

**Student Affairs Director Meeting  
September 4, 2025**

**Minutes**

Present: Chantelle Arnold, Edie McCracken, Brett Meyer, David Bollig, Dennis King, Larissa Whitney, Amy Schaffer, Kelsi Broadway, Jon Armstrong, Craig Karlin, and Chris Gist

**New Employee Introductions**

- Rhyann Powers, Coordinator of Student Engagement, will coordinate events.
- Parker Opat, Coordinator of Student Engagement, will collaborate with fraternities and sororities.

**Traveling Trophy**

- The traveling trophy was presented to Hugo Perez, Assistant Director in Student Engagement.
- Brett thanked Hugo for stepping up to assist with the Welcome Weekend, Sorority and Fraternities, and the Back-to-School Picnic while Student Engagement & Belonging was short staffed prior to the start of the school year.

**Academic Affairs Update**

- Jill thanked everyone for a great start to the new academic year.
- Kansas Leadership Center will be conducting training with fifty faculty and staff during the fall semester.
- The four academic affairs priorities were shared at convocation.
- Jill indicated she received feedback on the why of the initiatives presented last year. She has developed an engagement series. Invitations have been sent out for the series.
- KBOR launched an initiative this summer to revise the Faculty Workload Policy.
- An Academic Leadership Fellow, Chuck McAllister, has been hired to fill this role. He is an independent contract employee and will serve as the Chair of Management. Once that position is filled, he will then be employed in a different area of academic affairs.

**Enrollment Leadership Update**

- Fall 2025 enrollment is up in both student headcount and SCH for domestic students.

**Health & Wellness Services**

- Flu shots are available in the Health and Wellness Services Office.
- Health and Wellness Services will give flu shots at the Benefits Fair on October 9.

### **Student Engagement & Belonging**

- Friends and Family Day - September 13, 2025
  - <https://www.fhsu.edu/engage/family/>
- Homecoming - September 27, 2025
  - Flyers will be coming out soon.
- Fraternity and sorority recruitment
  - There are nine total chapters on campus.
  - They assisted with the class crawl during Welcome Weekend with the highest number of participants to date.
  - The night before school started, they hosted an ice cream social event with fifty-six new students attending.
  - Sorority recruitment started after classes began with eighty students signed up for formal recruitment. At the end of the week, thirty students accepted bids. Each chapter has at least seven new members.
  - Constant open bidding is now open for both fraternities and sororities.
  - Students in a fraternity and sororities are required to complete study hours each week, except if they have a 4.00 GPA.

### **2026 Orientation Dates**

- Tuesday, June 2, 2026
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026
- Thursday, July 9, 2026
- Saturday, July 11, 2026
- Tuesday, July 21, 2026

### **Search/Staffing Updates**

#### **Early College Programs**

- An offer has been made for the recruitment position.

#### **Health & Wellness Services**

- Kathern Hadley was hired as a Counselor for KAMS. She started this week.

### **Student Engagement & Belonging**

- The Assistant Director for Strategy & Operations position has been posted.
- The Assistant Director for Student Engagement search has failed. The position will be reposted.

#### **Memorial Union**

- The custodian position has been filled.
- The Assistant Director search is reviewing applications.

#### **Financial Aid**

- The scholarship position has been reposted.

### Admissions

- The Admissions Office has three positions vacant – Northern Regional Counselor, Admissions Counselor and Marketing position.

### **For the Good of the Order**

#### FHSU Online

- FHSU Online Open House is scheduled for September 16 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.
- There will be training on the morning of the event if you are participating.
- Event is open to all students.

#### Registrar's Office

- The Registrar's Office is adding all the affiliated students at Fort Hays North Central and Fort Hays Northwest to Workday.
- They will be actual students in Workday and will be appropriately tagged.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting will be held on September 18 at 1:30 pm