

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
March 26, 2026**

Agenda

Present – Joey Linn, Chantelle Arnold, Damian Giles, Jerrod Lies, RJ Schnack, Hugo Perez, Sherri Matlock, Edie McCracken, Brett Meyer Kelsi Broadway, Jill Arensdorf, Jon Armstrong, Amy Schaffer, Dennis King, Craig Karlin, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The Division of Student Affairs Traveling Trophy was presented to Jerrod Lies, Damian Giles, and the Shotgun Shooting Team for their successful season.
- The Shotgun Shooting Team was the National Runner-Up at the National Collegiate Championship.

Academic Affairs Update

- Joey thanked Jill for bringing the AASCU speakers to campus.
- Two new undergraduate programs, Bachelor of Science in Financial Forensic Fraud and Investigation and Bachelor of Arts in Religion Education and Community Engagement, have been approved by KBOR and HLC to be offered starting with the Fall 2026 semester.
- Close to finalizing the Academic Standing proposal. Proposal will be reviewed by Academic Council. Plan is to roll out the policy for the Fall 2026 semester.
- Reduced bachelorette degree proposals will be submitted to KBOR for their May meeting.
- Fort Hays will be going through the program review process next academic year. Present to KBOR during the Spring 2027 semester.
- Scott Cason has announced he is leaving FHSU. Jill Arensdorf is chairing the search committee. The position description is being revised.

HCI Update

- Erica Meneses is working on mock classes and the major fair scheduled during HCI on Friday, June 5. Academic departments will be informed.
- To date, 48 registrations have been received. Academic forms will be sent to the registrants in April. Goal is to have 60-80 students attend HCI.
- Training for the 14 leads for HCI will be completed in April.
- Working with UCC for catering and meals in McMIndes. Plan to have one meal off campus.
- Working with Athletics to coordinate buses to pick up students.
- Student Engagement event items have been purchased.
- Closing speaker has been confirmed.
- The schedule is similar to past years.

- Plan to visit high schools in April to promote HCI.
- Invitations to Hispanic stars will be sent out in April.
- An email will be sent out again this year asking for volunteers.

Shotgun Shooting Team Results

- The Shotgun Shooting Team is the National Runner-Up in Division II for 2026. Fort Hays had 20 students participating in the event. There were 104 teams competing at nationals and Fort Hays tied for 4th place out of the 104 teams across all divisions.
- The roster of the team has increased from 20 members to over 45.
- The team shot 499 on trap singles out of 500.
- Seven students were named All American and five students were named Academic All Americans.
- The team participated in 15 matches, traveling over 10,000 miles.
- The team shot over 121,000 rounds in competition and 100,000 rounds in practice.
- The team will have 10 students graduating this spring semester. They have 10 freshman and 1 transfer student signed for next academic year.

VP Update

- There is no KBOR meeting in April. KBOR is doing a site visit at Emporia State in April instead of a meeting.
- Director Retreat will be held on April 2.
- Performance Review Matrix
 - Draft will be reviewed at the Directors Retreat on April 2.
- Student Labor Consolidated Budget Structure
 - Budget & Planning will be breaking out student labor for FY27 on Workday reports.
- ASSCU Summary
- Legislative Update
 - Important week in Topeka with finalizing the FY27 budget.

Enrollment Leadership Update

- Fall numbers continue to look good for new student enrollment.
- Spring 2026 enrollment comparing date to date numbers are up.
- SCH on campus and online is up, and international is down slightly.

Financial Aid Update

- Changes have been made to the federal loan programs. Part-time students who receive a sub or unsub loan will be prorated to their enrollment status.
- The feds have eliminated the grad plus loan.

- The Work Force Pell grant allows students to receive a Pell grant if they start a program if they meet certain criteria. Fort Hays does not have any programs currently that meet this criteria.
- Pell Grant funding for the 2026-2027 academic year will not be cut.

Online Open House

- Open house was held on March 10. Keynote speakers had 15-20 students attending their session.
- They had 142 guest registrations with 74 students attending for a 52.1 percent attendance rate. Of the guests, 112 were interested in online, 25 on-campus and 5 unsure. Ninety students were interested in undergraduate programs and 52 in a graduate program.
- The core audience was in the 19-29 age group.
- Feedback from the open house provided a high response rate, with participants praising the clarity and organization of the sessions.

SRP Summary

- The format of the SRPs changed slightly this year to either a dinner or reception. The Topeka SRP was eliminated.
- Attendance numbers were about where they were last year, even with the elimination of the Topeka SRP.
- Jon thanked everyone who was able to attend and support the events.
- Jon shared that 76 percent of students who responded to the SRP post survey that by attending the SRP affected their decision to attend FHSU.
- Working on setting dates for 2027.

Memorial Union Photo Contest

- The Memorial Union is sponsoring a Photo Contest to update the photos on display in the Memorial Union eating areas. The deadline to submit photos is March 30.

Employee Resource Group (ERG)

- Chris serves on the ERG Committee representing the Student Affairs Division. The purpose of the committee is to provide mentorship to Administrative Assistants on campus, especially new hires.
- The committee provides a welcome email to all new admin hires along with an Administrative Assistant Resource Guide the committee created.
- The committee is planning to hold two sessions this summer, June 11, and July 7, for admins to create or update their resource guides for their positions/offices to help document processes, support cross-training, and make transitions smoother in the future. Dr. Keith Bremer from the Graduate School will give a brief overview of the software, Scribe, which is a tool that can be used for documenting step-by-step procedures.

- The committee also plans to hold a session this summer on hiring student employees.
- Chris needs to provide a list for the committee of the admins in the division that should be invited to these sessions. Each department needs to send Chris the name of the individual(s) from their office, which needs to be invited by Friday, April 10.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Admissions
 - Admissions Counselor
 - Joanna Lockwood accepted the Marketing Coordinator position in Admissions.
 - Position is posted and closes mid-April.
 - Regional Admissions Counselor
 - Position is posted and closes mid-April.
- Memorial Union
 - Interviewing for the Facilities Maintenance Technician position.
- Early College Programs
 - Director
 - The committee met and narrowed down the pool to four candidates for ZOOM interviews.
 - Assistant Director
 - Search closes on April 15.

For the Good of the Order

- The Tuition Assistance form is being moved to a Workday extend form. The summer assistance form will be available hopefully in the week of March 30. The fall form will be available in July. You or your dependent need to be registered in classes to submit the form.
- The Registrar's Office will be changing Hays High students in Workday from non-degree seeking students to degree seeking students.
- KAMS students are participating in KSHSAA events at Hays School. They are participating in track, soccer, golf, and tennis. Ryan is at the national tech competition right now. Early College Programs Awards Ceremony will be held May 8 and the Completion Ceremony on May 9. The junior students will be taking state assessments.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 1:30 pm in the Pioneer Room.