

Town & Gown Committee

Chair: Lisa Karlin and Melissa Dixon

Description: (Description of Committee)

The Town & Gown Committee is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by

- Improving communication
- Encouraging collaboration
- Building relationships

for the purpose of planning and problem solving among city and university groups.

Key (Academic Year) Accomplishments

- One member attended the International Town & Gown Association (ITGA) annual conference in Ohio in June
- FHSU partnered with local businesses to offer discounts to new freshmen
- FHSU capstone class partnered with Hays CVB to create Hays information videos
- FHSU, DHDC, and Hays CVB planning to revive March 2 Main event for fall 2026
- Learned about and/or received updates on: Back-to-School Picnic; FHSU Green Event; Pedal Patrol in the Park; FHSU Part-time Job Fair and industry-specific career fairs; Oktoberfest; Homecoming; R9 water project; new police station; Holiday Business Showcase; Admissions events; Family and Friends Weekend; Forsyth Library/Hays Public Library collaborative events; Grove housing development; Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge; 9/11 Stair Climb; Christmas Magic on Main Street; Municipal Park stage project; International Education Week; TIAK Marketing Award for Hays CVB; Tigers in Service; Career Hunt; Chamber Part-time Job and Internship Fair; SACAD; FHSU Big Event; Kansas Science Festival; Special Olympics; FHSU 125th Anniversary; temporary closure of Hays airport runway; Kansas Micro-Internship Program
- Helped promote campus and community events and activities
- Shared information from ITGA newsletter with committee members

Committee Members:

Madison Albers
David Clingan
Melissa Dixon
Boyce Durr
Lee Ann June
Lisa Karlin
Emily Knowles
Jarrod Kuckelman
Dinah Newman
Parker Opat

Don Scheibler
Carol Solko-Olliff
Kyle Stacken
Anna Towns