

Minutes of the Meeting
March 5, 1991

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, Carey, Caskey, A. Cook, M. J. Cook, Dudek, Etienne, Groner, Henry, Horn, Kantar, Lewis, Middleton, Ovans, Uniacke Lovsted, Matrosic, Muccio, Mullet, Oldfield, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Powell, Russell, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2 Members Absent. Bacon, Ferdowski, King, Ravell (excused), Ovans (excused), Totten.

1.3 Guests. I. Barnes, A. Dakkuri, D. Hawkins, G. Huey, S. Johnson, G. Nash, H. Popovich.

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 January 29 meeting were approved.

3.2 The minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved.

3.2 The minutes of the February 11 meeting were approved.

OPEN FORUM

4.1 There were no faculty concerns expressed at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich noted that the Senate's suspension of Academic Program Review due to conversion to semesters and the reorganization of General Education requirements caused the Board of Control some concern. Popovich suggested that the University needs to look at programs which might be reduced or closed and urged that the Senate approve the proposal being brought by the Academic Program Review Council. While working under severe financial constraints, we need to make wise financial decisions. Therefore, Popovich urged the Senators to be involved in the Process of Academic Program Review.

President Russell

6.1 President Russell requested that Senators submit their spring schedules to the Senate office or give them to him this morning.

6.2 Russell stated that Linda Harris has prepared the General Education document as requested by the Senate and it has been submitted to Vice President Nash. A copy of the document is available in the Senate office for Senators' perusal.

6.3 Russell reminded the Senators that the Senate office can cover copy costs only on materials submitted through Linda in the office.

6.4 Russell reported that recent meetings between the Executive Committee and President Popovich have focused on the dismal economic projections. The Executive Committee has taken the position that before across-the-board budget cuts are implemented, the University should carefully examine all its operations for efficiency and necessity, and that cuts be first made in areas that are tangential to the educational mission of the institution. The Executive Committee will continue to advocate this position to the Administration.

6.5 Russell urged Senators to carry on the dialogue between offering and using departments that is requested in the February 12 newsletter of the Semester Transition Team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairman David Anderson presented a written report of proposals in progress.

Program Review Committee

8.1 Etienne moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Academic Program Review Council. Oldfield supported.

8.2 Peterson moved to amend step #5 to read, "Within six weeks of step #3, the PRP submits a final report with its recommendation and estimated cost savings." Dudek supported. The amendment carried.

8.3 Valas moved to amend step #6 by striking out "Executive Committee of the." Matrosic supported. The amendment carried.

8.4 The main motion as amended carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Approval of Associates in Nursing Degree

9.1 Oldfield moved that the Senate approve the Revision of the Associate Degree in Nursing Curriculum. Dudek supported. The motion carried.

Charter Amendment, Article VIII, Section 8

10.1 Matrosic moved to remove from the table the motion and amendment which state:

In the event that a decision of the President of the University and

a decision of the Senate are in conflict regarding a policy, priority, procedure, curriculum, or activity governed by this Charter and requiring Board of Control approval, a Conference Committee comprised of three persons appointed by the President of the University and three persons appointed by the President of the University and three members of the Senate appointed by the Executive Committee of the Senate shall be formed. This Conference Committee shall meet in a timely fashion solely to resolve the specific issue in dispute, and report the results of its deliberations to the President of the University and the Senate FOR ITS ENDORSEMENT. The endorsed report shall be sent to the President. IF THE SENATE FAILS TO ENDORSE THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT OR IF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FAILS TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS, the President of the University shall provide to the Ferris State University Board of Control a statement, prepared by the Senate, of the Senate's position as an accompaniment to the presentation of the presidential position. Conflicts on issues not requiring Board of Control approval shall be discussed at the regular meetings of the Executive Committee and the President of the University with a report back to the Senate.

Oldfield supported. The motion carried. The main motion as amended carried.

MSOE Proposed Policy

11.1 Anderson moved to remove from the table the MSOE Proposed Policy which states:

It shall be the policy of the MSOE program at Ferris State University, College of Education, that a six-year limit be placed on the validity of any course taken in conjunction with the program. Any course older than six years must be repeated by the student, and no transfer credits older than six years will be permitted.

Example: If a student was admitted to the MSOE program for Fall Term 1985/86, that individual would have until the end of Summer Term 1990/91 to complete the program. At the beginning of Fall Term 1991/92, all course work (transfer and FSU) taken during Fall Term 1985/86 would be dropped from the program and would have to be repeated.

Also, any transfer credit or FSU credit that was taken before the student was admitted to the MSOE program, would be dropped when that course work becomes more than six years old from the date it was taken.

Etienne supported. The motion carried. The main motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

12.1 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 1991, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

7.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
