

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
February 5, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Amey, Baker, Berghoef, Cook, dakkuri, Daubert, Dixon, Drake, Fox, Griffin, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Jiao, Joyce, Klatt, Marion, Moore, Nagel, Nystrom, Prakasam, Richmond, Sanderson, Schmidt, Stone, Thapa, Todd, Wancour, Yowitz

Members absent with cause: Abbasabadi, Lovsted, Nazar

Members absent: Boncher, Ciaramitaro, Dinardo, Luplow, McLean, Reynolds

Ex Officio and Guests: Blake, Durst, Eisler, Erickson, Garrison, Heck, Johnston, Nicol, Potter, Scoby, Teahen, McKean, Urbanic, Baumgartner, Karafa, Raglin, Bitzinger, Quigley, Wright, Krueger, Rumpf

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| 1. | President Berghoef called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes. Senator Alspach moved to approve the minutes. Senator Griffin seconded. The motion passed. |
| 3. | Open Forum. Senator Marion asked Vice President for Administration and Finance Jerry Scoby about the dependent audit information that had been sent out. Vice President Scoby said the decision came out of a recommendation by Aon Consulting as a way to see how the \$18 million in health insurance is spent yearly. Senator Marion asked how frequently the audit would occur and did the cost of the audit outweigh the potential benefits. Vice-President Scoby said the recommendation was for every 5-10 years and not annual. Senator Moore noted it was a lot of hoops to jump through and Senator Nystrom commented on Aon's poor ratings. Senator Dakkuri noted it was inappropriate to provide information on spouses of many years- and if it resulted from abuse of the system go after the individual. President Berghoef suggested that the comment be continued during the conversations with the Senate. Bob Krueger, representing the Emeriti Association discussed their activities, including more ways to include emeriti in campus activities. They are looking at ways to make sure they are aware of events including faculty lectures and coming up with college level policies on the participation of emeriti. |
| 4. | Officer Reports. President Berghoef thanked the Senate for their patience in dealing with his hearing loss at the next meeting. He introduced Marie Yowitz as the new Senator from the Retention and Student Success Unit. He also noted that University Photographer Bill Bitzinger was there to take shots for the website and reiterated the upcoming research related deadlines that Karen Strasser mentioned at the January meeting. He also commented on the Academic Program Review Committee/ Senate Executive Committee with the deans where the suggestion was made that more Senate input was needed into developing standing metrics for APR and how he felt the Senate should work on this. Secretary Isler had no report. |
| 5. | Committee Reports Senator Alspach said that the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) they held a workshop on the new manual February 4 th , and she hopes to have similar meetings every semester. Senator Cook asked about the vote and send process- some items for clarification are being caught at the college level committees, but instead of holding up the vote- they are being sent with comments to the UCC. It appears sometimes those issues are not being addressed before they reach the UCC. Senator Drake asked about the changes to the calculus sequence and Senator Alspach said all of those courses are now 4 credit courses. Dr. Fred Heck, chair of the General Education Task Force, said presentations on identifying learning outcomes have been made to three colleges and there is now a graphic representation. Senator Prakasam asked how co- |

