

**Minutes
 Ferris State University
 Academic Senate Meeting
 February 3, 2015, 10:00 A.M.
 University Center 202C**

Members in Attendance: ALSPACH, BACON, C., BACON, M. BAJOR, BALANDA, BARAN, BRANDLY, BRECKEN, DAKKURI, DAUBERT, DINARDO, DRAKE, FADAYOMI, FAGERMAN, FOX, HANNA, HARLAN, ING, ISLER, JENEROU, KLATT, MARION, MOORE, RICHMOND, RUMPF, THAPA, TODD, TOWER, WAGENHEIM, WANCOUR, YOWITZ
 Members absent with cause: BARNETT, BERGHOEF, GRIFFIN, GROVES
 Members absent: RICHMOND, SAIHPUSH
 Ex Officio and Guests: ADEYANJU, BLAKE, DAMARI, DURST, KALINOWSKI, KURTZ, NICOL, REIFERT, SCHULT, TEAHEN, WELLER, BERSANO, WOOTEN, LOPEZ, QUIGLEY, ESCHMACH, COTTONBEEDELE, URBANICK, WAKEEL, STEENSTRA

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Alspach moved to approve the January 2015 minutes. Ing seconded. Motion passed.
3.	Open Forum A. Urbanick reviewed the two IT strategic planning surveys online. Paula Hadley had shared the link with all Senators prior to this meeting. 91 people on campus have started the Assessment of the Current University Plan Survey and 66 have completed it. It takes 7 minutes to complete on average. 7 people participated from Academic Senate; he would like to see more engagement from the senators. 60 people have started Next University Plan for IT survey and 52 have completed. 6 have been completed by Senators. Survey takers can complete the second survey more than once It takes approximately 2 minutes. B. Sandy Alspach- Sports Vision Leadership Program is hosting the Women’s Heart Health Fundraiser on Thursday, February 12 th . On Wed, February 18 th , the Sports Speakers Series will be hosting a lecture, “What are They Thinking? The Motivations of Athletes, the good bad, and ugly. C. Crissy Cottonbeetle from the Order Omega leadership society for Greek life announced that the organization donated money to several different charities and volunteered hundreds to service hours. 2 representatives of the Order Omega took first place in a case study about hazing at a local conference. D. Senator Harlan announced a Children’s Dental Health Fair by sponsored by a Dental Hygiene RSO. It will include oral health and dental screening, food, fun, etc. It will be on Sat, Feb 21st, 2015.
4.	Officer Reports A. President Khagendra Thapa encouraged Senators to maintain professionalism during the meetings. B. Vice-President Bacon announced that the International Education Committee’s “Educator of the Year” award is due on the 20 th of Feb. He encouraged nominations. This Thurs at 1pm, a forum on students needs and professional responsibilities will be hosted by Student Life. C. Secretary Dinardo had nothing to report.

5.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi: She sent her report to Senators this AM because they meet on Mondays and she wanted us to have the most recent update. 6 proposals were recently approved. Two of those proposals will be discussed today. Graduate programs were approved without input from the UGPC, but the programs met all of the UCC requirements. The UCC needed to approve the proposal within the given 10 day period but the committee would have liked to consult UGPC had there been more time. Multiple members supported with concern due to this. Dr. Fadayomi applauded the efforts of the College of Business regarding their work on their well-written proposal. A few other proposals held for feedback. The UCC would like to find a better way to incorporate the UGPC into the approval process. The committee has suggestions. She suggested a change in the bylaws for the UGPC perhaps so that they meet more frequently. She also suggested possibly changing the 10 business day response policy for UCC so there is more time to consult others. The UCC has held workshops to help simplify proposal development. The next workshop is in the Fall of 2015. Until then, the UCC is more than happy to help. Another concern is the lack of clearly defined and measurable outcomes. The committee is working with the FCTL for workshops to that end. There will be one in February and another one later. Be on the lookout for announcements in the University Wide Notices.</p> <p>B. Student Government Representative Andrew Kalinowski and Wayne Brosono (VP) passed around a revised elections policy for Student Government. Chantel, a Student Government representative, explained the election guidelines. These new policies address the Student Government's initiatives to increase voting and community activity as well as maintain transparency. There was a change in the dates for 'active campaigning'. Senator election guidelines are made available on website. All students have the opportunity to run. Andrew announced that he will be working as an auditor for the Ernsstein offices in Grand Rapids. The main reason he was accepted was because of his leadership experiences. He believes that many student leaders have gotten jobs because of their experiences. So he encouraged Senators to encourage their students to be involved in leadership for resume purposes. Next Tues is "Meet and Greet" the Deans. Students will have a change to ask questions and get input from fellow Deans. Sen. Wancour asked about elections, "Does it matter what class there are in?" The answer was No. Sen. Piercey asked if we can photocopy the new guidelines and give to our students. The answer was Yes. There was a suggestion to get testimonials from student leaders and provide a YouTube link to videos about their positive experiences. Sen Rumpf asked if a student could be full time or part time? The answer was either. Sen. Drake asked if a student could be on Disciplinary or Academic probation to run? The answer was No.</p>
6.	<p>A. Senator Fadayomi motioned to approve the new minor in Public Health, Wancour seconded. Motion carried</p> <p>B. Senator Fadayomi motioned to approve the MBA revision. Marion seconded. Sen. Isler stated that, as a member of the UGPC, one version of the MBA proposal was voted on last spring and sent back to UCC. She thought that is was only sent back again to the UGPC last week. That would only have given them 4 days to vote after substantial changes. Marion disagreed and said it was sent to the UGPC in October. Isler said it was missing information and something should have been sent back. Kemi said that Paula usually sends another request if there is no response. Senator Baran stated that it was not clear what happens to the students in the "old" program. Marion responded that they will be offered to switch if they want or stay with their original program. Sen. Wagenheim asked if there was a formal transition plan? Lisa Eschbach said that there will be a formal individual plan for each student – one student at a time. Sen. Alspach asked if the new proposal would include offering the program online? Lisa Eschbach answered that there will be three formats: face to face, mixed delivery and online. Sen. Moore asked if the program would still have 7 week sessions and does the college still expect the growth to occur in the MBA program. Lisa Eschbach responded that, based on other programs, the need is strong and they want to compete with similar programs. The seven week program will not continue. Sen. Wagenheim asked if Eschbach could explain lack of input from faculty and other stakeholders. She stated that, after the first proposal did not work, they invited all stakeholders to meetings starting last April. Content experts were invited along with full-time faculty. Therefore, it was considered a faculty driven process- not just one person's input. Sen. Todd questioned what will happen to the College's accreditation with such a drastic change. Eschbach answered that the College's "accreditation expert" (Jim W) sees no problems with the changes and accreditation even though the course cap limit was changed from 30 to 20 and the College's accrediting body was not directly contacted. Senator Todd: Asked if an advisory board was contacted? The Dean of the College of Business answered that the MBA program is not accredited by itself, but the entire COB is accredited. Sen. Bacon asked, "Do you have enough faculty and support if there are 400 students?" Eschbach stated that they will be adding faculty members. Voting ensued and the motion passed.</p>

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	<p>C. Motion to modify the APR material submission date. Sen Wagenheim said that he does not have a problem with the 30 day proposal if the deadline to submit to Administration is pushed back to the Spring Semester. Sen. Bacon asked if the Senate would agree to a “middle ground” of 14 days. Senator Hanna supported 30 days. Sen. Piercey suggested that the Senate vote to push back the entire timeline, not just 30 days for APR material submission date to the Senators. Sen. Hanna agreed to the friendly amendment to change the APR meetings and time line as needed by APR. Senator Todd suggested a change for the Senate/APR meeting date in December. Sens. Piercey and Hanna believe that many Senators will not be unavailable, too busy or disinclined. Senator Alspach asked if the Senate-APR meeting would still be a separate meeting. President Thapa answered, Yes. Piercey made a friendly amendment have the Senate-APR meeting in February. The motion passed.</p>
7-8.	<p>Announcements and Open Forum</p> <p>A. President Eisler was absent from the meeting.</p> <p>B. Interim Provost Paul Blake had no comments.</p> <p>C. Open Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen Drake announced that there will be a Math Council on the February 20th • Paula Hadley related that the Arts & Lectures Committee has an event, Thirza Defoc, this Friday night. The group will also be performing at the half time show of the Basketball games. <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,
 Amy Dinardo
 Secretary