According to the College Board, the average cost for books and supplies for the 2013-2014 school year is $1,207 at public universities. Books are a major expense while attending college and the cost has continued to rise at a rate far exceeding the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Textbook prices have increased 812 percent since 1984, over that same time the CPI steadily increased by 250 percent. Tuition and fees have increased by 559 percent over that same period; medical services, a topic of much recent debate, increased only 575 percent.

There are many factors that should be considered when purchasing textbooks at the beginning of each semester. Renting versus buying, getting books online versus a traditional brick and mortar store are the main dilemmas a student is faced with.

The main objective is spending the least amount of money possible.

While renting has become increasingly more popular it isn't always the fiscally responsible option. Often times buying the book and then selling it back at the end of the semester will cost the student less in the long-run, but that doesn't come without assuming the risk that the book will still be used the following semester.

The average lifespan of an edition of a textbook is approximately four years. This not only prevents the bookstore from buying a book back it also forces students to purchase new textbooks rather than having the option to buy used.

Men’s basketball has turned their season around winning their first six conference games of the new year. Sophomore guard, Craig Nicholson, Wichita has led the team over that span averaging 19 points and seven assists.

Junior Kate Lehman, Newton, has led the lady Tigers over break averaging a double-double over the last six games. She averages 15.7 points and 11.3 rebounds since the start of the new year and has helped the lady Tigers to a 4-2 record during that span.
One of the oddest things in life is realizing a project you are involved in is not working any longer. The Tiger Media Network at Fort Hays State has become one of those projects.

Careful observers may note a majority of the newest edition of The University Leader looked no different than the one put out the week before. Its promise to make T.M.N. a converged media model was offered the position and was taken. It is easy to assess blame. Sometimes bucking the status quo is required to create success, I believe a converged media model is the best course to take. It could be incompetence within the administration. It could be rejection from the most credentialed journalism school in the state, it could be the changing shape of media in the face of the internet. It could be the administration failing to understand how professional media guidance is handled. But it could be the administration itself, as the University, its obvious flaws, cannot, in the view of the university, be deviated from. The major organizational design remains. It is leaving FHSU at the end of the semester has failed in almost every measure, yet the overall organizational design remains unchanged. The plan, despite its obvious flaws, cannot, in the view of the university, be deviated from. The major failure of the university to fulfill its promise to make T.M.N. a reality was to fail to hire an Executive Producer position, a job that would functionally run T.M.N. Following a nationwide search only a few people applied, two people interviewed, one was offered the position and none took it, and so a full year of T.M.N. will have passed before there is any professional media guidance within the organization. So now a handful of students are trying to hold together the vision of T.M.N.

One of the principal architects, Informatics chair Stephen Schleicher, has announced he is leaving FHSU in the fall. He has chosen to work far more than required to keep the sports broadcasts available. No one wants to live just to work, and unfortunately this organization is forcing faculty and staff to live just that. The events that have gotten FHSU campus media to this point are so small as to be almost unbelievable. For yours truly the University Leader was never created; it was forced to exist. With the whins of whoever the next Executive Producer position will be, with virtually no professional guidance, the administration had organized KFHS TV-Shots fired little better having fired out the Student Government years ago.

Now both have been reorganized into one group, housed in the college of business, with little interaction with the college journalism had traditionally housed Communications, and little understanding of many aspects of how to operate it. Even without the University citing the organizational structure that chose not to let T.M.N. operate in ways that are not only well established by former FHSU media organizations, but also standard practice in the professional world.

Sometimes backing the status quo is required to create progress, but reinventing journalism in the face of organizational opportunity that’s under-funded, understaffed, student organization on the campus of a relatively small university in a relatively small state may not be able to tackle.

