

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
IRC 120
October 1, 2013**

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

Members absent with cause: Schmidt

Members absent: Abbasabadi, Jiao, Nazar

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Erickson, Garrison, Heck, Pilgrim, Stanislav, Teahen, Williams, Yates, Samuels, Reifert, Surri, Flickinger, Franklund, Leone

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Dakkuri moved to approve the two sets of April 23, 2013 minutes as written. Senator Alspach seconded. Motion carried.
3.	Open Forum A. Senator Nagel noted that Forbes had ranked Michigan 47 th of 50 th for doing business and this might impact the future of higher education. B. Senator Alspach said that the next Sports Communication Speaker Series was Jeff Blashill, Grand Rapids Griffin coach and would be at the Big Rapids High School on October 9th.
4.	Officer Reports A. President Thapa said that the sheet included in the meeting packet on Roberts Rules of Order was to help encourage the following of proper procedures B. Vice-President Marion thanked everyone for signing up for committees. There are a few spots still open on the Academic Standards and Policy Committee and Diversity Committee. There are still some openings on the task force on program advisory boards. C. Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	Elimination of Mathematics B.A. It was moved by Senator Alspach to remove the Mathematics B.A. Seconded by Senator Dakkuri. Senator Groves asked why was it being eliminated? Senator Alspach said the program no longer needed the degree and had been used as a path for those going to graduate school. Senator Nagel added that during the Academic Program Review process it was commented that it was not very successful at that. Senator Hanna asked what the program would do without a B.A.? Senator Alspach said the program still does have a large B.S. program. The motion passed with 1 abstention.
7.	Creation of a M.S. in Social Work. Senator Griffin moved to create Masters of Social Work. It was seconded by Senator Alspach. Dr. Samuels was there to answer questions about the proposal. Senator Cook asked for clarification about where a Ferris student who had the B.S. in social work would enter the program. Dr. Samuels said the foundation year was only for students with bachelors in other programs. Senator Cook asked another question about recruitment and viability of the program. Dr. Samuels said their survey showed data with support up to the Traverse City region, because of the clinical focus of the program. Senator Hanna commented that the proposal included the addition of six faculty members (three in the next year) and this was not a policy that has been supported by other colleges. Dr. Samuels said that these faculty would support the BSW program but are not teaching general education courses. Senator Dakkuri noted that while he is not against the proposal it did not yet have support from the University Curriculum Committee because it had not yet been voted on by the Graduate and Professional Council. The motion passed with 4 abstentions.
8.	General Education Proposals. Senator Ing moved to accept the General Education proposal as detailed in the packet. Senator Marion seconded. There was discussion about the use of life experience for Global Consciousness requirements on page 48. Senator

	<p>Nagel said this covers study abroad courses like that of Sandra Burns, but what happens when she retires and someone else is teaching the course? Senator Berghoef said this should all be decided at the program level. Senator Todd asked if there was a way for veterans not to have to do the Global Consciousness requirement? Chair Heck said there have been discussions about creating a mechanism. Senator Alspach said this returns to the portfolio debate Senator Dakkru noted the structure for Self and Society makes reference to economics and is the only one mentioning a specific program. Chair Heck said these were based on the Social Awareness criteria and could be altered. Senator Groves said it was really a name change and not a change in criteria Changes were agreed in a friendly amendment as follows:</p> <p>Page 42- Self and Society Committee Change to: 3 faculty from Social Sciences and 3 faculty from Colleges other than Arts and Sciences</p> <p>Senator Dakkuri also asked to have the line on page 20 removed about General Education creating 5 million in profit removed and it was agreed in a friendly amendment. Senator Hanna asked about the Math 115/117 requirement as listed on page 38. Why is this listed as the ultimate in math requirements and how does it fit with college/statewide standards. Chair Heck said it was actually Math 117 which met many of the outcomes but was not the pre-requisite required for many programs. That is why it is listed as being re-reviewed in 2017. Senator Todd asked how capstones in programs like integrated electronics are expected to include general education in their capstone? Senator Berghoef said this was primarily a program level decision and was left that way on purpose. Senator Groves said he did like the idea of using co-curricular to meet this requirement. Senator Wancour said the task force had broad representation and will need to continue to communicate these issues as they continue to come up. Senator DiNardo spoke in favor of continuing to move forward with the changes. Senator Nagel spoke against softening the requirement language. Senator DiNardo Senator Dakkuri pointed out some current capstones may not meet this requirement. A friendly amendment was agreed to as follows:</p> <p>Page 3-- Original wording <i>Add a senior-level requirement in which students integrate their prior coursework and experiences in general education, majors, and co-curriculum within the context of the Ferris Learning Outcomes. The intent is that this requirement be met in an existing senior-level course within the major.</i></p> <p>Revised <i>Strongly encourage adding a senior level requirement in which seniors integrate their prior coursework and experiences in general education, majors and cocurriculum within the context of the Ferris Learning Outcomes. The intent is that this requirement be met within an existing senior level course(s) within the major. Major programs will be responsible for the oversight of this requirement.</i></p> <p>Senator Drake revisited the portfolio issue. He pointed out some programs already have these and they create transfer issues. Chair Heck said a portfolio is not required at this time. Senator Barnes said a portfolio was a good thing to work towards and perhaps FSUS was an appropriate time to introduce one.</p> <p>The motion passed with 24 in favor, 4 against and 3 abstentions.</p>
9.	Because of the time constraints the NSSE/ FSSE report has been moved to the November meeting.
10.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. President Eisler discussed the federal government shutdown and how it will not have an immediate financial impact but it will impact the ability to collect and gather statistics through IPEDS. He thanked the members of the enrollment task force for volunteering and encouraged people to come to the Damon Williams talk on diversity. Upcoming events also include the United Way campaign and the Ferris Foundation Gala.</p> <p>B. Provost Erickson discussed the advancement gap studies being lead by Associate Provost Bill Potter and Vice President David Pilgrim. He also mentioned changes to the honors program, including an increase in the standards for admission (raising the GPA to 3.5 and addition g criteria of class rank to be invited to the essay competition) and retention (3.3 GPA). Senator Bacon asked if this would impact enrollment. Provost Erickson said it most likely will lead to increased opportunities with the program. Senator Alspach asked about the possibility of transfer students entering. Provost Erickson said yes it was but speak with Director Bradley about the specifics.</p>

	C. President Thapa discussed the possibility of moving the Senate meeting to Falconhead Golf Course for the spring semester.
11.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. Senator Cook discussed the recent security breach and some problems which were exposed during the investigation. One was that the auditor (Jim Furstenburg) reports to IT. Additionally 5 years ago when there was a breach of a College of Business server, it was recommended that student information be removed which was not removed. Senator Todd asked if the credit counseling was also being offered to students?</p> <p>B. Senator Peircey invited Senators to attend his Math 117 public poster session on Thursday.</p> <p>C. Senator Potter asked about the recent push to use the IDEALS form instead of the SAI. Vice-Provost Teahan said this was a college level decision as recommended to the Senate two years ago. She also briefly discussed the technical issues that made it difficult to do online ones. They can now be done through CampusLabs. Senator Dakkuri added that colleges do not have the right to dictate whether SAI or IDEAs are chosen as student evaluation form.</p> <p>D.</p>
12.	President Thapa closed the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary