

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
University Center 202C  
April 7, 2015**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, C., Bacon, M., Bajor, Baker, Balanda, Baran, Barnett, Berghoef, Brandly, Brecken, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dinardo, Drake, Fadayomi, Fagerman, Fox, Hanna, Harlan, Ing, Isler, Jenerou, Klatt, Moore, Piercey, Potter, Richmond, Rumpf, Thapa, Todd, Tower, Wagenheim, Wancour

Members absent with cause: Griffin, Siahpush

Members absent: Groves, Marion, Yowitz

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Kalinowski, Kurtz, Nicol, Reifert, Schult, Teahen, Quigley, Melichar, Frank, Thomson, Keys, Urbanick, Schumaker, Mason, Wooton, Warner

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Piercey moved to approve the March 3rd, 2015 minutes. Baran seconded. Motion passed.
3.	<b>Open Forum</b> A. Senator Sandra Alspach announced recent sports events in hockey, volleyball and football. "April Madness" will be held to support the Beyond Diversity Program. Cameron Schumaker, a representative from Greek Community, announced "Greek Week" kicking off April 6 <sup>th</sup> . Various events will be going on that week.
4.	<b>Officer Reports</b> A. <b>President Khagendra Thapa</b> recognized Jerena Keys, the representative from Emeriti. He congratulated Dr. Blake for his appointment as Provost. He reminded everyone about the April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Senate event for faculty recognition. Faculty who have served the University for 30 years or longer will be recognized. He congratulated the newest Distinguished Adjunct Awardee, Mary Bacon. B. <b>Vice-President Bacon</b> had no new announcements. C. <b>Secretary Dinardo</b> recapped the Open Forum for anyone concerned about changes or modifications to the Senate Charter. It was held on March 24, 2015 at 11am in MCO 234. Three of the following issues were brought to light: 1) Involvement of EIO 2) UCC/APRC Chair appointments and terms 3) A suggestion to cap the number of Senators per college. Dinardo recommended that these issues be addressed in detail at the next Senate Retreat this August.
5.	<b>Committee Reports.</b> A. <b>University Curriculum Committee Chair Kemi Fadayomi:</b> 14 proposals were approved, two new degrees the committee is bringing back to the Senate for approval to be discussed later. Many faculty are stepping up to the plate to make the process effective. The Committee plans to make changes in response to suggestions from an advisory board. Bottom line: They have been busy! B. <b>Student Government President Andrew Kalinowski</b> introduced Wayne Borsono and Chantel Wooton who is running for president. Mikayla Mason is election chair. There will be a debate to hear both points of view for those running for President. Voting on Org Sync has already begun. They plan to put tables in the IRC and UC to increase voting. The goal is to increase voting from 300 to 600 students at least. Students who wish to run can still run for write-in spot. The Leadership and Learning Conference a few weeks ago had a high turnout. Many people were involved including President Eisler who spoke to the group and there were breakout sessions held by faculty members. The Big Event will take place on April 18 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. \$40,000 was raised for Relay for Life. C. <b>IT Survey Update, Charles Bacon:</b> 18 Senators completed the survey of the current system Recommendations/Concerns were split into the following categories: upgrade internet connectivity, improving reliability of technology, staffing for online environments, greater support for online learning, classroom support of technology, enhance IT support to off-campus (Kendall). The Senate Focus Group suggests improved maintenance schedules, basically, if technology functions like it should, we are happy. Fadayomi pointed out a lack of communication between IT and other constituents. Dinardo and Jenerou pointed out IT issues effecting patient care and student learning at the University Eye Center. D. <b>Health Promotion Committee Status:</b> Senators agree that it is an important committee. The issue was that does not make complete sense to be exclusively a Senate Committee. There are other people on campus and outside of campus that can make powerful contributions. Wancour: Should the College of Health Professions take the lead on this committee? The suggestion was to make it a model similar to the sports advisory committee? Because there was no representative champion from the Health Advisory Committee, discussion was held to a later date. E. <b>Degree Title Change, Fadayomi:</b> Name change from a BS in Business Professional Golf Management to BS in Business PGA Golf. Fadayomi moved. Gary supported. Motion passed. F. <b>Closing Theater Minor, Fadayomi</b> moved to close the minor. The motion was supported by Sandy

	<p>Alspach. Four upper-level courses will be removed but it will not affect lower-level courses commonly taken by individuals from other programs on campus. Motion passed.</p> <p>G. <b>New Degree, BS in Industrial Chemistry:</b> Fadayomi moved. Supported by Victor Piercy. Fagerman asked if there a plan for updated equipment now and in the future? A discussion ensued. It was determined that 90MHz equipment is fine, if not preferred, for what undergrad students need. The equipment is very similar to what the students will use in an internship setting. There is equipment maintenance funding set aside for future needs. An industrial microbiology class be established with Dr. Spain and added to the curriculum in the near future if possible. Motion passed.</p> <p>H. <b>New Degree, BS in Spanish for the Professions:</b> Fadayomi moved. Balanda supported. Job opportunities for this degree include working in industry, pharmaceuticals, interpreting, sales force, writing technical manuals, etc. Spanish being the “majority minority”, the demand for Spanish-speaking professionals increasing. Why BS and not BA? A BS is for someone what is practicing the use of Spanish in an professional setting. Does “professions” need to be in the title? This is not a traditional Euro-centric degree. The focus is on the practitioner based in the Americas. Program level learning outcomes are located on page 16 of the proposal. Motion</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>8.</p>	<p><b>Announcements/Open Forum</b></p> <p>A. President Eisler announced that retiring faculty will be recognized at the Commencement this year for the first time. He gave us an update on recent activities in the Michigan Senate and House. The Senate passed a 2% increase in higher education but the House recommended only 1%. It comes down to a basic disagreement about the revenue expectations for the State. He also reviewed factors that could impact the outcome of FSU’s future funding, including Proposal One. Eisler updated the Senate on the Capital Outlay projects. Along with the FSU expansion of the Swan Annex, there are two community college projects and a Rockford State Police proposal. He expressed thanks, in advance, to everyone in the Senate because he will not be at the next FSU Academic Senate meeting.</p> <p>B. Paul Blake- Provost: No updates.</p> <p>C. Khagentra Thapa- Senate President- Discussed his plan for more Emeriti involvement at FSU.</p> <p>D. Susan Wancour: Gave the Senate an update on recent activities for FSU’s Gifts and Grants Committee.</p> <p>E. Open Forum: Dr. Charles Bacon was elected the next President of the Ferris Faculty Association.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Dinardo moved to close the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Piercy seconded. Motion passed.</p>

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Dinardo  
Secretary