It is easy to assess blame. It could be the lack of funding, it could be the administration that failed to enact all of the recommendations from the media dissemination committee, it could be the lack of student engagement, it could be the University Leader staff from last year that chose to ensure the continuation of the university resulted in the worst possible transition they could imagine; it could be rejection from recommendations from the most credentialed journalism instructor on campus, it could be the changing shape of media in the face of the internet. For years the University had organized it, it could be the administration failing to understand how professional media guidance is handled, it could be dated, broken equipment, it could be incompetence within the University itself, but the truth is it is far worse than any of that. It is a little of each. The failure, however, will not be in the assignment of blame, or complaining that operations are not working successfully, the failure will come in staying the course, ignoring the missteps and continuing as if everything is going according to plan. I believe T.M.N. can be a success, I believe a converged media model is the best course of action at FHSU, it is time, however, to revitalize, to look back at what has went wrong last semester and make necessary changes, re-group, and re-start. The administration has leaned on the back of part time students and overworked faculty long enough, it is time for a change. The most obvious problems center around the ability to staff correctly. The administration has held to an hourly pay model with no exceptions. No commission for advertising sales, no possibility of performance based pay, no possibility of including many of the line positions the University Leader had staffed for decades, including circulation, business, and advertising management and is functioning boarded off board. When I worked on the Leader as an undergraduate in 2000 we had a staff of about thirty, producing only one media outlet. The current T.M.N. staff is significantly less than that, around six, all of which are part time and those few people are tasked with running all of T.M.N. content, including T.F.H.S. Radio. The Tiger Media Network. T.M.N. News Live, sport event broadcasts, the creation for the T.M.N. website, and KFHS radio.

The University Leader, content creation for the T.M.N. website, and KFHS radio. Moving forward, if the Tiger Media Network hopes to succeed the FHSU administration has to be able to evaluate what can realistically be done with the resources available, not hope for amazing results from magical notions of convergent media.
Dont fake it

its not as fun as you might think

Grant Rahjes
Tiger Media Network

If you’re under the age of 21 and plan to utilize a false I.D. to score some drinks, here’s some advice: don’t.

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In a move to step up the distribution and use of false identification, the Hays Police Department and Fort Hays State University police have begun the “Fake I.D. 101” campaign, which is an effort to inform students and other underage citizens about the dangers of owning or using a fake I.D. This also means that there will be a 250 dollar fine for possessing a fake I.D., making sure that there isn’t a second chance.

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Last week Department of Informatics chair, Stephen Schleicher, announced to the Fort Hays State University his intention to step from his position at FHSU effective at the end of the spring semester.

Schleicher has had a long history with FHSU beginning school here in 1980 and completing in 1995 with a Masters degree in Communications.

His experience and expertise in converged media will be missed," said Mark Bannister, dean of the college of Business and Leadership. Bannister initially offered him his first position at FHSU.

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The College of Business at Fort Hays State University has received awards for its affordability, most notably their online degrees.

The Bachelor of Business Administration ranks fourth in the nation in affordability among all universities according to geteducated.com. The Bachelor of Science in Information Network & Telecommunication / Computer Networking ranks second in the nation according to the same website.

The same website ranked FHSU’s online MBA program 16th in affordability. The awards haven’t just been going to the online degrees or to the College, but also to individuals from FHSU.

In 2010 and 2012 an FHSU alum has received an Elijah Watt Sells Award for their performance on the CPA exam. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants gives this award to recognize outstanding performance on the Uniform CPA Examination. The award is given each year to candidates who have obtained the 10 highest cumulative scores on the four sections of the exam.

In 2011 a team from FHSU’s College of Business earned first place in the Financial Planning Challenge in San Diego. FHSU has placed in the top five for ten years straight prior to that. More recently the MBA program was listed among the top 10 MBA programs for studying abroad in China by MBAprograms.org.

With all of these awards the college of business remains unaccredited by any accrediting agency, most notably the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

The AACSB was founded in 1916 and accredits 687 business schools in 45 countries including six Kansas schools. All five of the Kansas Board of Regents schools have been accredited, except FHSU. Washburn, which is not a regents school is the sixth Kansas school accredited by the AACSB. The AACSB also accredits business schools such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and New York University.

There are less prestigious accrediting associations with lower standards for accreditation such as the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) that accredits 18 Kansas institutes of higher learning including seven junior colleges. FHSU is not accredited by the ACBSP either.

