

Ferris State University
Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
February 4, 1992

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. R. Anderson, T. Anderson, Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, Etienne, Ferdowski, Haneline, Heidemann, Henry, Holihan, Horn, Key, King, Matrosic, Muccio, Oldfield, Ovans, Pearson, Peterson, Pommichowski, Powell, Ravell, D. Russell, P. Russell, Spaulding, Thapa, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. Caskey (excused), A. Cook (excused), M.J. Cook (excused), Lewis (excused), Rumpf (excused), Totten (excused), Travis (excused).

1.3 Guests. S. Hammersmith, E. Harris, G. Hurt, K. Kuk, L. Lunsted, J. Maas, L. McCrank, G. Nash, H. Popovich, J. Samson, F. Swartz, F. Unaeze.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the January 7 meeting were approved as corrected.

OPEN FORUM

4.1 Lyle Lunsted, College of Business emeritus, encouraged the Senators to remember, while dealing with semester transition and new general education requirements, that in order to be educated, rather than merely trained, students need to have a broad background of knowledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich stated that in her recent meeting with the Senate Executive Committee and the union president it was made clear that the faculty does not believe there is a budget crisis because all budget figures have not been disclosed. The faculty wants to discuss auxiliary fund budgets; therefore, she will do this, even though the major problem is in the general fund. The other budgets do not get cuts in state funding like the general fund does.

Vice President Nash

6.1 Vice President Nash explained his decision to close enrollment in the Court and Freelance Reporting Program for fall 1992. There will be no full-time, tenure-track faculty in the program. There is also no one with academic credentials to move into those faculty positions. The program does not meet general education requirements, and changes could not be finished by '93-'94. There is a similar program at Central Michigan University. The technology is changing and the program requires restructuring.

Nash requested that the Court and Freelance Reporting Program be put on the review process, or that an expedited review be done.

President Russell

7.1 President Russell announced that the Vice President for Academic Affairs has approved the B.S. degree in Heavy Equipment Technology. Action on the B.S. degree in Dental Assisting is awaited.

7.2 Russell reported that the Senate Elections Committee has been formed. Al Uniacke is the chairman and the other members are Tom Anderson, Charles Bacon, Keitha Breault, Mary Jane Cook, Robert Holihan, Gregory Key, Roger Peterson, and Charles Spaulding.

7.3 Russell informed the Senate that Vice President Nash released a statement about General Education on January 27 which had received input from but not endorsement by the Senate Executive Committee.

7.4 Russell announced that there will be a special meeting of the Senate on Monday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center. The Senate will consider endorsement of the President's proposal regarding athletics, which will go to the Board of Control on February 22. Russell advised senators to look for the President's proposal when it comes out and read it. Copies of the Task Force's report are available in the library and the deans' offices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

8.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that there are two Tier 1, 2, and 3 classes left to be approved.

8.2 Etienne announced that public hearings will be held on February 14 for three programs, the B.S. in Nursing, the B.S. in Television Production, and the A.A.S. in Radiography.

The schedules for program hearings will be published twice in the FYI and in memos to each academic dean and the program or department chair of the program being heard. Copies of the program proposals are available in the library under Semester Transition Materials.

Campus Master Plan Committee

9.1 Joe Samson, Senate representative to the Master Planning Committee, presented a written synopsis of the Master Plan Proposal, January 1992. Senators who would like to respond to the set of principles developed by this committee should send comments to Samson at extension 2630, Swan 312, by February 10, 1992.

Semester Transition Team

10.1 Jim Maas gave an update of semester transition. Matters currently being treated by the team include the curriculum procedures manual, calendar recommendations, approval of service courses, the hearing process for programs, recommendations for counseling students, and recommendations regarding academic probation, academic dismissal, and class withdrawal date.

The team hopes to give a semester update to faculty by the end of the quarter. Communication with community colleges is occurring. Program completion guides are coming out and a student guide is being prepared. A model for resource shifts is being devised. The fall '92 orientation program will concentrate on semester transition.

Election Committee

11.1 Chairman Uniacke highlighted the memo which had been sent to Senators. There are 540 electors. Nomination forms are available and eligible persons may file for election through March 18, 1992, and the names of candidates will be posted on March 20, 1992. The election will be held on April 22, 1992.

OLD BUSINESS

Library/Instructional Services Committee Report

12.1 Committee member Bob Burtch commented on the written report which had been sent by Chairman Phillip Watson.

12.2 Valas moved that the Academic Senate accept the report of the Library/Instructional Services Committee. von der Osten supported. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Ombudsman Committee

13.1 Burtch moved that the Senate endorse the report of the ad hoc Ombudsman Study Committee. Peterson supported.

13.2 Ken Kuk commented on the report from the ad hoc Ombudsman Study Committee.

13.3 The motion was withdrawn.

13.4 Valas moved to return the draft report to the committee to collect further data on the need for an ombudsman. A recommended method of collecting data would be to survey students to assess their needs. von der Osten supported.

13.5 Pearson moved to table the motion until the March meeting. von der Osten supported. The motion carried.

14.1 Valas moved that the Curriculum Procedures Manual (Revised September 1989) be amended to include the following addition to Step 5 on page 4:

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall respond within 90 calendar days on all curricular proposals. Failure of the Vice President to respond within 90 days shall automatically result in the appointment of a conference committee as provided by the Academic Senate Charter, Article VIII, Section 8.

von der Osten supported. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

15.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

NEXT MEETING

16.1 There will be a special meeting of the Senate to consider the President's proposal regarding athletics on Monday, February 17, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

16.2 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

17.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
