

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
February 29, 2024**

Minutes

Present – Jon Armstrong, Jaden Rahe, Dale Ano, Craig Karlin, RJ Schnack, Kathleen Cook, Karen McCullough, Misty Graham, Taylor Kriley, Jess Albin, Kayla Hickel, Sherri Matlock, Chantelle Arnold, Joey Linn, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The Traveling Trophy was presented to Kyle Stacken, Assistant Director of Admissions for stepping up and taking on a leadership role in the Scholarship Recognition Programs this year.

VP Update

- FHSU leadership will start having budget discussions over the next two months to present to KBOR in May and June for tuition and fees for FY25.
- DEI discussions continue at the legislative level in regard to budget allocations for regent institutions.
- The Chief Student Affairs Officers in the MIAA conference will be meeting in Kansas City on Friday, March 8.
- The athletic football facility bid came in under budget. Paul Wertenberger Construction received the bid and construction will start in April.

Academic Affairs

- The Provost Office is requesting staff return commencement vests back to their office. They want to take inventory of the sizes, their condition, and having them dry cleaned.
- Program reviews continue for KBOR. Jill has received four recommendations of the five programs under review at Fort Hays. All plans will be submitted to KBOR. Jill will provide her report to KBOR of the plans she feels confident in for Fort Hays. KBOR will make the final decision of what programs will move forward. Recommendations are due in April and will present in May and June.
- Academic Affairs is implementing a faculty student mentor program. By Fall 2024, the Provost Office is mandating every undergraduate program to have a faculty student mentor plan. The mentor program is part of the new advising model. Every student will have a professional advisor and a faculty mentor.
- FHSU has not received the consulting report from NACADA.
- HLC has approved FHSU's accreditation. HLC will be visiting the FHSU campus on March 19 and 20 for change of control with the Affiliation. The University will be invited to open and specific forums. Northwest and North Central Tech campuses will also be involved in the visit. This is the last step for the Affiliation to be approved. Hope to have the final approval by June.

- Fort Hays is part of the system-wide articulation program for Nursing and Social Work for students who complete a two-year degree program to transfer to a four-year program. FHSU also has articulations agreements for General Business, Computer Science, Secondary Ed and Agriculture agreements.
- AUPP in Cambodia Spring 2024 enrollment is 211 Computer Science, 3 in INT, 7 Tourism and Hospitality and 8 MBA students. There are 8 students from Cambodia studying on the FHSU campus in Computer Science.
- Jill thanked those who participated in the strategic plan survey and town hall meetings. Another town hall will be hosted on March 4 via ZOOM for those not able to attend.

SRP Update

- There are two SRP's left. The Colorado event has been split into two events. A luncheon in Colorado Spring will be held on Saturday, March 2 and luncheon in Denver, on Sunday, March 3.
 - Jon shared SRP attendance for the past three years.
 - 2022 – 452 students
 - 2023 – 484 students
 - 2024 – 508 students, which does not include the Colorado SRPs.
 - Every SRP this year was up except for Salina and Kansas City. The Great Bend SRP doubled in size and Garden City's number was the largest since 2016.

Career Services

- Student Employee Workshop
 - Hailey and Jayden from Global Affairs presented on Elevating Student Employees. Around 20 staff members attended.
- Career Services hosted the Werth College Career Fair this week with 110 students and 32 employers attending. This was a 62 percent student increase from last year.
- Dane G. Hansen internships for summer 2024 are being finalized. There were 71 applicants for 11 internships.
- Career Services will have a table at the Criminal Justice Career Fair on March 6 and host the Health and Wellness Career Fair on Friday, March 8.

Student Engagement

- Black and Gold Academy will be held on Saturday, March 2.
 - There are 75 students registered. Plan to award 6 scholarships at the event.
- Alternative Spring Break
 - Service trip to Colorado Spring, March 11-15, to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House.
- Students have recorded over 950 services hours in TigerLink.

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Financial Aid

- Working on summer 2024 aid. There has been no update for when we will receive FASFA applications for the 2024-25 academic year.

