

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
IRC 120
January 14, 2014**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, Baker, Barnes, Berghoef, Boncher, Brandly, Bajor, Cook, Cook, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dinardo, Drake, Fox, Griffin, Groves, Hanna, Harlan, Ing, Isler, Jenerou, Klatt, Marion, Piercey, Potter, Richmond, Rumpf, Schmidt, Thapa, Todd, Tower, Wancour, Yowitz

Members absent with cause: Nagel, Nazar

Members absent: Abbasabadi, Amey, Jiao

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Durst, Eisler, Erickson, Garrison, Heck, Johnston, Kurtz, Nicol, Potter, Keys, Barkel, Schult

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Alspach moved the minutes of December 3, 2013. Senator Griffin seconded. Secretary Isler noted some editorial corrections. Motion passed.
3.	Open Forum A. There were no open forum items.
4.	Officer Reports A. President Thapa noted the president was seeking input on the strategic plan and invitations should be coming. He asked Senators to place it on their calendars if at all possible. B. Vice-President Marion said the Task Force on Committees has been formed and will be meeting shortly. C. Secretary Isler reminded senators and guests to sign the attendance sheet in the back .
5.	Committee Reports. A. Chair Alspach noted that there were no curriculum policies on the agenda but there was a motion relating to minors. Senator Cook asked for a status report on the ISI 5 year proposal. Senator Alspach said it moved from the UCC to Academic Affairs. Senator Marion added Associate Vice-Provost Paul Blake was holding the proposal for rewrites. B. Student Government President Andrew Kalinowski inquired about increasing involvement in student government, particularly in college representatives. Senator Drake asked how much time such involvement involved? President Kalinowski said it was 2 office hours, the weekly meeting and service on an internal/external committee. Members on the executive committee make a greater time commitment. Vice-President Yer Xiong? Also spoke on increasing student participation. They passed out brochures for Senators to pass on to their students. C. General Education Task Force Chair Fed Heck said the General Education Coordinator search was underway and 1 applicant had been received. The task force was continuing to search on that search committee. Senator Hanna asked if Mike Feutz was still representing the College of Engineering Technology. Professor Heck said he had considered stepping down but agreed to continue. Senator Dinardo asked if faculty could do anything to help. Professor Heck said to spread the word about the position and encourage applications.
6B	Program Coordinator Release Time. Senator Hanna read aloud a revised motion about Program Coordinator Release time (revised from the one included in the December 2013 packet). Seconded by Senator Schmidt. Senator Baker asked how program coordinator was defined and a program, as that impacted how this was implemented. He also asked for clarification on the sliding scale. Senator Hanna responded the purpose of the motion was to create support for disparate practices in colleges, and his scale (he had thought of in terms of 50 student increment blocks). Senator Baker said adding definitions would strengthen the motion. Senator Schmidt noted the FFA also deals with issues of release time and it is possible to have different definitions of the word program. Senator Todd added that smaller programs than 50 students may need as much release time as they do more recruiting and have less faculty assistance. Senator Marion asked if the idea was to move to uniformity? Senator Hanna said the idea was for

	<p>parity for administrative resources, instead of the aprc cherry-picking certain programs. The motion passed with 4 abstentions.</p>
7A.	<p>Motion to Modify UCC Minor policy Senator Alspach moved to approve this program. Senator Ing seconded. Senator Alspach explained this modification came out of the 22 credit Math minor which put them over the limit of classes that also counted toward the major (because of a 4 credit class included). Senator Berghoef commented that this could also effect the Spanish minor. Senator Schmidt asked why a limit was needed. Senator Alspach said that the intention was not to dilute the intent of the minor within the requirements of the major. Senator Schmidt said why not make it a limit of 7. Senator Berghoef said that might not work with Spanish. Senator Peircey suggested an alternate wording which would take the larger of the two options instead. Seconded by Senator Ing and accepted by proposer Alspach. Senator Dakkuri asked why changes were needed. Senator Schmidt asked why this could not be dealt with on an exception basis. In communication, minors could be gotten taking ½ of the courses as part of major coursework. Senator Alspach said the UCC preferred to deal with it on a policy level. The vote on the amended motion passed with one no and 1 abstention.</p>
7B	<p>Motion to Modify Faculty Research Committee Mission Statement. Senator Richmond moved to modify the mission statement. Senator Marion seconded. Senator Richmond highlighted some of the changes to the statement included encouraging cross-disciplinary projects and added student involvement. He added that the second page of information includes more information about directions the committee may be going. Professor Barkel noted this is an additional role for the committee that is in part as a result of reorganization of the Academic Research Office. Senator Boncher noted this is a reallocation of money and not additional money. She asked if rubrics will be developed. Senator Hanna asked if in the third line student modified both involvement and contributions to current knowledge. Senator suggested a modification to “contribution to knowledge and student involvement”. Seconded by Senator Klatt and accepted by Senator Richmond. Senator Boncher noted this was a change in research funding. Motion passed.</p>
8.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. President Eisler sent the invitations to forums on the strategic plan for January 30, 2014 should be coming out in email that day. He also noted that the new Vice President for Student Affairs Jeanne Root-Ward would be beginning on February 13, 2014. He also noted a replacement transformer from Rankin Center was being installed and hopefully, power to the north end of campus would be functional by Tuesday afternoon so classes could resume. He briefly discussed a replacement for IPEDS as a measure for student achievement and how this works better with Ferris numbers. He also noted the state does have a surplus and he would be advocating for better funding for higher education. Senator Bacon asked about resources for that meeting? President eisler said they would be made available. Senator Todd said program advisory boards are great participants. Senator Tower asked about Ferris State University and the state efficiency measures. President Eisler said they did very well and would be promoting this to Michigan legislators.</p> <p>B. Provost Erickson said additional strategic planning meetings for faculty would be coming up. He discussed changes in the Office of Academic Research. Professor Barkel has returned to faculty but would continue to work with the faculty research committee. They were going to have a search for a grants officer. Associate Dean Jon Sprague agreed to take on faculty outreach for grants. The third piece which was working on sponsored programs would occur through EIO. Investment in research over the past 5 years has increased from Academic affairs from \$20,000 to \$157,000. They continue to look to grow and expand. A search was underway for an Associate Provost of Online and Virtual Learning. He noted that Mischelle Johnston, Dean of College of Education and Human Services was retiring at the end of the month and Larry Schult had begun as the new Dean of College of Engineering Technology. Senator Boncher asked if there would be more money for equipment. Provost Erickson said the deans were currently undergoing a equipment request process. Professor Barkel asked senators to also fill out a survey on equipment needs. Senator Bacon asked what happened to changing the College of Education and Human Services structures. Provost Erickson said the college decided they wanted to stay under their current structure.</p> <p>C. President Thapa had no report.</p>

9.	Open Forum A. Senator Alspach noted an upcoming speaker on sports gambling and the start of the Sports Communication Speaker Series with Ira Childress on January 27.
10.	Senator Marion moved to close the meeting at 11:10 a.m. . Senator Marion seconded Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary