

**Ferris State University**  
**Academic Senate**  
*Minutes of the Meeting*  
*January 5, 1993*

**Attendance**

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Bartholome, Beetley, Billings, Breault, Brown, Burtch, Caskey, Conati, Etienne, Haneline, Heidemann, Holihan, Horn, Kebler, Key, Keys, King, Kosanovich, Matrosic, Pomnichowski, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Spaulding, Teferra, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Whitmore.

1.2 Members Absent. Bacon (excused), Cook (excused), Griffin (excused), Peterson (excused), Rupe (excused).

1.3 Guests. I. Barnes, A. Breitenwischer, M. Cairns. R. Krueger, A. Lewis, H. Popovich, F. Swartz.

**Call to Order**

2.1 President Breault 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 December 1, 1992, meeting were approved as amended.

**Open Forum**

4.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

**Announcements**

*President Popovich*

5.1 President Popovich announced that Governor Engler has appointed Robert Creswell of East Grand Rapids and Larry Roman of Big Rapids to serve on the Ferris Board of Control. Creswell and Roman replace Patricia Short and Bruce Kingery, whose terms have expired. Both Creswell and Roman have previously demonstrated their support of Ferris State University. The new terms expire on December 31, 2000.

5.2 Popovich noted that the governor is proposing a biennial budgeting process for the state. This longer-range planning process would provide more stability for the university's budget.

*President Breault*

6.1 President Breault gave a report on the activities of the Quality Council which meets every other Wednesday morning for two hours. The Council's focus is on what Ferris State University needs to do to be successful and effective.

6.2 Breault announced that Jerry Nogy will arrange a demonstration of Distance Learning for the Senators on Tuesday, January 26, 1993, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If fewer than 25 sign up, the demonstration will be in the Instructional Resource Center, but if more than 25 Senators want to attend, the demonstration will be at the Clarion. Senators are to call the Senate office by the end of the week to notify Linda that they will be attending the demonstration.

**Special Reports**

*Dr. A. Lewis, Chair, NCA Self-Study Steering Committee*

7.1 Dr. Alan Lewis, Chair of the North Central Accreditation team, presented an update on the self-study. Lewis observed that Senate input will be solicited at two points in the self-study: when the criteria committees submit reports to the Steering Committee and when the "final" document is published in the fall. The site visit will take place in April, 1994.

*Dr. R. Krueger, Chair, Arts and Lectures Committee*

8.1 Dr. Robert Krueger, Chair of the Arts and Lectures Committee, updated the Senate on the activities of the Arts and Lectures Committee. The discussion included the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Arts and Educational Programming, which was endorsed by the Senate in April 1991. While Krueger sees this committee as a viable, functioning committee, he requested that the committee be given more money, more support, more secretarial help, and that, to avoid senseless duplication, there be more coordination among campus organizations providing entertainment and outside-of-class educational experiences.

**Committee Reports**

*University Curriculum Committee*

9.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that since the last Senate meeting the University Curriculum Committee has made no decisions which need to be considered by the Senate.

*Senate Appointments Committee*

10.1 Chairwoman Travis had nothing new to report.

**New Business**

*Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement*

11.1 Fred Swartz distributed a draft of the Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement. Responses to the draft are needed by March 9, 1993.

**Open Forum**

12.1 Alex Pomnichowski requested clarification of policies regarding off-campus and on-campus programs.

Pomnichowski inquired whether the university's admissions policy can screen applicants to identify those students who place the campus at risk.

12.2 Cecile Slwyka brought a request from the Nursing Department for a policy on workload and quality in Distance Learning.

**Next Meeting**

13.1 The next meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, February 2, 1993, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

**Adjournment**

14.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:

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