

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
April 23, 2026**

Minutes

Present – Dennis King, David Bollig, Parker Opat, Edie McCracken, Joey Linn, Jon Armstrong, Kyle Stacken, Amy Schaffer, Craig Karlin, Kelsi Broadway, RJ Schnack, Chantelle Arnold, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The Student Affairs Traveling Trophy was presented to Kyle Stacken, Assistant Director of Admissions
- Kyle will serve as the KACRAO President for 2026-2027. This is three-year term commitment. Kyle is currently serving as the President-Elect and will serve as the President for 2026-2027 and then Past-President the following year.

VP Update

- Performance Review Matrix
 - Will be used moving forward.
- Legislative Update
 - Undocumented student veto did not garner enough votes to be overridden.
 - FHSU's budget for FY27 has been cut. ELT is looking at tuition increases for next year. The first reading for tuition increases will be heard at the May KBOR meeting and final approval at the June meeting. SGA has approved a \$2.30 fee increase.
 - A 1 percent pay increase was approved for state employees.
- Budgets
 - Fort Hays will be reducing the use of China revenue in our overall budget over the next two years. Once we are no longer using China revenue in our budget, we plan to put the money in our reserves.
 - Joey reminded everyone to review their OOE and Student Labor budgets as we close out FY26. Use state funds before moving to use of mini-action plan funds.
- Summer and Fall 2026 Teaching Contracts
 - Joey must keep an update spreadsheet of staff teaching during the Summer and Fall 2026 semesters. The spreadsheet will be shared with directors.
- Summer Bash – July 30, 2026
 - SALT made the decision that no gifts will be given out at the Summer Bash.
 - Staff attendance at the Summer Bash is not required but highly encouraged.
- AACRAO Conference Summary
 - Financial Aid updates may not totally be approved by July 1 when they go into effect.
 - Options on accreditation.

- Department of Education is rehiring staff.
 - Craig Karlin will serve as chair of the SPEEDE Committee.
 - The keynote speaker was Lt. General Russel L. Honore and he is the author of “Don’t Get Stuck on Stupid, Leadership in Action”. Joey will be purchasing a book for each of the directors.
 - New systems are being launched to detect fraud.
 - Commencement Volunteers
 - More volunteers are needed.
- [Volunteers Staff Event Assignments S2026.docx](#)

Enrollment Leadership

- Enrollment Update

Fall	Headcount			SCH			
	2025	2026	Diff	2025	2026	Diff	%
Campus	1,873	2,012	139	21,802	23,647	1,845	8.5%
Online	1,883	2,068	185	16,951	18,372	1,421	8.4%
Total	3,756	4,080	324	38,753	42,019	3,266	8.4%
Summer	Headcount			SCH			
	2025	2026	Diff	2025	2026	Diff	%
Undergrad	1,598	1,732	134	8,833	9,499	666	7.5%
Grad	1,029	978	-51	5,110	5,043	-67	-1.3%
Total	2,627	2,710	83	13,943	14,542	599	4.3%
Spring	Headcount			SCH			
	2025	2026	Diff	2025	2026	Diff	%
Campus	3,350	3,429	79	45,012	46,426	1,414	3.1%
Online	5,662	5,892	230	43,982	47,100	3,118	7.1%
IP	3,321	3,313	-8	20,556	20,139	-417	-2.0%
Total	12,333	12,634	301	109,550	113,665	4,115	3.8%

- Orientation numbers in April have slowed down.

- Assessment & Story of Excellence
 - Pictures from your department or events this past year should be sent to Dennis.
 - Also send awards, presentations, professional organization leadership.
 - The Story of Excellence is going from 6 pages to 12 pages.
 - Each department will need to provide a close the loop item from one of their departmental goals using assessment.
 - Send to Dennis by June 1.

Financial Aid System Overview (attached)

- Rule changes have not been finalized. Working on promotional materials. Website will be set up by Marketing.
- We need to make sure we assure students aid will be processed. We need to remind students to stay enrolled in what they register in.
- Plan to send out letters to students with their preliminary award and will make changes once rules have been established.
- Fraud detection is being implemented starting Saturday, April 25.

Student Engagement & Belonging Update

- After School Service Project with Roosevelt Elementary will be held today, April 23, 2026.
- SOAR Awards are scheduled for April 28.
- College Cuber event will be held on May 5. FHSU students will be putting together sections of Legos which will be made into a large Victor E mural. Students attending will receive a Victor E Lego.
- Jammin into Summer is scheduled for Friday, May 8 at Gross Memorial Coliseum. There will be live music, a zip line and food trucks.

Student Think Tank

- Graduating Student Employees
 - Send to Chris by May 1.
- Student of the Month Nominations
 - [Division of Student Affairs Student of the Month Nomination Form](#)
 - Each department can submit two nominees each month.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Admissions
 - Interviewing for four open positions.
- KAMS
 - ZOOM interviews for the Assistant Director are completed. The committee will be bringing three candidates to campus.

- Two candidates were interviewed for the Director position. Feedback is being reviewed. The position will start on July 20.

For the Good of the Order

Memorial Union

- Student bookstore went live on April 22. There is a new link, but the current link will continue to work for the next two years. Marketing materials are being developed.
- June 1 the FHSU ID card format is changing. All three campuses will be identified on the card with the font being larger for the school they are attending.

Admissions

- Spring Tiger Day is scheduled for April 27 for sophomore and junior high school students. Currently, Admissions has received 370 RSVPs. Format will be like past Tiger Days. Students will go on self-guided tours and Residential Life tours will be given at the end of the day.
- Admissions and Fort Hays North Central will host a parents information event on April 30 at 6 pm at Hays High School

Registrar's Office

- The Academic Standing plan (formerly Academic Suspension) was approved by Academic Council. Implementation of the plan will be at the end of the Fall 2026 semester. Students who fall below a 2.00 cumulative GPA will be placed on probation. The appeals process starting after the Fall 2026 semester will be processed through the Academic Dean's office.
- Phase II of Huron is being kicked off. Emphasis will be on cleaning up some of the reconversion of data and dates that need to be cleaned up. Academic requirements will be emphasized. Getting plans of study in Workday.

Student Engagement & Belonging

- Town Gown committee is restarting the March to Main event held in August.

FHSU Online

- FHSU Online will be hosting a Financial Aid webinar on May 20 from 5 to 6 pm.

Student Affairs

- SGA Open Forum will be held on April 30 at 6 pm with Lisa McGuirk, Athletic Director, Marcell Dely, 2026-27 SGA President and Joey Linn, VP for Student Affairs.

Save the Date – Summer Bash will be held on July 30, 2026