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Program highlights danger of fake ID’s

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Tiger Media Network

As Fort Hays State University students return from break, many will notice the bombardment of messages sharing the dangers and consequences of using fraudulent ID’s. The program named “Fake ID 101” will use posters, fliers, and radio and TV ads to get the message out to minors that using a fraudulent ID is not a good idea. The community program was established to help bring relief to a dangerous problem. “Originally it was a grant that was funded through the state that they approached us wanting to know if all the partners would be interested in participating in this task force,” said Fort Hays State University Chief of police Ed Howell.

The resulting task force according to Howell is a layered approach, and one of the main goals of the program is to foster education surrounding the problem. “Education is critical here,” Howell said.

Education began with programs offered to local law enforcement first, then to local business owners. Jan. 14, local officers underwent training FHSU in order to prepare for this initiative. Training included lectures over fake IDs, features on the most recent driver’s license designs, conducting liquor control buys, drug recognition and trends, cell phone searches, and basic narcoptic investigations. Mike Baker, president of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, and Doyle King, executive director, also delivered presentations.

The next step in the program was what is the most noticeable, the educational components to minors in the community, and one of the most important pieces of information to know is what constitutes a fake ID. As many may believe a fake ID is not just using an ID that is created fraudulently.

“We are taking a look at either the use of fake ID’s or using someone else’s ID to either purchase alcohol or get into a club and drink,” said Brian Dawson, Hays assistant chief of police. “If you use someone’s ID to purchase alcohol...that is a crime you can be arrested and charged for that.”

And the punishment is steep. Consequences for use or possession of a fake ID are a fine of up to $2,500 and up to a year in jail,” according to a FHSU release.

To enhance coverage, a group consisting of members from Hays police, FHSU campus police and Alcoholic Beverage Control will perform compliance and bar checks.

“But for some members of the task force, stopping minors from drinking is more than just a legal issue; it means helping to stop life-long health and wellness problems. 

“The younger someone starts drinking, the more likely they are to become an alcoholic,” said Jodi Sproul, director of prevention at the regional prevention center. “The majority of violent crimes on college campus are alcohol-related and the majority of college rapes involve alcohol use by either the victim and/or the assailant.”

“We hope this collaborative effort among multiple agencies to eliminate underage access to alcohol will be successful,” Sproul said.

The campaign is set to run through June 2014 and is sponsored by Everyday Prevention Impacting Community Coalition of Ellis County, the Regional Prevention Center, the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Hays police department and FHSU campus police.

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With the rise in the number of books being rented, publishers have found a way to continue making money through online access codes. These access codes can be costly and are often sold with the new editions of books as a bundle or separately for those buying a used book or renting. This should be carefully considered when purchasing the materials for a class. Most places will offer a bundle that includes both a new book and the access code; they will also offer the access code separately, so students can choose to buy a used book or rent the book and still get the access code. There is also the option of buying the digital version of a book, but like renting there is no return at the end of the semester. This is a good option if the book will be used beyond the semester and if digital copies are a personal preference.

It is always best to research, shop around and maybe even attend class before making any book buying decisions. Renting always looks cheaper up front, but in the long run it could potentially be the opposite. This is a trap a lot of students fall into. They see the low rental price and opt for that rather than researching the buy-back price of the book. Often times the difference between the initial cost of buying the book and the buy-back price is more than the cost to rent the book meaning the student pays less to buy than to rent the book, but has to pay more upfront. Students who tend to be forgetful or careless with books should not rent. If the book is not returned or returned in poor condition the student will automatically be charged for the book, so subsequently they pay full-price and the rental fee for the book. Also if a student forgets to return the book, they are charged the full price. In that same regard if a student is prone to extensive marking, highlighting or folding of the pages renting is not the best option.

If the book is needed beyond the initial class (it is in the student’s area of study and will be used in classes later on).

If a new edition of the book is about to come out (this can be found simply by asking the professor or looking online).

No hassle trying to sell the book back (no long lines or disappointment when they offer $3).

Textbooks: renting vs. buying

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3. If returning the book will be too much of a hassle (again the student will be automatically charged if the book is not returned on time).

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Forward thinking, world ready indeed, as Fort Hays State University recently found a 95 percent job placement rate among its graduates from last year’s class in a recently-released survey from the FHSU department of career services. An extremely high number by any measure, but compared to regent schools in Kansas this number is shockingly high, as is the completeness of the survey.

