

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
April 2, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Amey, Baker, Berghoef, Cook, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dinardo, Drake, Fox, Griffin, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Jiao, Klatt, Marion, Moore, Nagel, Nystrom, Prakasam, Richmond, Sanderson, Schmidt, Thapa, Todd, Wancour

Members absent with cause: Joyce

Members absent: Boncher, Ciaramitaro, Dixon, Lovsted, Luplow, McLean, Nazar, Reynolds, Stone

Ex Officio and Guests: Urbanick, Adeyanju, Blake, Durst, Eisler, Erickson, Heck, Teahen, Yates, Slywka, Schult, Franklund, Dawson, Rewold, Eshbach, Quigley, Bajor, Wilson, Lukusa, Flickinger

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| 1. | President Berghoef called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes. Senator Schmidt moved to approve the minutes. Senator Griffin seconded. A correction was made under 10 to reflect the April meeting. The motion passed. |
| 3. | Open Forum. Senator Alspach noted that on April 9, the Sports RSOs were hosting a basketball game to raise money for the Special Olympics and encouraged Senators to attend and spread the word. Dr. Lawrence Bajor, from the Accountancy program, came to speak with the Senate regarding his concerns and difficulties with the Academic Program Review process. He was unaware of the fact that programs were required to undergo the process every five years and found the process to be arduous and unsupported by the program in the context of the other faculty duties required. He felt he was misled during the recruitment process and would like the Senate to abolish Academic Program Review. President Berghoef said he would meet with Dr. Bajor that week to address concerns and get answers from the committee chair about these concerns. |
| 4. | Officer Reports. President Berghoef thanked all those involved in the Senate election process, particularly Amy Otteson from Institutional Research and Testing and Paula Hadley. Two emeriti memorials will be coming up- Geraldine Hurt (FLITE) in this meeting and Richard Johnson (Business next meeting). Vice-President Thapa said that there were fifteen functioning committees and they would be submitting their annual reports by April 16. There were vacancies on the University Curriculum Committee and Academic Program Review and faculty were encouraged to apply. Secretary Isler gave a report from the rules committee detailing minor changes to the constitution. These will need to be voted on by the Senate and then by the full faculty. |
| 5. | Committee Reports Senator Alspach said the committee has more program proposals coming to the Senate. Senator Jewett asked which senator raised a concern about the definition of certificate/concentrations as mentioned in the discussion. Senator Alspach said that was Senator Thapa. Senator Nystrom commented on the 12% attrition rate in the College of Health Professions and said that this was not a bad thing to have rigor in the programs. Dr. Fred Heck, chair of the General Education Task Force mentioned that they were working with a possibility to allow TracDat to capture data and would have a full draft ready for review at the August retreat. President Berghoef added that FerrisConnect does have a e-portfolio option built in. Dr. Claire Rewold, Chair of the Student Life Committee brought forward an item for discussion to reconfigure the mid-semester recess break to be Friday-Monday instead of Thursday-Sunday. Classes normally on Monday |