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| | <p>curricular outcomes are tracked- in FSUS? Dr. Heck said that co-curricular are part of the process, but not in FSUS and possibly in another course. Senator Cook said some financial literacy outcomes could be met in their business courses. Senator Wancour asked how this would work with accreditation and the need for course outcomes/objectives. Senator Alspach said that happens on the modified Form #. Senator Hanna asked if General Education would still be only 40 ours or if that was up for discussion? Dr. Heck said there was no intention to increase it but the where of courses happen can be seen on the graphical interpretation. Senator Hanna asked what benchmarking had been used.</p> |
| 6A. | <p>Election of Senate Vice-President Senator Drake introduced the new Elections Committee member and discussed the process. He opened the floor for nominations.</p> <p>Senator Griffin nominated Senator Marion for Vice-President. Seconded by Senator Alspach. Senator Marion accepted.</p> <p>Senator Nagel nominated Senator Thapa for Vice-President. Seconded by Senator Dakkuri. Senator Thapa accepted.</p> <p>Senator Nagel moved to close nominations. Senator Griffin seconded.</p> <p>Two rounds of balloting occurred. There was a tie of 15 votes for each candidate.</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to postpone the vote until the March Senate meeting. Senator Nagel seconded. Senator Dakkuri suggested a coin-toss to end the standoff. Senator Hanna made a friendly amendment to add that the ballot would be frozen to the two current candidates for the office if postponed until the March meeting. The friendly amendment was accepted.</p> <p>The postponement motion passed with a 20-8 vote.</p> |
| 6B | <p>Rules Committee Election Guidelines Rules Committee chair Melinda Isler presented the guidelines for electing at-large members of the Senate Executive Committee. These rules presented some clarification on the section in the 2011 charter revisions. She moved to accept these guidelines and it was seconded by Senator Drake. Senator Jewett made a friendly amendment to add a section “4. If a ballot does not follow these guidelines, it will not be counted,” which was accepted. The motion passed with some opposition.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Conversations with the Senate- Jerry Scoby, Vice-President for Administration and Finance Vice-President Scoby reviewed the original Campus Master Plan which was created in 2008-2009. Current capital outlay request priorities include a new College of Education and Human Services building and a renovation of automotive services. They are reviewing new housing and may be moving sooner from a 2 year to a 1 year residency requirement. Top Taggart Field will remain in current location but other buildings may be demolished. The plan may be officially updated in 2014. He opened the discussion for questions.</p> <p>Senator Klatt asked why two buildings (Masselink/Carlisle) were being replaced by a giant parking lot. Vice-President Scoby said this was to provided needed parking for the New University Center and add 190 spaces of commuter student parking. Senator Schmidt asked for clarification of what project in the College of Engineering Technology projects and Vice-President Scoby said the Automotive Center, not Swan building. Senator Alspach pointed out that Johnson Hall was also poor classroom space and housed many programs. Senator Thapa said both Carlisle/Masselink were solidly constructed building and why take them down? Vice-President Scoby said they did not meet the current needs of residential students. Senator Schmidt asked what the traffic pattern changes would do to those living on the east side of campus. Vice-President Scoby said a town forum was planned to discuss it with those residents. Senator Cook and Marion noted the curve near the Timme Building had several safety issues and should also be considered. Senator Klatt said that in his experience, roundabouts led to more traffic problems. Senator Baker asked if the intent in removing housing was to create more of a community college approach. Vice-President Scoby said they have 3500 beds on campus and students will still choose to live on campus. Senator Alspach asked about the demolition of the music center and Vice-President Scoby said it was not on the current plan.</p> |

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| | <p>Senator Nystrom asked for clarification about how Ferris finances education costs- particularly adjuncts which are not counted into college budgets (and therefore may be cut more easily). Provost Erickson responded that all budget costs are now counted into office budgets and Senator Nystrom asked about how online courses were budgeted. Provost Erickson said he would be happy to provide the Senate in the future with a general v. non-general fund budget and the process to clarify it. He said budgets this year were roughly the same as last years. President Berghoef asked Provost Erickson to do so at a future meeting.</p> <p>Senator Jewett noted his concerns with the audit process and the University's policies regarding data security. He encouraged people not to release that information to third parte vendors.</p> <p>Senator Nystrom said that there should be an opt-out clause for the process. Senator Marion noted that the information was held by HR and his ide had already been stolen. President Jim Rumpf, of the Ferris Faculty Association said that the union was looking into the issue and will be submitting FOIA request. One of the issues was the original letter looked like a phishing scam. Senator Moore said these types of audits are common in the workplace. Senator Hanna asked whether the managerial issue of risk had been considered and a legal opinion gotten. Senator Jewett said the third party vendor would be the liable one.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Announcements. President Eisler had no report. Provost Erickson had no report.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Open Forum. There were no comments in open forum.</p> |
| 10. | <p>The meeting was ended at 11:52 a.m.</p> |