

Ferris State University

1992-93 Academic Senate

Minutes of the Meeting

May 4, 1993

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Bartholome, Beetley, Breault, Brown, Burtch, Conati, Cook, Etienne, Haneline, Heidemann, Holihan,, Kebler, Key, Keys, Kosanovich, Matrosic, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Rupe, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Spaulding, Teferra, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Whitmore.

1.2 Members Absent. Bacon (excused), Billings, Caskey (excused), Griffin (excused), Horn (excused), King (excused).

1.3 Guests. R. Anderson, I. Barnes, G. Bradt, M. Curtis, A. Dakkuri, N. Emmanuel, D. Hanna, J. Hansen, J. Jablonski, A. Mundy, G. Nagel, H. Palmer, H. Popovich, J. Richards, J. Rumpf, R. Ryan, B. Stolarek, F. Swartz.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Mecosta Room, Rankin Center.

Approval of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the April 6 meeting were approved.

3.2 The minutes of the April 27 meeting were approved.

Open Forum

4.1 Brenda Brown, Allied Health, pointed out that the Mathematics and Languages and Literature Departments are not following the Monday-Wednesday-Friday, Tuesday-Thursday scheduling guidelines for Fall 1993 semester. This is causing scheduling problems for Allied Health students.

4.2 Doug Haneline, Arts and Sciences, noted that program review is required by the North Central Accreditation Association. In order to make review effective, the guidelines need to be improved and the faculty's role in program review needs to be strengthened.

4.3 Mark Curtis, Technology, reminded the Senators that the 1992-93 draft of the Strategic Plan will be reviewed until Friday, May 7, 1993. The Strategic Planning Committee is looking for support from the Senate for the Strategic Plan.

Announcements

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich supported Curtis's comments regarding the Strategic Plan.

5.2 President Popovich reminded the Senators of the state-wide property tax/sales tax issue which will be voted on, on June 2, 1993. The primary effect of this vote will be on K-12 education. Lowering property tax and raising sales tax would provide an alternate source of income for schools. The proposal would also constitutionalize the proceeds from the lottery and the sales tax going to the schools. Popovich urged Senators to consider the issue and vote.

President Breault

6.1 President Breault reported that she had received a letter from Fred Swartz, thanking the Senate for its endorsement of the Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement.

6.2 Breault presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Senators.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that the University Curriculum Committee has approved proposed policies for Certificate Programs and for Special Topics and Special Studies courses.

Old Business

Policy for Certificate Programs

8.1 von der Osten moved that the Senate approve the proposed Policy for Certificate Programs. Haneline supported. The motion carried.

New Business

Change in General Education Mathematics Requirements for Associate Degree Programs

9.1 Bandstra moved that the Senate reconsider the motion to endorse the proposed change in Associate Degree math proficiency requirements. Whitmore supported. The motion to reconsider carried.

9.2 The motion to endorse the proposed change carried.

Postponement of Agenda

10.1 Valas moved to postpone the rest of the agenda. Keys supported. The motion carried.

Adjournment

11.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
