

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
September 17, 2026**

Agenda

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

Traveling Trophy

- The Student Affairs Traveling Trophy was presented to the staff in the Admissions and FHSU Online offices.
- Dennis congratulated both offices on their hard work and dedication to recruiting students to Fort Hays. FHSU saw tremendous growth in the undergraduate population for the fall semester.

Academic Affairs Update

- Jill reported that SIAS is reporting 926 freshman that will start classes in the Spring 2027 semester. FHSU's quota for freshman at SIAS is 1,000.
- The Board of Regents approved all the final items to start proposing reduced bachelorette degrees. The name of the degree, "Baccalaureate of Specialized Studies in (name of program)", will need to be printed on the diploma and transcript. FHSU will work on submitting two programs for approval by KBOR.
- There are going to be a few changes to the LLCs for the 2027-28 academic year. Communication will be sent to the campus with the changes. There will be less LLCs but will have the same number of students able to participate in the LLCs.
- There has been a change in the Agriculture Department chair. Michael Woods is no longer serving as the chair but is still teaching. CD Clark is serving as the Interim Chair for the Agriculture Department. A search for the chair position will be started soon. Email listservs have been updated.
- Jill sent an email to the campus sharing the FHSU Digital Master Plan.
- Jon thanked Academic Affairs for attending the FHSU/WSU recruitment event in Salina on September 15. Every academic college from Fort Hays was represented.

Enrollment Update

- Fall 2026 enrollment for all modalities are up.
- On-campus population is at 3,806 which is up 2 students; Undergraduate students are up 35 students and graduate school numbers are also up. Enrollment is the highest it has been since 2021. International Partner enrollment is also up 200 students, which is the highest enrollment since 2022.

Residential Life

- Movie on the Lawn will be held on Friday, September 18 @ 9 pm on the Custer Hall Lawn.
- Res Life is teaming with the Tebo Library to show Toy Story 5.
- Activities and snacks will be available.

Student Engagement

- Family & Friends Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 19.
 - Intramurals will be hosting a Fishing Derby from 8:30 to 11 am by Hammond Hall.
 - Activities will be held on the Quad from 10 am to 2 pm.
 - Athletics will be selling football tickets for \$5 in the Quad.
- Swipe Out Hunger Community Service Event will also be held on Saturday, September 19.
 - Food packages will be packed in Tebo Library from 10 to 11:30 am.

Search/Staffing Updates

- FHSU Online
 - Digital Recruitment position will be posted soon.
- Financial Aid
 - DeLeon Stephen has accepted a position in Tiger Tech. His last day in Financial Aid is September 25.
 - Applications for the Financial Aid Verification position are being reviewed.
- Admissions
 - Jazmin Juhan has been hired as an Administrative Specialist in the SIP Office. She will start on September 28.
 - The Area Admissions & Community Specialist position in Garden City is accepting applications.
- Enrollment Leadership
 - CRM Coordinator position is posted and closes next week.

Compliance & Sexual Harassment Training

- Laurie Larrick, University Compliance Officer & Title IX Coordinator

For the Good of the Order

- Save the Date
 - Division Holiday Gathering, December 17, 2026
 - Summer Bash 2027, July 29, 2027

Financial Aid

- Scholarship deadline for the 2027-27 academic year is February 15, 2027.

Admissions

- The next FHSU/WSU recruitment event will be held on September 22 in Topeka.
- Health and Behavioral Science Day will be held on October 9. To date, 100 students have signed up.
- Fall Tiger Day is scheduled for October 17. Currently, 197 students are registered.
- Future Engineers' Day is scheduled for October 22.
- Nightingale Experience will be held on October 28 & November 18.
- College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Day is scheduled for October 26.
- Informatics Open House will be held on November 9.

FHSU Online

Transfer Ready: Your Path to FHSU will be held on September 28. Currently, they have 20 registrations. Webinar is being held a week prior to the free app days.

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for October 1.