Health and Wellness

- Director position has been posted.
- Preparing to interview a new cohort of practicum student interns for the 2024-25 academic year.
- Schmidt Scholarship interviews were held this week.

Student Success

- Presented at the Town Hall meeting for the strategic plan this past Monday. Moving the strategic plan forward.
- The Digital Master Plan, which is one of the three priorities of the institution, is being worked on. Committee has received feedback from Senior Leadership Team. Making changes and then will make final presentation.
- Co-curricular model and how that works is being discussed.

Res Life

- Getting ready for Spring Break. Halls close on Friday, March 8 at 5 pm. Working with students who need to stay in the halls. They need to have a reason for stay. Food service is not available during Spring Break.
- McMIndes rooms should all be cleaned by the end of next week and then on to Victor E Village during Spring Break.

Registrar's Office

- Registration begins on March 4. Students can meet with their advisors now to be ready for their registration date.
- Applications for admission packets are ready and will be getting those out.
- Congress passed a bill regarding gainful employment and will be applicable to all programs. Reporting requirements will go along with this. FHSU will turn in regularly reports if students are getting jobs as we report enrollment. FHSU will work with national clearing house to help with the reporting.

FHSU Online

- Online open house has over 100 students registered.
- Comeback scholarships funds are being awarded.
- Sunflower Start Scholarship will be available to new Kansas online and graduate students for one free class if they complete the FASFA. Working on Marketing campaign.
- Over 200 students attended the online orientation for the spring semester.

Orientation

- To date, 172 students have registered for New Student Orientation this summer. Working with Admissions to get information out to students.
- HCI has 36 students registered. Another big push for marketing will be sent out after spring break and working with the Admissions Office on other marketing efforts.
- AAOG received over 170 applications for 45 scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year.
- LLC student placement numbers for Fall 2024 will be coming out March 1.
- All sections of UNIV have been loaded into Workday. Curriculum is being finalized.
- College Cup is scheduled for April 19 at Lewis Field from 6 to 9 pm. Each college will have a team to compete in multiple competitions. Party at Lewis will happen after the competition.

Memorial Union

- Working on elevators in the Union, but they are all functioning.
- Candidates are being interviewed for the Victor E Gift & Apparel manager position.
- An offer has been made, pending background check, for the custodian position, which has been vacant since 2022.
- Seeking students for positions for summer and fall.

Early College Programs

- State assessments have been administered. Reporting results back to high schools
- Prom is being planned.
- A new robotics team has been formed this year. KAMS has received a NASA grant. Partnering with local high schools and will be participating in competition during spring break.
- Completion Ceremony is scheduled for May 4.
- Starting a new initiative with KAMS alum.
- An email has been sent to all superintendents in the State of Kansas to ask if a blurb about the KAMS program be placed in their school's early college credit options.

Career Services

- The Career Services office is providing training for faculty members to earn a digital badge for the faculty mentor program.

Retention

- AIT 8 will be conducting site visits. They will be on the FHSU campus on March 27 from 10 am to 1 pm. They will be touring student success areas. They will be visiting the NCK Tech campus after lunch.
- For the Spring 2024 semester, the Early Tiger Alert to date has received 126 flags compared to 76 for the Fall 2023 semester. Response rate of contacting students flagged is 51 percent.
- The parent communication for prospective families is in the platform. Working on the integration for current students.
- EAB has been meeting and starting the planning process for implementation.

- Smartsheets training was held. Issues with licenses should be directed to Kathleen.

Admissions

- The Admissions Office will be hosting the state conference for JAG-K on the FHSU campus on March 20. The event will bring between 250-300 students from across Kansas to our campus.
- The 1st Annual Informatics Day will be held on March 25. They have 120 students registered.
- The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Day is scheduled for March 29 with 54 students signed up.
- Future Engineering Day will be held on April 1 with the hopes of 25 students attending.
- Spring Tiger Day is scheduled for April 15.
- High School Art Day will be held on campus April 17.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting will be held on March 21 at 1:30 pm in the Pioneer Room, Memorial Union.