

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
IRC 120
December 3, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Barnes, Bacon, Baker, Berghoef, Cook, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dinardo, Drake, Fox, Groves, Ing, Isler, Klatt, Marion, Potter, Richmond, Rumpf, Schmidt, Thapa, Tower, Wancour, Yowitz,
Members absent with cause: Brandy, Joyce, Todd

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Ex Officio and Guests: Matthew Adejani, Paul Blake, Bob Ewigleben, Rick Kurtz, Dave Nicol, Glen Okenowski, Bill Potter LiLong Ran, Lin Rudan, Liu Xiang, Li Ying, Ding Haiyan, Li Huoping, Wu Mixyxing, Zeng Shengyong, Li Bin, Meng Yang, Yi Xi Ping, Yang Jie, Chen Cuie, Li Ke, , Larry Schult, Jerry Slywka (Emeriti Association), Erin Williams, Gregory Zimmerman,

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Ing moved to pass the minutes of November 5, 2013. Senator Marion seconded. Changes were made in officer's report to clarify the title of President. Motion passed. Senator Berghoef moved pass the minutes of November 19, 2013. Senator Marion seconded. Motion passed.
3.	Open Forum A. Senator Berghoef asked why the MSW was on the agenda again. President Thapa addedit would be removed as part of the officers reports.
4.	Officer Reports A. President Thapa noted a change in the order of business. Items 6A and 6D were being removed from the agenda. Senator Dakkuri asked whether or not in the original motion to approve the MSW the requirement to review it in three years was added. President Thapa said that could be added as a new motion. He also welcomed Bob Ewigleben and exchange Chinese faculty members. B. Vice-President Marion said the Task Force on Committees has been formed and will be meeting in January. C. Secretary Isler reminded senators and guests to sign the attendance sheet in the back .
5.	Committee Reports. A. Chair Alspach noted that there was several action items on the agenda and more coming in January B. Student Government President Erin Williams updated the Senate on Student Government activities and noted this would be her last meeting because of graduation. C. General Education Task Force Chair Fed Heck submitted a report on changes to the original recommendation task force since the report. The General Education Coordinator position will be a faculty on full release time. Senator Heck said that full documentation is always available on the web. A motion to approve these changes will be later in the meeting. Senators Alspach spoke in support of the motion.
6B	Pre-Digital Media Associates of Science Degree. Senator Alspach moved to approve the degree. Seconded by Senator Baker. Program coordinator Glen Okonoski was there to answer questions. Senator Wancour asked if this degree was employable? Profesor Okonoski said yes, although not at the level of the bachelors. He added it assisted in advising as these students are currently placed in pre-education for advising. Erin Williams noted this was a good degree. Senator Richmond asked how many would persist and if data could be gathered. Senator Cook said she applauded the degree but also questioned the employability. Senator Rumpf asked if this was specifically labeled a pre-program. Professor Okonoskwi said no, as the students had a technician capability at the end of the program. Erin Williams said that a possible name change to a pre-program might make sense. Motion passed. .
6C.	Long Term Care Administration Concentration.

	Senator Alspach moved to approve this program. Senator Marion seconded. Department head Greg Zimmerman was there to answer any questions. Erin Williams asked the effective date? Zimmerman said Fall 2014. Motion passed.
6E	Motion to place MSW on Program Review Senator Dakkuri moved to require the MSW degree be reviewed after 3 years. Seconded by Alspach. Senator Berghoef said the program coordinator had not been aware of this motion but it was in line with accreditation review and their timeline so he had no objections. Motion passed.
6F	Motion to Approve Changes in Original General Education Task Force Recommendation Vice-President Marion moved to approve changes to original General Education Task Force Recommendation. Seconded by Senator Berghoef. Motion passed..
8.	Announcements A. President Eisler thanked the Senate for their work on curriculum. He encouraged all to attend the Holiday party from 3-5. The announcement of the new Vice President for Student Affairs would be ready shortly. The university met its United Way goal again. And a study on higher education in West Michigan was underway. B. Provost Erickson said the search for the new assistant provost for online instruction was in progress. He would be meeting with the College of Engineering Technology search committee tomorrow and a decision would be made shortly. C. President Thapa noted this was the most efficient Senate meeting of the year. .
9.	Open Forum A. Senator Rumpf noted the faculty union is examining the issue of SAIs, online assessment and time of completion. President Thapa said this may be a good issue for the Academic Standards and Policy Committee to review. . B.
10.	Senator Berghoef moved to close the meeting at 10:46 a.m. Senator Ing seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary