

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 4, 1997 - 10:00 a.m.**

I. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Bonning, Conati, Etienne, Green, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Jackson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Lovsted, Maas, Nagel, Nikkari, Nista, Papo, Rupe, Ryan, Rye, Saladin, Shepler, Squicciarini, Stephen, Valas, Winger

Senators Absent. Adewusi, Dakkuri (excused), Holihan (excused), Krumins (excused), Pilgrim (excused), Smania, Smith (excused), Thapa (excused)

Guests. Joe Chartkoff, Bill Sederburg, Debra Ferguson, Maude Bigford, Robert Krueger, Linda Travis

II. Approval of October 7, 1997, minutes. Motion by Senator Heidemann, with support from Senator Nagel that the minutes be accepted with date correction. Motion passes unanimously.

III. Open Forum

President Key informed the Senate that the Senate Charter has been referred to the Senate Elections Committee to be revised. The Election Committee is waiting for information from the administration on seniority groups.

President Key introduced **Maude Bigford** of the University College. **See Attachments A & B for Honors Program data.** Ms. Bigford responded to many questions and concerns from the Senators regarding Honors College entrance requirements, selection criteria, possible program expansion and enhancement, and scholarship opportunities. She stated that the University College is considering increasing the size of the Honors College, expanding to another residence hall, and dropping the requirement of living on campus. Concerns of the Senate included the number of honors classes being developed, the removal of honor students from the general student population, and treatment of students who are not accepted into the Honors College.

Dr. Robert Krueger, Campus Parking Committee member and Art and Lectures Chair, gave the Senators a report on the last meeting of the Parking Committee. Items discussed at that meeting were: lighting in Lot 14, increase in parking spaces, problems with ice arena lot, and the closure of the Rankin Center lot under the current master plan. Dr. Krueger expressed concern that major changes in campus parking were being planned without input from the Parking Committee.

As Chair of the Arts & Lectures Committee, Dr. Krueger gave updates on the Performing Artists Series and invited the Senators to urge attendance to the upcoming events: 3-2-1, Everything But the Plot (November 7) and The Lettermen on November 25.

Iv. Announcements

President Sederburg commented that in the last year Ferris had nearly a full point increase in the average ACT scores of incoming freshmen. The increase was due, at least in part, to the Honors Program and the Residential Life Scholarship program. He announced that he would like to expand the Honors Program to 275 students. He is looking for ideas on how to create new scholarship opportunities (perhaps civic or social leadership scholarships) and welcomes comments. A complete outline of the President's report is in **Attachment C**.

Vice President Chartkoff announced that the Structured Learning Assistance Program Report is available for distribution. Also, the Campus Child Care Committee has been resurrected to deal with child care issues separate from Tot's Place, concerned especially with accessibility of adequate child care for students. Dr. Chartkoff was asked to relate a concern registered with him by the Dean's Council regarding the approval of a motion at the Oct. 7, 1997, Senate meeting returning the practice of including salary stipends in Faculty Research and Professional Development Grants. The concern was that this could have a deleterious effect on productivity and research grant investment and the willingness of the Board of Trustees to continue funding the grants.

President Key reported that the Executive Committee has discussed the following items:

- Senate Budget Appropriations & Senate Unit Action Plan will be combined and submitted.
- There is a Senate Meeting scheduled for November 18 at 7:00 pm to review Academic Program Review recommendations. The Senate will vote on those recommendations at the December Academic Senate Meeting.
- Noted that faculty members assigned to the Library Construction Committee were not being informed of the meetings.

V. Committee Reports

Senate Governance Committee - Senator Heidemann reports that most of the Senate committees have met or will be meeting this week. If there are questions please call Senator Heidemann at Ext. 2523.

University Curriculum Council - Senator Lovsted discussed the Certificate policy and reported on changes to the UCC Manual. New disks will be available soon, and also placed on the Web. See **Attachment D** for status of items pending in the UCC.

VI. New Business

Sports Management Emphasis Track - Motion by Senator Hastings-Bishop, with support by Senator Valas, that the Senate accept the Sports Management Emphasis Track proposal as written. After discussion and questions, **a motion to table by Senator Valas, with support by Senator Abbasabadi was passed.**

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President