Each of the 1,241 on-campus undergraduates to complete a degree was contacted to compile the numbers, something no other regent schools has ever done.

Daniel Rice, director of career services, said the rate of contact per year is consistently at 97 percent.

“We do all kinds of ways,” Rice said. Contact is made through “phone, mail and e-mail surveys and then turns to faculty, alumni, fraternity or sorority contacts, families, neighbors, and various other sources to find the employment or study status of almost all graduates,” according to a statement made by the university.

Only 37 of the graduates contacted for the survey refused to give employment information.

While this number may seem high this placement rate is in line with surveys from recent years. The placement rate was also 95 percent in 2011-2012; 94 percent in 2010-11; 94 percent in 2005-06; 98 percent in 2000-01; and 99 percent in 1999-2000.

The survey broke down data by both field of study and geographically, finding that a majority of graduates stayed in Kansas.

A total of 654 graduates found employment within the state and 161 within Ellis County.

Reports from recent years have thrown into question both the accuracy and the relevance of employment studies from universities, but the thoroughness of the FHSU alleviates those concerns.

The National Association of College and Employers found responses from less than half of graduates were counted in most university placement surveys, an area where FHSU was at 100 percent for the 2012-2013 year.

The survey by FHSU also is more detailed than most university studies by asking if the graduate works in their field.

According to the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University most institutions do not seek that information from graduates. Generally making other institutions data less complete and less informative than the data from FHSU.

No other regent school has yet completed a similar survey for the 2012-2013 school year, but previous years results and preliminary data suggest FHSU will have a significantly higher job placement rate than any other Kansas regent university.

## Survey Highlights

**Overall**

- 95 percent job placement
- 1241 Graduates contacted
- 30 departments with 100 percent placement
- 68 percent employed in major field
- 100 percent contact rate

**Geographic**

- 13 percent employed in Ellis county
- 53 percent employed in Kansas

**Academic**

- 14 percent continuing education

**Numbers**

- 63 still looking for employment
- 37 chose not to answer
- 287 employed out of state
- 0 number of universities in that have completed this same type of study for 2012-2013

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Fort Hays boasts 95 percent job placement
The change will occur in the next fiscal year.

“The fiscal year begins June 1, but for the purposes of this it will begin June 8 because that is the first payroll of the fiscal year,” Tacha said.

The change puts control of classified staff wages with FHSU rather than the state at large.

Tacha added this basically puts our salaries in the hands of the university administration instead of the legislature.

For many employees of FHSU this is potentially good news.

“It has been four or five years since we have gotten anything at all and we haven’t had step increases since 2002,” Tacha said. “We have more faith in our administration giving us raises than the Kansas legislature because they see what we are doing and appreciate us.”

The problem according to Tacha is the way the State of Kansas looks at university employee salaries.

“The legislature looks at us with the whole group of the state employees,” Tacha said. “A huge thing that they would have to tackle.

That forces the state legislature to give raises to all or none, and budget hawks in the Republican controlled legislature have been less inclined to give state employees raises in the recent budget crises.

Moving the decision to FHSU may change that.

This action will allow our administration to have more control over our raises and salaries than the state, Tacha said.

Now that the board has approved the measure steps will be taken to prepare FHSU for the new system.

“A committee along with the HR Office will begin developing the next steps,” said Patricia Dailey, secretary-treasurer of the university’s classified senate. “Those next steps include updating descriptions of positions and salary levels, creating an evaluation form, appointing a disciplinary hearing board, developing training materials and setting a schedule for the conversion.”

The Fort Hays State University Wrestling Team is currently having a great season, and pushing to keep it that way.

Their season kicked off with the Tiger Black & Gold Scrimmage on November 8, 2013. Since then the Tigers have had some big wins, with last weekend at the Newton Invitational, a win versus then #8 Indiapolis. According to the FHSU Athletics website, they also have wins versus Colorado State University – Pueblo, then #14 Upper Iowa, then #7 Iowa, and capping the Midwest Duals with wins against Northern State University and Minot State.

The next four consecutive events are home competitions, as they face Nebraska-Kearney, host the Kansas Cup, square-off against Newton, and finish the home streak with Central Missouri, according to the FHSU Athletics schedule.

