

# Ferris State University

## 1991-92 Academic Senate

*Minutes of the Meeting*  
May 5, 1992

### ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. R. Anderson, T. Anderson, Bacon, A. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, Caskey, A. Cook, M. Cook, Etienne, Ferdowski, Haneline, Heidemann, Henry, Holihan, Horn, Key, Matrosic, Oldfield, Ovans, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Powell, D. Russell, P. Russell, Slywka, Spaulding, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. J. Bandstra (excused), King (excused), Lewis (excused), Muccio (excused), Ravell, Rumpf (excused).

1.3 Guests. R. Billings, J. Conati, S. Croft, N. Emmanuel, D. Frank, R. Gifford, S. Hashimi, F. Heck, N. Hudson, S. Johnson, G. Kebler, L. Lunsted, G. Nash, H. Popovich, M. Rupe, R. Schottle.

### CALL TO ORDER

2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the April 7 meeting were approved.

3.2 The minutes of the April 13 special meeting were approved.

### OPEN FORUM

4.1 Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice President for Student Affairs, announced that he is working with student organizations to plan a gathering to be held on Thursday, May 14, with a theme of *In Search of Racial Harmony* at Ferris State University, dedicated to those who died in Los Angeles during the recent riots.

4.2 Emmanuel is also planning a Student Forum on the topic of Strengthening FSU Race Relations in the Wake of the Rodney King Verdict, to be held in the Rankin Center Lobby at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 1992.

4.3 Linda Travis requested that the Senate continue to investigate the question of an ombudsman for students, because of concerns expressed by students about life in the dormitories and their inability to move out of the dormitories if they wish to do so.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*President Popovich/Vice President Nash*

5.1 President Popovich thanked the Senators for serving in the Senate this year. She views the work of the Senate as critical for a strong university, and she looks forward to working with the Senate again next year.

*Vice President Nash*

6.1 Vice President Nash noted that he is holding hearings for the programs which were reviewed this year because of a directive from the Board of Control. When Nash makes a recommendation regarding these programs, if it is different from the recommendations made by the Senate, this decision will go to a conference committee before going to the Board of Control.

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*President Russell*

7.1 President Russell reminded the Senators that the Senate has suspended program review until Spring 1994. Therefore, unless the Administration targets programs for termination, no programs will be reviewed until Spring 1994.

7.2 Russell recognized Senator Bruce Beetley for receiving the Distinguished Teacher Award this year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*University Curriculum Committee*

8.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that the semester transition hearings for programs are continuing. She urged Senators to get programs in, noting especially that many 2+2 transfer programs still need to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

*Proposed Semester Conversion for Geology 121*

**9.1 Uniacke moved that the Academic Senate approve the course proposal submitted to the University Curriculum Committee for GEOL 121 (Physical Geology), including the four-credit (3+2) configuration. Haneline supported.**

**9.2 Valas moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Beetley supported. The motion carried.**

*Recommendations from Student Health Advisory Committee*

**10.1 Bacon moved that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the Student Health Advisory Committee. Peterson supported. The motion failed.**

*Support for the Executive Committee*

**11.1 Uniacke moved that the Senate express its support for the work of the 1991-92 Senate Executive Committee. Heidemann supported. The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

12.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:

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