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| | <p>would be held on the previous Thursday (since one Monday in the spring semester is already allocated to Martin Luther King Day.) Senators Moore and Cook asked how this disrupted both lab schedules and the Monday/Wednesday classes. Senator Baker said in Grand Rapids it would not be possible to reschedule shared room space in that way. Senator Wancour said that this is a safety issue for students, particularly those returning from the Upper Peninsula. Senator Schmidt said that the last time the issue came before the senate there was an issue with switching out days and lab setups for courses like Physics and asked if that was still an issue. Senator Nystrom said it also may effect students' working schedules. Chair Rewold will bring these issues back to the committee for further discussion.</p> <p>Senator Drake reported the election ran successfully. There is still one vacancy in the Student Retention and Success unit where there was no write-in. He asked the Rules Committee to review whether or not someone could be appointed.</p> |
| 6. | <p>New Degree- Penetration Testing and Secure Software Concentration for ISI-BS</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to accept the new degree. Senator Nagel seconded. Dr. Emerick discussed how this adds two new courses and was available to answer questions. Senator Jewett raised a concern about the proposal in that it removes the Applied Networking concentration (which has helped students in the CCDC competition), as one of the 10 possible concentration for that degree. Now students who chose to take those classes would not receive any credit towards their degree. He was not objecting to the new concentration being added. Senator Nystrom asked about the math requirements. Dr. Emerick said this was the same as math requirements for the business core. Senator Schmidt asked Dean Nicol to comment on the potential conflict between the two programs. Dean Nicol said he agreed with the need not to have too many concentrations within a major as it may diffuse the program. CEEMS director Debbie Dawson said that there were certifications available and this direction did not appear to be going in the direction of what the state legislature was focusing on. Senator Todd agreed with Senator Jewett that the Applied Networking concentration provided students with marketable skills. Dr. Emerick said the network security concentration still remains and has some overlap. Individual faculty do have industry certifications. Dean Nicol added that the program has a Homeland Security recognition. Senator Dinardo asked how many students the removal would effect. Dr. Emerick did not have exact figures but less than 10. Senator Alspach moved to refer the issue back to the UCC. Seconded by Senator Baker. Senator Jewett noted his objection as not to the motion itself. Senator Dakkuri asked about referral rules. The motion failed with 8 in favor, 15 against and 1 abstention. Senator Jewett reminded the senate that the network security concentration passed the Senate last month and at that time the Senate was told there was no overlap with Applied Networking. CISCO certification which is an industry standard is only in the Applied Networking program. The motion failed with 3 in favor, 8 opposed and 3 abstentions.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Lean Systems Minor- New Minor</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to accept the new minor. It was seconded by Senator Nagel. Program champion Lisa Eschbach said this was a new addition after a certificate for a new class of management theory. Senator Schmidt asked about the statement on page 11 about how not all courses listing management in the title were in the College of Business. Dr. Eschbach explained this statement was in part a response to the query about why management faculty were teaching a class with "accounting" in the title. Accounting faculty did not have room in their loads to teach this course and the management faculty had the relevant expertise. Senator Nystrom asked if this was a complaint? Senator Marion said the response was merely an explanation of the process and not a criticism of other colleges titles on courses. The motion passed.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Senate Seat on UCC committee.</p> <p>Senator Alspach add a Senate seat (1 year term) to the membership of the University Curriculum Committee. Seconded by Senator Griffin. This will help to increase membership and allow for Senate representation when the chair is not the Senate to make the motions. Senator Hanna asked how this effected the balance of college representation. Senate Dakkuri asked how this would impact a need for a tie-breaker. Senator Thapa said this might be needed for Academic Program Review as well as the University Curriculum Committee. Senator Schmidt made a friendly amendment to make the Senate seat a non-voting member, to assure equal college distribution, which was accepted. The motion passed.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Certificate Requirements</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to amend section 3.3. of the UCC manual as defined. Seconded by Nagel. Senator Alspach said this issue came up as a result of a question about certificates including courses outside of Ferris (for</p> |

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| | <p>example, Northern Michigan College) and the Academic Affairs requirement that only 30 courses need to be taken at Ferris. She would like to insert the words “25%). Senators Marion and Thapa said not enough information had been presented. Senator Thapa moved the motion to the September 2013 meeting. Senator Marion seconded. The motion passed with 1 abstention.</p> |
| 10. | <p>Conversations with the Senate- NSSE Update Associate Provost Robbie Teahan took a question from Senator Nystrom about the process to make the decision on the new course evaluation forms. He said it was reflective of the administration making decisions without getting input. Cliff Franklund, Assessment coordinator said that the NSSE has now been administered 4 times and the data is important. Data can now be broken out for individual colleges including Pharmacy and Kendall and is available. Associate Vice-Provost Teahan said it was important to realize that some of the data came from transfer students who had experiences at other institutions. Senator Drake noted that this school is not a liberal arts school and that can be reflected in some answers.</p> |
| 11. | <p>The EMAT report has been moved to the next April meeting.</p> |
| 12. | <p>Announcements. President Eisler thanked Don Flickinger for serving as interim vice-president of Student Affairs. The search will begin in the fall. He discussed the legislative process and the changes in base funding in both the Senate and House bills. He encouraged faculty to participate in the Big Event on April 13, 2013. The University Center project will begin in the summer and have a webcam. He also thanked senators for their service and dedication.</p> <p>Provost Erickson said the strategic planning group was in the environmental scan stage and would like to host a lunch for incoming/outgoing senators to get input. He encouraged faculty to look at the strategic plan for the office of academic research on the website. He encouraged faculty to attend the employee service awards April 24th.</p> |
| 13. | <p>Open Forum. Senator Schmidt spoke on the value of a Ferris degree- whether it be a certificate, minor or bachelors the value of it as being important to what we really are. Senator Thapa discussed the importance of Ferris certificates.</p> |
| 14. | <p>Senator Dakkuri moved to end the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Senator Cook seconded.</p> |