

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2000
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order:** **President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Anderson, Bandstra, Conati, Daugherty, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Griffin, Hastings-Bishop, Hancock, Hanna, Johnson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nista, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Ryan, Stern, Squicciarini, Westman, Westhoven

Senators Absent: Bonning (excused), Green, Hartman, Kowalkoski (excused), Speirs (excused), Wininger

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, Dave Zoebeck, Jamie Brady, Russ Hess, Julian Easter, Roxanne Cullen, Steve Perialas, Shawn Lagasse, Angela Mitchell, Marie Mekkes, Chiquitta Morris

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Senator Klope, with support from **Senator Conati**, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2000, as written. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Griffin distributed the Substance Abuse Task Force Committee survey. (See Attachment A) He stated the survey would be distributed to all faculty this week and he asked for a prompt response.

Senator Nista expressed a concern about parliamentary procedure and the tabling of motions at the March 14, 2000 Senate meeting. He asked for a clarification of rules.

Senator Shepler expressed concerns about selection procedures and pay of part-time faculty.

Senator Klope said that committee surveys should not be mailed during the last month of the semester.

Senator Ryan suggested that the Senate might need an official parliamentarian. **President Konrad** stated that the Senate Executive Board had recently discussed adding parliamentarian to the Information Officer duties.

Angela Mitchell, a student in the Opticianry Program, spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the Opticianry Program being considered by the Senate.

Senator Pilgrim suggested that inter-campus governance needs improvement. **President Konrad** advised the Senators that she has been in contact with the Academic Senate at Kendall. **Senator Pilgrim** suggested that our Senate also needs to be in contact with other campuses where Ferris State University offers courses.

V. Committee Reports

- A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of pending action items (See Attachment B). **Senator Nagel** requested that the UCC provide Senators with the recent modifications the UCC approved for the Evening Business Program.
- B. Senate Governance Committee – Senator Papo** had no report at this time.
- C. Senate Elections – Senator Nagel**, Election Committee Chair, gave an update on the recent Senate elections.

VI. Old Business

- A. Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems – Senator Ferdowski, with support from Senator El-Saidi**, moved to approve the new degree. Motion carries.
- B. Faculty Involvement in Campus Discipline – Rick Shafer, Director of Judicial Services**, submitted a memorandum dated March 10, 2000 explaining his previous proposal to create a cluster of faculty volunteers to serve within the campus discipline system. Attached to the memo was a legal opinion from the General Counsel's Office (The memo and opinion are Attachment C). **Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Merwin**, moved to endorse and support the proposal of Mr. Shafer. After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that someone from the General Counsel's Office attend a Senate meeting for a question and answer session. **President Konrad** ends discussion and calls for a show of hand vote on the motion. Yeas: 3, Nays: 25. Motion fails.
- C. Opticianry Program Revisions – Senator Squicciarini, with support from Senator Papo**, moved to return to the floor for discussion, the Opticianry proposal as presented at the February 1, 2000 Senate meeting. After a lengthy discussion regarding procedures, **President Konrad** calls for a voice vote. Motion carries, one abstention.

Senator Squicciarini, with support from Senator Daugherty, moved to amend the Opticianry proposal as written with a change from Math 110 to Math 115 (The math change had been requested by the program faculty and approved by the UCC). After a lengthy discussion, **Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Griffin** calls the question. Motion to call the question passes. Following more discussion, **President Konrad** calls for a show of hands vote on the motion to amend. Yeas: 16, nays: 10. Motion to amend the proposal carries.

Senator Nagel, with support from **Senator Lindsey**, moved to amend the Opticianry Program to include Physics in the curriculum. After a brief discussion, **Senator Nagel** withdraws his motion.

Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Griffin calls the question on the main motion as amended. President Konrad calls for a show of hands. Yeas: 28, nays: 1. Motion to call the question passes.

President Konrad call for a show of hands vote on the motion, as amended, to approve revisions to the Opticianry Program. Yeas: 14, nays: 14, abstentions: 2. The proposal will be forward to the Vice President for Academic Affairs with the vote indicated.

VII. New Business

- A. Faculty Research Guidelines Language Revision – Senator Ferdowsi**, Chair, Faculty Research Committee, presented a proposal to amend the Faculty Research Guidelines. (Attachment D) **Motion by Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Ryan**, to accept the proposed new language. Motion carries.
- B. English Major/Minor – Elementary Education Certification – Senator Papo, with support from Senator Westman**, moved to approve the certification checksheets for forwarding to the State of Michigan. Following a brief discussion, **Senator Ryan**, with support from **Senator Papo** calls the question. Motion to call the question passes. Motion carries.
- C. Math Major/Minor – Elementary Education Certification – Senator Hastings-Bishop, with support from Senator Ferdowsi**, moved to approve the certification checksheets for forwarding to the State of Michigan. Motion carries.

VIII. Announcements

- A. President Sederburg** was unable to attend and submitted an update to the Senate (See Attachment E)
- B. Vice President Chapman** informed the Senate that:
 - ◆ **Dr.'s Balkema and El-Saidi** are the Michigan Association of Governing Board awardees this year.
 - ◆ The FSU Structured Learning Assistance Program received the “**2000 Hesburgh Certificate of Excellence Award**” in Chicago on March 20, 2000.
 - ◆ The Academic Plan has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. For a complete report see Attachment F.

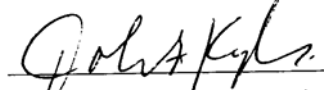
IX. Open Forum

Senator Hanna read a brief statement from Keith Kern, reminding Senators that Student Government Elections are today. Please encourage students to vote.

Senator Klope reminded Senators that the Senate Executive Board elections will be held at the April 25, 11:00 a.m. meeting. **President Konrad** advised Senators that a letter would be sent regarding these elections.

X. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Cindy Konrad, President