

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
September 3, 2026**

Minutes

Present – Dave Bollig, Edie McCracken, Amy Schaffer, RJ Schnack, Jon Armstrong, Craig Karlin, Hugo Perez, Joey Linn, Holly Rebel, Chantelle Arnold, Jon Granberry, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The Student Affairs Traveling Trophy was presented to Jordan Brown, Quality Control Specialist in Residential Life.
- Jordan was hired in this newly created position 1.5 years ago to monitor the residence hall facilities.
- Since he has been in the position, Jordan has gone the extra mile in what he does.

VP Update

- Budget
 - The budget will once again be a big focus at the ELT Retreat to be held on Friday, September 11.
 - ELT will be able to look at fall enrollment numbers to make budget decisions.
- Enrollment Update
 - Fall 2026 enrollment is up 595 students (on-campus, online and international partnerships') and up 3.7 percent in credit hours.
- President CEO KBOR Visit – September 10
 - Jenns Bonds-Raacke, the new President CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents will be on the FHSU campus September 10. She will be meeting with different academic areas during her visit. ELT will have lunch with Jenn.
- Tobacco-Free Policy Committee
 - ELT made the decision to disband the committee.
- 2026-27 KBOR meetings
 - September 17 – Topeka, KS
 - October 15 – Wichita State campus visit; no board meeting
 - November 18 – Manhattan, KS
 - December 17 – Topeka, KS
 - January 21 – Topeka, KS
 - February 25 – Topeka, KS
 - March 25 – Topeka, KS
 - April – Pittsburg State University visit; no board meeting
 - May 20 – Topeka, KS
 - June 17 – Topeka, KS

Goal 4.4 Update

- The committee is seeking campus input on refining processes and resources on the FHSU campus.
- Wesley Wintch will be sending a campus email to faculty and staff requesting suggestions on things that can be stopped or how we can refine things with new equipment or software to create efficiencies. Ideas will be due in early October.
- This request was sent out to campus last year and the committee was able to implement over 40 suggestions.

Beach/Schmidt Encore Update

- The name of the Encore Series will be sunsetting the name Encore.
- The Roar Board wants to bring in events focused on students and the public.
- The series will be rebranded potentially as the Beach/Schmidt Special Events Series. They plan to have two ticketed programs each year. Previous season ticket holders will get first access to purchase tickets.
- They plan to pilot a movie series starting in October. They will show a pre-released movie that is not available on streaming platforms. They will sell tickets for the movie and bottled water will be sold at the event.
- The Memorial Union is also revamping the Beach/Schmidt website to highlight all the events being held in Beach/Schmidt.
- The committee is also reworking the fees and policies to use Beach/Schmidt.

Transfer Ready: Your Path to FHSU

- FHSU Online will be hosting a new session on September 28 at 5 pm for prospective students who are bringing college credit to FHSU. This will be held prior to free app days.
- The session will provide attendees with what they need to know about bringing credits to Fort Hays and preparing for their next step.

FHSU Quasquicentennial Celebration (125 Years)

- Fort Hays will be celebrating 125 years during 2027.
- FHSU Founders Day is June 23, 2027. An event on the FHSU Quad will be held that day.
- Ginger Williams and Ed Hammond are co-chairing the planning committee.
- The committee would like events being held in 2027 to have the quasquicentennial badge to be incorporated into their promotional items. Camera ready artwork will be available to use.
- Events to be part of the quasquicentennial can be submitted through a link, so it is included on the website.
- The FHSU history book is being rewritten to commemorate the past 125 years by Kurt Beyers and will be available for purchase.

Departmental Reports

- Early College Programs
 - Students are doing well.
 - Seminar classes have begun.
 - They have one student admitted and another student completing paperwork to be admitted for the 2027-28 academic year.
 - Early College Programs is implementing an interview process with the students applying to the program prior to acceptance.
- Residential Life
 - Room changes start next week and no singles are available.
 - CA's have started programs for the residents.
 - The Spring 2027 Res Life app should open the first part of November.
- Health and Wellness Services
 - Flu shots will be available during the HR Benefits Fair on October 8.
 - It is recommended to receive the vaccination the end of September, early October.
 - Health and Wellness saw a record number of crisis appointments with students after move-in due to students being home sick. The number of visits has slowed down.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Admissions
 - Interviews for the SIP Administrative Specialist position have been conducted. Hope to make an offer next week.
 - The search for the Area Admissions & Community Specialist position in Garden City failed. The position has been reposted.
- Financial Aid
 - The search for the Financial Aid Verification position will be reopened.
- Registrar's Office
 - Thomas Brooks has been hired as a Degree Analyst.
- FHSU Online
 - HR is reclassifying the Digital Recruitment position, and it will then be posted.
- CRM Coordinator
 - Position is posted and accepting applications.

For the Good of the Order

- Save the Date – Summer Bash 2027 will be held on July 29, 2027
- The Memorial Union is in the RFI process to have a service occupying the former student service area in the Union. The Union is giving out free popcorn on Friday afternoons.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 1:30 pm.