

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
October 15, 2026**

Minutes

Present: Jon Armstrong, Edie McCracken, David Bollig, RJ Schnack, Dennis King, Chantelle Arnold, Joey Linn, Craig Karlin, Rhyann Powers, Kelsi Broadway, Jonathan Granberry, and Chris Gist

VP Update

- Staff Senate Discussion
 - Joey, Jill, and Wesley were invited to Staff Senate along with reps from AAUP and Faculty Senate to talk for three minutes about communication on campus.
 - Staff in the division who want to attend Staff Senate or be on a committee should visit with their supervisor.
- Interim Grades
 - A reminder will be sent out within the division when interim grades are due.
 - Moving forward, if a staff member from the division that is teaching and misses the deadline to enter interim grades, they will no longer be allowed to teach.
- SGA Safety Walk
 - SGA will be holding their annual safety walk tonight, October 15.
- FHSU Volleyball Game – November 6
 - Division of Student Affairs is sponsoring the FHSU volleyball game on November 6.
 - Match is at 6 pm.
 - Student Affairs staff and their families will get free admission, and each staff member will receive a concession voucher for a hot dog, popcorn, and small fountain drink.
 - Promotional information about Student Affairs will be announced during the match.
 - Staff in attendance will be recognized at intermission at center court.
 - More information will be sent out.
- Student Affairs Director Retreat – December 15
 - SALT will be meeting to set the agenda. Send ideas to your AVP.
- There was no KBOR meeting in October.
- K-State president resigned.
- No new updates on Sternberg.

Enrollment Update

- Fall 2026 enrollment was up in all three modalities,
- Spring 2027 unofficial reports show registrations are up currently.

FASFA Update

- FASFA for 2027-28 is open.
- Waiting to see if software will be developed for spring disbursement.

FHSU Online

- Transfer Ready Webinar
 - 42 registered and 18 attended. Kelsi thanked everyone who participated. Looking at another online seminar in the spring.
- Second 8-weeks Text Push
 - Text was sent to admits not registered for Fall 2026.

Memorial Union

- Student Employee Think Tank
 - Reminder for supervisors to keep the Student Employee spreadsheet updated.
 - If a staff member needs access to the spreadsheet, contact Edie or Chris.
- Student Employee of the Semester
 - Flyers are being developed to promote nominating student employees. Each department in the division can nominate up to two students. SALT will review the nominations. Goal is to name the winner by December 1.
 - Student Employee Training – November 4 & 5
 - Connect the Stripes
 - Opportunity for the student employees to connect with other student employees in the division.
 - Deadline to sign up is October 30.
 - Digital emails will be sent out to student employees and supervisors.
 - Student Employee Supervisors Information Exchange – November 11
 - Connect the Dots
 - Opportunity for offices to share their student employee resources. Each department is asked to bring 10 copies of resources they want to share.
 - The committee would like at least one representative from each office to attend.
- Beach/Schmidt PAC Movie Series
 - October 24 & 25 – Project Hail Mail
 - November 14 & 15 – Spider Man: Brand New Day
 - Promoting dates on and off campus.
 - Bottled water will be available for purchase.

Registrar Update

- Free App Week Update October 5-9
 - Started in 2023 with 1,034 applications received.
 - 2024 – 1,719

- 2025 – 2,087
- 2026 – 1,961
- Difference this year between past years is the cell phone policies in high schools and students not able to complete the application during school hours.

Residential Life

- Contract Opening
 - November 10 – Contract opens at 10 am for current FHSU students who reside in the residence halls.
 - November 12 – Contract will open for all non-current students.
- Breaking Housing Form
 - Students needing to stay in the residence halls over the fall and winter break will need to complete a form.
 - Fall Break form will be open from November 2-13.
 - Winter Break form is open from November 16 to December 4.
 - Students are not charged for housing, but they must provide documentation as to the reason they need to stay in the residence halls over break.

Search/Staffing Updates

- Financial Aid
 - Addison Hasenbank has been hired to fill the Financial Aid Specialist position. She will begin on October 26.
 - Financial Aid Counselor position is posted.
- Admissions
 - Admissions is searching for an Admissions Counselor and Southern Regional Counselor. Positions will be posted soon.
 - Applications for the Garden City position are being reviewed.
- CRM Coordinator will go out to search again.
- FHSU Online
 - Online Recruiter position will close within the next week.

For the Good of the Order

Admissions

- Tiger Day is Saturday, October 17
 - To date they have 505 RSVPs, which is 150 more than last year.
- SRP dates are being finalized.

Residential Life

- Residential Life will be hosting Safe Trick or Treat on October 23 in McMIndes Hall from 5:30 to 7 pm

Student Engagement & Belonging

- Fall Fest will be held on Thursday, October 22 from 5 to 8 pm in the Gross Memorial VIP parking lot.
- Haunted Union event will be held on October 29 from 6 to 9 pm.

Early College Programs

- Dennis and Jonathan will be departing for China and Cambodia on October 28 for visits with schools for the AMS program.

Save the Date

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

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2026.