

**Student Affairs Director Meeting
March 23, 2023**

Minutes

Present – David Bollig, Taylor Kriley, Robin Brungardt, RJ Schnack, Edie McCracken, Kathleen Cook, Gina Smith, Carol Solko-Olliff, Shianne Cokely, Graham Dixon, Kayla Hickel, Will Burns, Jon Armstrong, Craig Karlin, Joey Linn, and Chris Gist

Traveling Trophy

- The traveling trophy was presented to Jill Arensdorf, Provost.
- Joey thanked Jill and the entire division of Academic Affairs as they play an integral part of what we do in Student Affairs.

Academic Affairs Update

- The Language Company, who is our ESL provider, does not have enough on-campus students to make it financially to be here on campus. Their last day on the FHSU campus is Friday, March 24. With their departure, FHSU will no longer have a face-to-face ESL program. FHSU will continue to work with their online program.
- The general education plan officially rolled out for Fall 2023, with the exception of our international partner schools. Opt-in process for current students is going well. A few updates have been made to the plan and have been updated on the website.
- Announcement will be made soon for the new Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.
- FHSU has been looking at data analysis platforms to track data across FHSU. We have a group working on an RFP for a product to do this for FHSU. The Board of Regents is also looking at doing a system-wide product for all regent's schools. FHSU is waiting on guidance from the board on how we can move forward to choose the best product for FHSU.
- There is also an RFP to digitize the course catalog. On-campus presentations are being scheduled.
- At the Chief Academic Officer meeting, a policy revision was approved to remove the 60-hour transfer in from another institution requirement. It will now go through the approval process at the Board of Regents. If approved, a student receiving a bachelor's degree will need to have 120 hours of which 45 hours being upper division.
- Architects are working on mock-ups for the Forsyth Library renovation. Plans will be finalized over the summer and request for bids will happen Fall 2023 with construction starting in Spring 2024. Movement of services during construction are still be discussed.
- The Radiologic Technology is undergoing a campus site visit from JRCERT, March 23 & 24. The Rad Tech program has expanded their program to 45 students for 2023-24.

VPSA Update

- K-Board meeting was held on March 22. The legislation process and funding for the next fiscal year was discussed.
- At the Chief Student Affairs meeting, fee increases were discussed. FHSU is the only University not seeking fee increases for FY24. Other schools will be asking for a 2 to 4 percent increase in fees.
- The regent VP's met with Blake, Chair of the Board of Regents. They discussed the higher criteria that is required to be a licensed psychologist in Kansas compared to other states.
- The Cambodia trip over Spring Break went well. There is an opportunity for FHSU to be the main partner for the American University of Phnom Penh. The President of American University is one of the 12 ministers to the Prime Minister of Cambodia. The school is working on adding more academic programs. They will have over 100 students enrolled at FHSU for Fall 2023. School enrollment is currently at 1,000 students and plans to expand to 2,000. They want FHSU to open an office on their campus.

FHSU Digital Master Plan

- Andrew Feldstein leads the FHSU Digital Master Plan Steering committee.
- The committee will be meeting with consultants on April 4 @ 3:30 pm and April 6 @ 10 am.
- Let Taylor know who will be representing their area at the meetings with the consultants.

Ramadan

- The holy month of fasting that is practiced by Muslims, followers of the Islamic Religion. For a whole month, Muslims refrain from primarily food and drink from sunrise to sunset. The holy month does not occur the same time each year because it is based on the Islamic lunar calendar. The upcoming Ramadan will begin March 22, 2023 and go until April 21, 2023.
- Transportation is being provided to students to participate in Ramadan.
- The Muslim Student Association will be hosting an event on Wednesday, March 29 @ 7 pm in the FHSU Ballroom.

Student Engagement

- Ad Astra Conference will be held on the FHSU campus March 31 and April 1.
- 70 students have signed up from all over Kansas.

Grad Fest

- Wednesday, April 26 from 3 to 6 pm
- The event is being brought back in person this year. If your department would like a table at the event, let Edie or Courtney know.
- Please share with students.
- An online version of Grad Fest is also being planned. The online version will be sent out the day after the in-person event.

Search Updates

- Financial Aid
 - Heather McWhirter, Financial Aid Counselor, has accepted a position in HR.
 - The backfill position is still accepting applications.
- FHSU Online
 - Coordinator for FHSU Online Recruitment priority deadline is April 7.
- Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Health and Wellness & Auxiliaries
 - Priority deadline for applications is March 30.
- Admissions
 - Interviews for the Senior Administrative Assistant are being scheduled.
- Health & Wellness Services
 - The Accessibility Services Advisor position has been posted.
- Senior Diversity/General Counsel
 - The committee was going to bring a candidate to campus, but the candidate accepted another job. The committee will regroup and decide on what to do next.

For the Good of the Order

Admissions

- Tiger Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 25. At this time, 225 students have signed up

The next Student Affairs Director meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 @ 1:30 pm in Center for Student Success, Room 304.