From there the FHSU Wrestlers have two away meets until they host the MEA Tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum on February 16. After the MEA Tournament, the NCAA Regionals meet will be held in Edmonton, OK on February 28.

“I think we should have a great showing at regionals and nationals this year because we have some really tough guys,” Inman said. “I am blessed to be on such an awesome team.”

When asked about the team, Jonathan Inman, a sophomore wrestler from Branson, MO, said, “I think our team this year is awesome. We are currently ranked 46 in the nation. We have beaten some big teams even though we have been dealing with a few injuries.”
Sophomore surge

CRAIG NICHOLSON’S growth in this young standout. There is plenty of room for him to improve as he is 25th in the nation. This leads the team to have 33 steals on the season that ranks him third in the MIAA. His accomplishments for his steals per game. This leads the team to have 33 steals on the season that ranks him third in the MIAA.

Sophomore guard Craig Nicholson, Wichita, led the team with 22 points, 11 coming off of free throws. He finished a perfect 15-15 from the charity stripe. He also added four assists and three steals. Sophomore Jake Stoppel, Wilson native, also finished with double-digits on day with 14 points. The Tigers finished their stay in Musso with a 95-72 victory over Southwest Baptist on Jan. 6.

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Women’s basketball dominates conference play

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Katelyn Edwards
Crete, Neb. senior

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Newton junior

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Kate Lehman
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Head coach Tony Holton has his Lady Tigers of a 12-3 overall start at the midway point in their schedule. The team includes a 6-1 conference record and an undefeated home schedule thus far into the schedule. Fort Hays State began the conference schedule with a 72-51 loss against the eighth ranked Jennies of Central Missouri on December 5th in Warrensburg, Missouri. Despite a double-double effort by junior Kate Lehman, finishing the game with 36 points and 11 rebounds, the Lady Tigers only shot a mere 26 percent from the field in Warrenburg. Two days later, Fort Hays State traveled around 100 miles north to take on the Lady Grizzlies of Missouri Western. In the contest, J. Hobson picked up his 500th victory as a head coach as Fort Hays State rolled over the Grizzlies with a final score of 76-53. Lehman pulled off her second straight double-double, ending the contest with 24 points and 12 rebounds. She also picked up eight blocks in the successful effort, nearly picking up a triple-double. After the even conference start, the Tigers hopped out of conference play on December 16th for a game against the University of St. Mary, where they took care of the Spireys easily, 100-74. Lehman also secure the top spot in the senior Marks category in the MIAA against the Spireys picking up her 260th block of her career. In their next contest

to a second overtime. In the second overtime, FHSU opened the game with a 10-0 run and only allowed NWMSU to score four points in the period, eventually winning by a score of 79-69 and improving their conference record to 2-1. After the hard fought win, the Lady Tigers took a two-week break and afterwards, moved conference play on January 3rd on the road against a surprising Missouri Southern team. Despite going into overtime with the lead, FHSU eventually fell to the Lady Lions by a score of 76-71. With thirty seconds left in the game, sophomore Taylor Chandler brought the game to a one possession contest by hitting a lay up to bring the score to 74-71, but Missouri Southern would go onto hit two key free throws to seal the win. The Tigers were led by Lehman once again with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Two days later, the Tigers traveled around 100 miles north to Bolivar, MO to take on Southwest Baptist. Despite the quick turnaround, FHSU came away with an easy 95-66 victory over the Bearcats. Junior Chelsea Mason led the Tigers with 20 points in the game, Lehman, Chandler and Mollie Kaempfers all finished with double digits throughout the blowout. On January 9th, the Tigers returned home for the first time in 2014 against the Lady Lions of Lindenwood. Once again, the Tigers would come away with a blowout win with a final score of 99-76. Lehman finished with a triple double for the first time in her career eventually ending with 13 points, 12 rebounds, and 10 assists. It was the second triple double in the history of the program and the first since FHSU started competing in Division Two of the NCAA. Four days later, the Tigers completed another Horizon against Lincoln, with a final score of 98-54. Mason led the Tigers in the victory with 24 points and 13 rebounds. It was the third consecutive contest where she broke the twenty point barrier, an effort that would eventually seal MIAA Player of the Week for the sophomore.

