to cover in meeting

9. Open Forum

N/A

10. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

Carried @ 8:01PM