

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
IRC 120  
February 4, 2014**

Members in Attendance: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Amey, Bacon, Barnes, Boncher, Brandly, Bajor, Cook, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dinardo, Drake, Fox, Griffin, Groves, Hanna, Harlan, Ing, Isler, Jenerou, Klatt, Marion, Nagel, Peircey, Potter, Richmond, Schmidt, Thapa, Todd, Tower  
 Members absent with cause: Yowitz, Baker, Berghoef  
 Members absent: Wancour, Jiao, Nazar, Rumpf  
 Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Erickson, Garrison, Heck, Teahen, Kalinowski, Cook, Reifert, Karafa, Schult, Goosen, Leone.

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Brandly moved to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes Senator Alspach seconded. Secretary Isler noted some editorial corrections. Motion passed.
3.	<b>Open Forum</b> A. Dean Garrison spoke of a weeding project of print journals. He encouraged faculty to look at the lists at <a href="http://ferris.libguides.com/Withdrawals2014">http://ferris.libguides.com/Withdrawals2014</a> and give input to their liaisons. B. Senator Alspach noted that Gilbert Bransford will be speaking on sports statistics on Tuesday February 11 as part of the Sports Speaker Series. C. Senator Groves expressed concerns with the functionality of Blackboard as an LMS. Senator Cook suggested Senator Groves check with the EMAT committee. D. Senator Todd asked about the process for the selection of APRC/UCC chair. He asked if a similar process was used for the appointment of Matt Wagenheim in 2011. President Thapa said a message has been sent out to encourage applications and the executive committee will select and vote on candidates. E. Senator Cook asked about a change in the athletic advisory committee being put on the committee.
4.	<b>Officer Reports</b> A. President Thapa noted the Provost had send out an email encouraging participation in the strategic plan review process. And that a new task force chaired by Terry Doyle was looking into the issue of faculty evaluation and SAIs. B. Vice-President Marion had no report. C. Secretary Isler gave a clarification of how the numbers of senators were calculated for the Senate election reports. This was done using the charter wording in article III, Section one which states that “full-time board appointed instructional faculty” are members of the unit. The decisions on the numbers were not made by the Elections Chair, Charles Bacon. Senator Hanna asked for clarification on numbers from Engineering Technology. Secretary Isler said she would check the lists and report back to him.
5.	<b>Committee Reports.</b> A. Chair Alspach said that some proposals were caught in the pipeline but there would be proposals that would be coming up in the March meeting. B. Student Government President SAndrew Kalinowski thanked the Senators for their recruitment and said there are 14 additional prospective Student Government members. Unfortunately, most of them are still from RSos. They are considering reviving the legal advice program and looking for comments on the readership program. Senator Hanna suggested including other papers than the Washington Post and New York Times. Senator Drake asked about whether or not Legal Aid could be of assistance in providing services to students C. General Education Task Force Chair Fed Heck said that there were three applicants for General Education Coordinator (Amy Buse, Cliff Franklund and Matt Wagenheim) and the interview process was underway. D. Senate Elections Report. Charles Bacon gave the Senate Elections report. There was discussion about the definition of full-time faculty. Senator Hanna objected in that he did not realize this is what was voted on in the ratification of the most recent charter in Spring 2010. Senator Dakkuri said that he does not

