

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting**

**November 3, 2015**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, C., Bacon, M., Bajor, Balanda, Baran, Berghoef, Briggs, Bright, Cronk, Daubert, Drake, Epps, Fadayomi, Fagerman, Foulk, Fox, Gray, Hanna, Isler, Jenerou, Klatt, Lewis, Maike, Mattis, Peircey, Richmond, Rumpf, Thapa, Todd, Wagenheim, Wancour, Zimmer, Zyla

Members absent with cause: Brecken, Dinardo, Hancock,

Members absent: None

Ex Officio and Guests: Blake, Durst, Eisler, Franklund, Garrison, Bursano, Karfa, Nicol, Pilgrim, Potter, Reifert, Schult, Quigley, Dawson, Johnson, Hawkins, Urbanick

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Alspach moved to approve the minutes. Senator Piercey seconded. The motion passed.
3.	<b>Open Forum.</b> Senator Alspach reported on results of the recent public speaking contest. She congratulated the winners and thanked faculty for their participation.
4.	<b>Officer Reports/Provost Report.</b> President Thapa thanked the senators for their participation at the reception and on the various committees.  Vice-President Bacon reported that the International Education Committee has been formed and will be meeting shortly.  Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	<b>Committee Reports</b> UCC Chair Fadayomi discussed concerns with the universal checksheet used in MyDegree and how at this point the template is not adequate for information needed for the UCC proposal process. Missing components include: a term-by-term completion plan, information about when required classes are typically offered and student learning outcomes clearly linked to measurable program assessment strategies. She also noted some programs do not see the need for program level outcomes as part of the process and would like some clarification on the role of the UCC in collecting such information. Senator Wagenheim noted that program outcomes within TracDat are also a requirement as part of the academic program review process.  General Education Coordinator Cliff Franklund presented a General Education implementation plan (for discussion purposes only). He noted this was a more incremental approach which would allow the program to start to go into effect for Fall 2016. The two new competencies clustered under application are designed to be handled by the individual programs. It will standardize and automate the role of student learning outcome assessment. It will allow the foundation and distribution competencies to be mapped to existing courses with the changes being assessed during a recertification process. All outcomes are scheduled to be assessed in a 10 year period. Senator Fagerman asked how the process got so off track that the changes in Gen Ed have been reduced to something that looks like very little change? Franklund noted that he was bound by MTA transfer agreements and the process of reorientation being a longer process than he first instead. However, it would still be possible for a business class to apply for outcome approval using the new system. Senator Fagerman then asked if a combination of classes can cover an outcome/or cover partial? Franklund said it has not yet been figured out how to calculate that. Senator Piercey asked how many even know how to use TracDat for outcomes? Franklund suggested working with the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. UCC chair Fadayomi asked where in the process is the UCC? Franklund said they retained a spot on the UCC forms but approval has always been a separate Academic Affairs process. Hanna asked if there was a sheet describing the composition of the

	<p>committees. Franklund said he forgot to attach it and would provide information to the Senators before their vote in December. Wagenheim asked about the possibility of a mechanism for credit for a co-curricular? Franklund said that was still possible but not figured out at this point. Senator Fagerman asked again about partial credit in a 300 class. Franklund said that was a trading nightmare. Senator Todd said that no fractional credit essentially removes technology from many of the categories. Senator Cronk asked for the brief history of the situation. Franklund said the report he was given a year ago had 18 categories and 82 learning outcomes and he has been trying to transform it to a working program. President Thapa ended the discussion because of other agenda items.</p> <p>Student Government President Wayne Bersano talked about initiatives including looking for specific sponsorship of the readership program and the good experience at the State of the University. They have created 4 new external committees on international education, DPS oversight, City Commission and substance abuse.</p>
6A	<p><b>Associates in Social Work- New Degree</b>  UCC Chair Fadayomi moved to approve the new degree of an Associates in Social Work. Senator Berghoef seconded. Senator Zyla asked in 114 would be allowed. Berghoef said yes. Senator Wancour asked what the purpose of the degree was if the standard was a bachelor degree. Senator Berghoef said it allowed students to enter funding sources such as the TIP program. Senator Hanna asked what are the desired outcomes at 2 years/ Senator Berghoef said those have not been articulated by the accrediting board. Senator Fagerman asked about the value of such a degree and how it would be promoted? Senator Berghoef responded that students know they need to go on, but this helped with graduation numbers. Senator Todd asked what the need for this program was? Provost Blake said it was a financial reason. Senator Lewis added that their associates in Criminal Justice helped to give their students focus by creating a completion point. The motion passed.</p>
6B	<p><b>Associates in Pre-Science. Closure.</b>  Senator Fadayomi moved to close the Associates Degree in pre-science. Senator Berghoef seconded. Alison Jenerou noted this degree is not needed to get entry into the optometry program. Interim Dean Karafa noted this was part of a larger restructuring of the pre-science program into more specific programs.</p>
6C	<p><b>Associates in Pre-Mortuary Science. Closure.</b>  Senator Fadayomi moved close the associate degree in Pre-Mortuary Science. Senator Fox seconded. This was a major with small enrollment which is not required for those going into mortuary science. Motion passed.</p>
6D	<p><b>Approval of the Study Abroad Task Force Proposal.</b>  Senator Bacon moved to support the proposal. Senator Alspach seconded. Senator Briggs described concerns with the student being preapproved and sometimes in the summer are taking study abroad, online and mixed and not really being able to complete all they signed up for. Bacon noted this is an issue but since this was a policy, not the process, it has not been addressed. Senator Hanna asked how it was approved that currently you can get three credits for a 7 day trip in which two of those days may be travel. Vice-President Bacon said they used HLC outcomes and pre and post-assessment. Senator Epps asked if the course approval process for Study Abroad is the same as other classes. Vice-President Bacon said yes. Senator Mary Bacon asked if our course credits were similar to other study abroad. Vice-President Bacon said yes. Motion approved.</p>
7.	<p><b>Announcements.</b>  President Eisler expressed his concern about the current roads proposal which includes \$600 million from the general fund without specifying where, beginning in 2019. He notes that higher education is funded through the general fund. He encouraged faculty to engage in continuing conversations about student housing. He noted the Vice-President Ward-Roof has formed a task force to report on strategic enrollment. Vice-President Pilgrim has begun work on a strategic diversity plan.</p> <p>Provost Blake said this was a very stressful point in the semester and he thanked faculty for their positive activities and continued great job.</p>
8.	<p><b>Open Forum.</b>  President Thapa offered to reopen any questions on the General Education proposal.</p> <p>Senator Fagerman said she would like a motion to support program level outcomes in the curriculum. The</p>

	<p>motion will be on next month's agenda.</p> <p>Senator Wancour noted that the Dental Hygiene educator conference on campus was a big success.</p>
9.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.</p>