

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
February 1, 2024**

Minutes

Present – David Bollig, Kathleen Cook, Emily Dougherty, Sherri Matlock, RJ Schnack, Joey Linn, Kayla Hickel, Craig Karlin, Graham Dixon, Jaden Rahe, Taylor Kriley, Dale Ano, Jon Armstrong, Chantelle Arnold, Dennis King, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- Traveling Trophy was presented to the Financial Aid and Student Fiscal Services, and Tiger Tech. Staff from these three departments worked on the snow days in January to get financial aid out to students on time for the spring semester.
- They were able to distribute \$6 million aid to students through Workday.

VP Update

- At the January Board of Regents meeting, KU, K-State and Wichita State presented on their research activities. The Lt. Governor also spoke. The presentations can be found on the regent's website - www.kansasregents.org under Agenda and Meeting Updates and click on the Live Stream Link.
- Facilities Update
 - Forsyth Library bids came in over budget. President Mason will be sending an update to the campus community. The project is scheduled to be completed Fall 2026.
 - Air conditioning project in Gross Memorial Coliseum should be completed during the Fall 2024 semester.
 - Football project is out for bid. If it comes in under bid, the building should be constructed by Fall 2025
 - The street from Hanson hall to Stadium Place will be completed Summer 2024.
- Board of Regents FHSU Visit – April 17 & 18
 - April 17 is the board meeting and April 18 is the site visit.
 - ELT is working on the schedule.
- Regent VP's had breakfast with the Board of Regents on January 18.
 - Each VP talked about their division.
 - Mental health concerns and working with K-12 was discussed. Regent Lane is putting together a group of people from K-16 for a Mental Health Summit.
- Student fee and EOF requests with SGA has started for the next fiscal year. Keep Joey informed as you move through the process.
- FHSU brought in two food companies for food service presentations. The Food Committee will meet to review the presentations and proposals.

Enrollment Leadership Update

- Enrollment
 - 20th day is in two weeks. Enrollment is close to last year with 9,100 domestic students and international numbers will come in late February.
- Wrike
 - Two developers in Tiger Tech are leaving the university, which will leave two developers. Working with the resources we have to meet our priorities.

Parent Portal Demo

- Kathleen gave a short demo of the new Parent Portal. Marissa Nuss from Admissions oversees the site for prospective parents, Kathleen for current parents.
- Family@fhsu.edu email has been set up.
- Group will meet once a month to review what we have in the system.
- Content area is from departments websites.
- Students can invite their parents to join.

SRP Update

- KC and Topeka SRP's were held this past weekend. Both events went well.
- Wichita and Salina SRPs will be held Sunday, February 4. Wichita and Salina numbers look good.
- Great Bend is scheduled for February 8 and Beloit on February 12.
- Students that attend a SRPs receive a \$1,500 freshman housing award.
- The Hays SRP is scheduled for February 18 @ 6:30 pm.

Financial Aid Update

- The federal department announced the financial aid applications for 2024-25 will be delivered the first part of March.
- FHSU has adjusted the priority deadline to April 1. Fort Hays has never awarded before March 1, so extending the deadline should not affect our ability to get aid awarded.
- Students who are having issues signing into the application, should contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance. Once a student is able to sign in, the process is faster.

Career Services

- Student Spirit night on January 25 had an increase of 100 students from last year.
- Resume Madness is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 from 5 to 7 pm in the Center for Student Success.
- Career Fairs are scheduled in February.

Student Engagement

- Update on engagement numbers from Fall 2023
 - TigerLink tracks students attending student events.

- Over 3,000 students attended student engagement events. Working with student organizations to track attendance at their events. Attendance for Fall 2023 was up 15 percent from Fall 2022.
- Update on Student Engagement Events
 - Global Affairs next Friday Lunar New Year @ 5 pm in the ballroom
 - Grocery Bingo – February 22
 - Black and Gold Academy – March 2 @ 10 am. Working with Civic Engagement Office to bring in a speaker and offer scholarships.

Hispanic College Institute

- June 5-8, 2024 website is updated
- 2.50 gpa high school graduating 2026 application is open for students to register
- Emails to high school superintendents promoting the event have been sent out
- Volunteer form will be ready soon. Looking for presenters to speak and host

Orientation

- Flyers have been sent out.

Registrar Update

- CourseLeaf FHSU Catalog
 - On schedule to be launched sometime during the spring semester.
 - All programs of study will be launched through our FHSU webpages. They will eventually link up with CourseLeaf.
- New WD Withdrawal/Refund Tab
- Academic Requirements Progress Tab (Soft Launch)
 - This will allow students to be able to see their academic program.

Student Employee Think Tank – Chris

- Student Employee Supervisor Training
 - Wednesday, February 28 from 12 noon to 1 pm – Trails Room
 - Haley Williams and Jady Snyder from Global Affairs will be presenting a training session on “Elevating Student Employees.” They will share strategies their office has used to reimagine their student positions and create value and belonging for their student employees.
 - Please feel free to bring your lunch.
- Student Employee Nominations
- Student Employee Appreciation Week – April 8-12

Search Updates

- Financial Aid
 - Lauren Moeder has accepted the Verification Specialist position in the Financial Aid Office.
- Admissions
 - Screening candidates for ZOOM interviews.
- Registrar’s Office
 - The search for an Enrollment Assistant has started.

- Assistant Director Student Engagement
 - The search committee is being finalized.
- FHSU Online & Military Connected Student Services
 - Devan Flegler has started as the Assistant Director for FHSU Online Recruitment and Military Student Services.
 - An offer has been made for the Online Student Success Coach.
- Retention & Persistence
 - Erica Menses has accepted the Assistant Director position. She will start on March 17.
- KAMS
 - Ann Noble has accepted a position in the College of Education. The search for the Fiscal & Business Specialist position will start soon.
- Grounds Manager
 - Joey is chairing the search for the Grounds manager position.

For the Good of the Order

- Admissions
 - Admissions will be hosting College Days for the academic departments during the spring semester.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15 @ 1:30 pm in the FWCSS, Room 304.