After the success at Fort Hays traveled to Central Oklahoma to take on the Bronchos on the 16th of January, where FHSU picked up their fourth consecutive win by a final score of 64-38, holding UCO to just 19 points throughout the second half. Lehman led the Tigers in the victory with 18 points and 12 rebounds, making it nine double doubles for her on the year. Unfortunately, last Saturday, FHSU let their recent success bounce away from them with a 49-40 loss against

the Riverhawks of Northeastern State. After trailing by eight with four minutes left in the contest, Chandler gave the Tigers a one point lead with 21 seconds left in the contest, but MSU’s Kait Bellamy hit two go ahead free throws with three seconds left to eventually sink the Tiger comeback.

FHSU currently sits fourth in the conference standings with around a month and a half left in the season. The first four seeds at the end of the season get a first round bye in the conference tournament. Their next action will be on Thursday against the South Dakota School of Mines. Tip is set for 5:30pm at Gross Memorial Coliseum.
Big ideas for FHSU Student Government

James Bell
The University Leader

Observers of the Fort Hays State Student Government Association may have noticed this year an almost serene nature to the meetings.

Little debate, however, has not hampered the passage of some monumental legislation, and brought attention to several issues on campus that have not been address for some time.

“Our basic challenge is there is no veteran leadership in the senate,” said SGA president Chris Roberts.

“Some of the students who are on this year are upper classmen that didn’t really know what SGA was and they joined to try to help out the university but I don’t think they didn’t expect how public it has been so far this semester,” Roberts said. “I think it is a little bit more of a culture shock to them.”

“Just working with them has been a challenge,” Roberts said. “But it has been a fun challenge.”

While the lack of experience has created more work for the executive board, Roberts is quick to point out the significant progress SGA senators have made to quickly become a functioning body.

“I’m really proud of them and how they have developed,” Roberts said.

And the lack of tenure has not slowed down the amount of activity from the SGA.

“We have done a lot this year probably the most productive semester in some time,” Roberts said.

One of the chief legislative actions to come from President Roberts was Bill 13/F/108, the Fund for University News, Diversity, Learning, and Engagement, commonly known as the F.U.N.D.L.E. bill that changed the way The University Activities Board and The Tiger Media Network receive funding from student fees.

That bill reorganized the Student Activity Fee, creating two new fees that were restricted to funding only those two organizations, and put limits on what SGA could do in the yearly fee review, removing the necessary yearly allocations request from those organizations.

The SGA passed the F.U.N.D.L.E. bill without any dissenting opinions or votes.

Another quick and easy vote that, in the past has drawn contention, was the budget for the Equal Opportunity Fund. This year the fund was voted to be utilized slightly differently than previous years, but action by the Executive board kept the senators informed of the changes, and allowed details to be questioned before the bill came to full vote, allowing for an easy passing of the bill.

“The E.O.F is pretty interesting because it is such a heavy investment in the freshmen class,” Roberts said. “More than 80 percent of the total funding is going to the learning communities or to benefit freshmen development in some way.”

While the fall semester proved to be eventful for SGA the spring semester is shaping up bring big changes to students as well.

As always the allocations battle brings SGA to the front of many student minds, but at least two outside issues may create some controversy as well. Roberts is seeking extended library hours for the student body.

“We have been pushing for the extended hours, we gave that a test run during finals week,” Roberts said. “The turnout showed favorable results to make it permanent.”

While the demand may be there, the dated Forsyth library facility creates an obstacle for those hours. Roberts said that an advisory committee might be set up to study the issue.

In another test of the FHSU SGA Roberts has tasked the body to bring virtual college and international students into the SGA.

The Virtual College and international enrollment for the last few years has been significantly larger than the on-campus enrollment and Roberts wants them to have a voice at FHSU similar to what SGA provides on campus students.

“We are one of the elite forces of the virtual college world,” Roberts said.

“One of the challenges I have given to the student affairs committee this semester is to change our constitution to open up to instead of just on-campus students to have it virtual on-campus and international students.”

Overall Roberts wants the SGA to have the ability to represent all students, not just a portion of them.

The FHSU SGA meets regularly in the Black and Gold room of The Memorial Union at 7 p.m. every Thursday.