

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

January 15, 2013

Members in Attendance: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Baker, Berghoef, Boncher, Cook, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dixon, Fox, Griffin, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Jiao, Joyce, Klatt, Lovsted, Marion, Moore, Nagel, Nazar, Nystrom, Sanderson, Schmidt, Stone, Thapa, Todd, Wancour

Members absent with cause: Ciaramitaro

Members absent: Amey, Dinardo, Mclean, Prakasam, Reynolds

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Erickson, Garrison, Green, Heck, Johnston, Kurtz, Nicol, Potter, Strasser, Yates, Wagenheim, Luecke, Dawson, Baumgartner, Wellman, Urbanic, Dilg

1.	President Berghoef called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2.	President Berghoef noted that later in the meeting, memorials to Art Nelson (College of Technology) and Lucy Nghoh will be given. Also item 6B the closure of the recreation and leadership management program has been removed from the agenda and comments on that will be held until the provost's report.
3.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Griffin moved to approve the minutes. Senator Jewett seconded. A few corrections were noted. The motion passed with one abstention.
4.	Open Forum. Senator Alspach discussed the event on Wednesday January 18 where alumnus Ira Childress was coming to speak as part of the Sports Communication series. Secretary Isler discussed the IT project to replace LotusNotes and encouraged staff to watch the demos online and fill out the comment surveys, or direct comments to her or any other committee member. Senator Boncher said she was glad that they were replacing LotusNotes. Senator Griffin mentioned the WNF 100 th inaugural celebration occurring on January 16 th at 7 p.m. with a conversation between Woodbridge Ferris and current Big Rapids mayor Mark Warba.
5.	Officer Reports. President Berghoef reported that Cami Sanderson has been appointed to fill the seat vacated by Doug Haneline (Arts and Sciences) and that he has stepped down as Senate president to become the interim department head of Languages and Literature. Senator Drake has agreed to serve as the Elections Committee chair and in February an election will be held for a new Vice-President. Secretary Isler had no report.
6.	Committee Reports Senator Alspach said that the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) has started to meet and there is an action item later on the agenda. Dr. Fred Heck, chair of the General Education Task Force said that they continue to work with mapping current classes to the new outcomes. They are now charged with figuring how to allocate existing credit hours among the new outcomes. They would like to create a separate 3 credit course at the beginning of the sequence (separate from FSUS) and a 1 credit capstone class at the end. Senator Hanna asked if these would be allocated among the existing 18 credits. Dr. Heck said yes. Senator Baker asked how this effected off-campus programs. Dr. Heck said they were still working on this. Dr. Wagenheim (task force member) added that they have been very cognizant of being able to work with transfer students. Student Government President Bryon Williams said that there were several upcoming events- including their meeting on February 12 th to discuss the new University Center. The date for the Big Event has been set at April 15 th and faculty interested in participating should contact Amber Balmer.

6A.	<p>Medical Technology name change</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to change the name of the Medial Technology program to Medical Laboratory Science. Seconded by Senator Dixon. Senator Alspach explained that this was a move that this was name change generated by the profession. Senator Hanna asked if this was a degree with Science in the name- Senator Alspach said yes it was a B.S. degree. Dean Adeyanju noted this was in response to a professional trend and will need to go through the state agency. Senator Dakkuri suggested that in the future longer proposals be abbreviated in the packet. Senator Alspach suggested that Senators focus on the Form A and page two with the summary of the proposal.</p>
7.	<p>Announcements.</p> <p>President Eisler was not present at the meeting.</p> <p>Provost Erickson added to Secretary Isler's comments urging faculty to participate in the selection of a new email client. He also noted that the faculty equity review process requires faculty to notify their Deans of their intention to participate by January 31st. He welcomed Dr. David Damari who will be starting as the new Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry in March and encouraged participation in the Martin Luther King Day activities on January 21, 2013. He also commented on the retention and graduation rate studies lead by Associate Provost Potter and that there has been a 9% jump in FTIAC completion rates this year. Only 17% have been dismissed which is the lowest number since 2008. They are not yet sure of the reasons.</p> <p>Provost Erickson also discussed the recreation leadership management program. He said his intention was a redirection of the program and an exciting new opportunity has come forward which they intend to pursue which will eventually come before the Senate but he could not discuss yet. Senator Nystrom thanked him for not cancelling the program but asked how it got to this point? Provost Erickson said it was never his intention to close the program. Senator Dakkuri asked at what point did the Senate Executive Committee become aware of the program closure (the current phasing out of program courses). Senator Schmidt asked where the students got that impression? Provost Erickson said a meeting with the students to discuss their program completion led to the rumors. He said a closure is a complete loss of all students and faculty and neither of those two have occurred. Senator Moore asked if Denise Mitten had been replaced? Provost Erickson said not at this time. Senator Moore said this episode showed some large disconnects and communication issues. Senator Dakkuri said a process exists for administration to request a special APRC report and this could have been done. This situation sets a troublesome precedent. Senator Alspach said the B.S. was still on the books. President Berghoef said there were still items to sort out. Provost Erickson said this was not a chance to cut a program but reinvigorate it. Senator Schmidt asked again about the involvement of the faculty on the UCC and their involvement? Why was the Senate not involved earlier. Senator Nagel asked who initiated the process to close courses through the UCC. Associate-Provost Blake said that was him (in his capacity as the Associate-Dean of Education and Human Services). Senator Nagel said there was a lack of clarity to the point of obtuseness Senator Nystrom said in closing he applauded the decision to reinvigorate the program, noted the past record in which this issue was raised at Senate meetings and showed several weakness in the processes.</p>
8.	<p>Open Forum.</p> <p>Emeriti Bruce Dilg gave a memorial tribute to Art Nelson who taught in the architectural program beginning in the 1950s.</p> <p>Dr. Greg Wellman gave a memorial tribute to current faculty member (and former Senate Secretary) Lucy Ngho who died in a bus accident while visiting her native Cameroon over the winter holidays.</p> <p>President Berghoef recognized Emeriti Association Walt Luecke and thanked him for attending.</p> <p>Dr. Karen Strasser, Grants and Research asked faculty to consider that several upcoming internal deadlines for research funding were coming up. Senator Nystrom asked if any of this time could be used for release time. Dr. Strasser said none in these particular grants but the Faculty Research Fellowship which has a deadline in the summer does not allow for that.</p>
9.	<p>Senator Dakkuri moved to close the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Senator Joyce seconded. Motion passed.</p>