	<p>agree with this interpretation of the charter which was not the intent of the framers who intended it to be tenure-track faculty. Senator Griffin said there was extensive discussion as part of the Charter revisions in 2010 and it was all voted on properly. Senator Dakkuri said the Executive Committee should be meeting shortly to fix the situation. Senator Griffin said that would be a violation of the charter if fixed outside the charter amendment process and would constitute an invalid election. Senator Schmidt acknowledged the importance of following charter amendment processes but questioned why this change was being made in this election and not just run on past practice. He asked Provost Erickson for a definition to board appointed faculty and Erickson responded that he the board does have the ultimate authority to appoint faculty. President Eisler was unsure of the definition of board appointed faculty but would review it. Senator Alspach pointed out the increase in Arts and Sciences actually came from a growth in enrollment. Senator Schmidt said non-tenure track do not have the investment in the university. Senator Dakkuri said that they are not even full year members. Secretary Isler said that the way the numbers were calculated only full-time, 9 or 12 month faculty appointments. Senator Cook pointed out that if numbers go down, any college would lose the gain in members the following year. Senator Piercey said that it appears that is the way the Charter reads.</p>
6A	<p><b>Polymers Materials Minor</b>  Senator Alspach moved to approve this new minor. Senator Griffin seconded. Motion passed. Senator Marion asked if a motion could be added to the agenda about the Athletic Advisory Committee.</p>
7B.	<p><b>Motion to change selection of Athletic Advisory Committee to spring.</b>  Senator Marion moved to change this date. Senator Dakkuri seconded. Senator Cook said this move would allow consistency in membership and all the committee to more efficiently complete its work. Motion passed.</p>
7A	<p><b>Microsoft 365 Presentation.</b>  Mr. Jim Cook from Information Technology Services gave a PowerPoint presentation on the migration of email from LotusNotes to Microsoft 365. He then took questions. Senator Griffin made a comment to Mr. Cook that he had been unable to register for training. In the end he had called TAC and they had managed to get him in, but he was not the only faculty member he knew of who had that issue. Mr. Cook said he was not aware of these issues but would check into them. Senator Cook asked about an issue where emails/names did not match up with the published directory and would they after changing a preferred name. Mr. Cook said it will match in the 365 system but his area does not handle the published campus directory. They are working on the 28 pairs of matching names. Senator Marion asked about the OWA app and the paid apps available. Mr. Cook said no one should need to pay money for an app and should call if they need assistance to find the free app. Senator Dakkuri asked if faculty registered for Lynda.com if they would still have access to AtomicLearning. Mr. Cook said those were separate systems and yes. Senator Dakkuri asked if the change in official name could also change the MyFSU id. Mr. Cook said that no, there were no changes planned for the MyFSU id. Senator Piercey said if one's preferred name did not change, could they just leave it as it is and get emails? Mr. Cook said yes. Senator Schmidt asked if a person had changed the alias because of underscores, and were unsure of their actual official name, what should be done. Mr. Cook suggested putting in all possibilities as an alias. Senator Schmidt also asked if Contacts within FSU would need to be manually changed to fix the /FSU issue. Mr. Cook said yes. Senator Alspach asked when Microsoft 2013 would appear as an icon on all computers. Mr. Cook said it should be on computers but if not clicked on by a certain date, it will automatically install. Senator Cook said she never saw the icon but her computer updated. President Eisler noted that computers running on WindowsXP would not get the icon as they cannot be upgraded to 2013 without upgrading the operating system to Windows. Senator Marion asked what if the icon was accidentally deleted out on a MAC. Mr. Cook suggested calling TAC to resolve the issue.</p>
8.	<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>A. President Eisler thanked the Senators for all they do. He noted that the university was rolling out a new emergency text messaging service and thanked the counseling center for their university wide message after the shooting incident. He said the Commission on the Future was well attended despite the weather and he was impressed with the involvement of program advisory board members (over 900). He also discussed the Governor's budget which has discussed higher education and has a one-time surplus.</p> <p>B. Provost Erickson said he continues to hold forums to get input for the strategic plan. He is close to a final</p>

	<p>draft which may be done by Spring Break. He said that Deans Council was dealing with budget issues (around \$500,000 instead of a million) and chose to take the cuts across the board. He also said the Associate Provost for Online is finishing up interviews and has a good pool. Senator Bacon asked if this person will address online learning issues such as A&amp;B course listings and centralization of policies from deans. Provost Erickson said that they are looking for predictability in enrollment but deans will continue to have discretion. Senator Alspach said what was a guaranteed class last year is not a possibility this year in Arts and Sciences. There are no guarantees. Provost Erickson noted what students seem to want are some upper level classes which would have smaller enrollments. Senator Tower asked for a start date for the new Associate Provost. Provost Erickson said he would have the individual start as soon as possible but realistically it would be summer.</p> <p>C. President Thapa had no report.</p>
9.	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>A. Senator Drake said that the Math Counts day would be on Friday February 7, 2014.</p>
10.	<p>Senator Marion moved to close the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Senator Cook seconded, motion passed.</p>

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary