

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
January 29, 2026**

Minutes

Present – Jon Armstrong, Craig Karlin, RJ Schnack, David Bollig, Randy Adkins, Joey Linn, Edie McCracken, Amy Schaffer, Kelsi Broadway, Dennis King, Rhyann Powers, Angela Delzeit, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The Student Affairs Traveling Trophy was presented to Randy Adkins, Military Admissions Recruiter from FHSU Online and Military-Connected Student Services.
- Randy has been assisting Admissions with recruitment at community college events along with his job responsibilities.

VP Update

- 2026 Holiday Calendar
 - The HR office sent out the 2026 holiday calendar schedule to assist staff with planning ahead.
- Legislature Update
 - FHSU was scheduled to testify regarding need-based aid in Topeka on January 28 but was cancelled. This could affect 2,000 FHSU students.
 - A bill has been voted on to end benefits to undocumented students.
 - Tisa has been in Topeka this week for meetings to keep FHSU's funding the same for next fiscal year.
- AASCU Speaker – March 25
 - Joey and Jill attended the AASCU conference in 2025 and are bringing two speakers to the FHSU campus on March 25.
 - There are two speaking events in the morning for the entire campus.
 - A Student Affairs session is scheduled for 1:30 pm in the Stouffer Lounge on the role of Students Affairs in a state comprehensive school.
- KLC Training – April 10
 - There were three KLC training courses in 2024 and 2025. From the three cohorts, Student Affairs will identify individuals to represent our division for the KLC training which will be held on April 10 in the Memorial Union.
- Student Success Night @ FHSU Basketball Game – January 29

Enrollment Leadership Update

- Enrollment – Spring 2025
 - Currently, headcount and SCH are both up for the spring semester.
 - Applications continue to look good for next fall.

- Transfer Strategy Update
 - Since 2008 community college enrollment has been down.
 - We completed a SWAT analysis of new strategies for community college recruitment.
 - Fort Hays is now allowing community colleges to award scholarships for students transferring to attend Fort Hays.
 - Reworking the marketing plan and transcript evaluation.
 - Planning to have Transfer Admissions for Campus & Online Students (TACO) events on Tuesdays.
- Story of Excellence
 - Need to start thinking about what we want in the book.
 - We are going to change the layout from 16 pages to 12 pages.
 - We plan to include awards, presentations, and offices held.

SRP Update

- The schedule for the 2026 SRP's can be found on the Admissions website - <https://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/srp/>
- Encourage junior and senior high school students to attend. A student can attend any SRP. Transfer students can also attend.
- The Beloit, Goodland, Kearney, Colorado Springs, and Denver SRPs will be dinner, and no faculty will attend these SRPs with Admissions staff only attending. No longer having an SRP in Topeka.
- As of right now, 358 students have RSVP'd.
- The Hays SRP is scheduled for February 15.
 - Joey wants at least one representative from each office in the division to attend the Hays SRP.
- A \$1,000 and \$5,000 scholarship and a \$700 book award are given out at each SRP. There will also be a drawing for a FHSU LED light and a gift bag from Victor E. Gift & Apparel. Each student in attendance receives a t-shirt and FHSU yard sign.

Student Engagement & Belonging

- Spring Showcase Events
 - Flyer attached.
- University Activities Board
 - This board is being brought back. Starting to meet with students. The spring semester will be a pilot semester with hopes it will continue to grow moving forward.

Student Employee Think Tank Committee

- Student Employee Spreadsheet
 - Reminder for offices to update the spreadsheet for the spring semester.
- Student Employee Training – February 11 & 12
 - Training will include how students can document their campus jobs on their resumes, time management, and how to prevent burnout. Snacks will be provided.
- Supervisor Roundtables will be held on February 25 & 26 over the lunch hour.
- A supervisor training is planned for early June.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Admissions
 - The search for the North Central Admissions Counselor failed. A current Student Ambassador will fill the position as an Admissions Assistant.
 - Interviewing a candidate on campus on Friday, January 30 for the Regional Counselor position.
 - The Digital Admissions Counselor position closes on February 4.
- Student Engagement
 - Interviews for the Coordinator position were held this past Monday.
- KAMS
 - Sherr Matlock, Director of the Early College Program and Suellyn Stenger will be retiring. Sherri's last day will July 1 and Suellyn's last day will be June 2. A search will be conducted for the director's position. Once the director has been hired, they will search for an assistant director.

For the Good of the Order

- Joey reminded everyone that Performance Reviews for 2025 need to be completed by the end of January 2026.
- RJ announced he had an inquiry from a graduate student looking for a GA position. If you know of an area looking for a GA to contact RJ.
- Jon let everyone know of a new promotion company Admissions has been working with. The company is called Branding Stop. Contact Jon for contact information.