

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting**

**December 1, 2015**

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

Members absent with cause: Bright, Dinardo, Drake

Members absent: None

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Durst, Franklund, C., Garrison, Bursano, Karfa, Nicol, Potter, Reifert, Schult, Quigley, Hardman, Bradley, Johnson, Hawkins, Franklund, Dawson, Schmidt, Urbanick, Zimmerman, Thapa, S., and 18 Visiting Faculty members from China

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Hancock moved to approve the minutes. Senator Richmond seconded. The motion passed.
3.	<b>Open Forum.</b> There were no comments in open forum.
4.	<b>Officer Reports/Provost Report.</b> President Thapa welcomed the group of visiting Chinese faculty from the School of Social Work to the Senate and gave a brief explanation of the purpose and function of the group. He also mentioned some concerns with conflict of interest in various campus projects. He noted that at the January meeting they would be recognizing the football and volleyball teams.  Vice-President Bacon had no report.  Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	<b>Committee Reports</b> UCC Chair Fadayomi discussed the recent Nursing doctorate proposal which will come before the Senate at the next meeting. She said that they had a useful meeting with the initiator about questions with the proposal and it was held for issues including a lack of information about the library resources funding. Senator Hanna asked whether or not the administrators had concerns about having enough faculty to run? UCC Chair Fadayomi said the program said it had adequate faculty. Senator Hanna then commented on how this college seemed be unique in the planning for the necessary faculty for new programs.  General Education Coordinator Cliff Franklund said he continued to meet with programs to figure out mapping for programs. Comments and questions were deferred until the action item later in the meeting.  Student Government President Wayne Bersano talked about their open forum and identifying the three things which most impacted students. He also encouraged faculty to participate in the upcoming pancakes with the president event.
6A	<b>Motion in support of Program Learning Outcomes in Curriculum Process</b> Senator Fagerman moved to support the use of program learning outcome in curriculum processed such as the University Curriculum Committee and Academic Program Review. Motion seconded by Vice-President Bacon. Faculty member Teresa Cook, College of Business who was attending the meeting asked to address group. She wanted to let the senate know that Senator Fagerman does not represent her college and she assumes this proposal has to do with the College of Business process to change math requirements. Senator Fagerman responded this motion was generated by the discussion at the November meeting and a request from UCC chair

	<p>Fadayomi to answer whether or not they should be seeking outcomes. Senator Peircey expressed concern about forcing outcomes into a process which may lead to a rushed result. Vice-President Bacon questioned whether or not UCC measured the outcomes. UCC chair Fadayomi said they are just required to be there and she had asked the Senate for clarification. Senator Wancour expressed support for the use of program outcomes in both the UCC and APRC programs as a way of helping to improve curriculum. APRC chair Matt Wagenheim noted it is unfair to programs to allow them to not do them in the curriculum approval stage as it is a required part of the review process. It is a benefit that the UCC is emphasizing it. UCC chair Fadayomi said this was not a new requirement. Senator Brec also said as a UCC member he supports this and called the question. Senator Hanna asked if this was about program learning outcomes or course level. Senator Fagerman said program. Senator Balanda said this was important as the outcomes are important to demonstrate for other issues. The motion to call the question passed. The motion in support of program learning outcomes passed.</p>
6B	<p><b>General Education Implementation Recommendations</b>  Senator Richmond moved to approve the General Education Implementation recommendations. Senator Berghoef seconded. Senator Gray commented that there may be some small changes but the proposal pares the 9 to 10 outcomes down to four and the process makes it an improvement. Senator Fagerman commented that after rereading the original task force recommendations (which she recommended to all senators) Coordinator Franklund was doing as report suggest- which was to make gradual changes and that the report was talking about items outside the scope of general education. Senator Hanna thanked Franklund for providing committee structure and noted that 50% of membership from a single college was not diversity. Also that the process of assessment would be difficult. Franklund noted the difficulty in getting representatives from other colleges but acknowledged they should strive for that and noted assessment was still in process. Senator Todd also commented on committee makeup on page six and asked how they came up with that. Franklund said conversations with faculty and the senate. Senator Piercey asked for the timeline and when information would be available for new advisees. Franklund said before spring registration. Senator Briggs asked about the cultural requirement on page 2 which requires two different areas. She said her program has collaboration and data to measure and how would a course show that. Franklund said this was part of the form G. Senator Alspach asked how one knows if a course covers problem-solving, is there a percentage needed? Franklund said not hard numbers. Senator Balanda stated his support and asked for small wording change. Senator Fagerman again urged senators to consider the 2013 recommendations. Senator Piercey asked about process for outcomes- do they map to a flow from course outcomes? Franklund said yes, and any course changes go through the normal process. Senator Foulk asked about the diversity outcome and how it combines the former global and race, gender and ethnicity and how some classes may cover both. The motion passed.</p>
6C	<p><b>First Reading of Academic Program Review Recommendations.</b>  APRC chair Matt Wagenheim explained this was a first reading and a vote would be taken at the January meeting. He noted some changes from the reports given to the senators: CIS does have program level outcomes, Honors has a student population of 1000 and the optometry degree is an O.D. Senator Fagerman commended the committee for their work and noticed that they are doing this without a full membership and all attempts have not increased membership. She said the Senate needs to work on figuring out how to inspire faculty to serve on this important committee. Secretary Isler raised the question of why the meeting cannot be in January as voted upon last year. Chair Wagenheim said that when going through the process, they realized any changes needed to be approved by the curriculum committee by January so it needs to be before that time. Part of the general recommendations is to return the meeting to the fall. There was no further discussion.</p>
7.	<p><b>Announcements.</b>  President Eisler thanked the Senate for their support of the historical General Education changes. He noted the update from the state legislature which does indeed take \$600 million out of general fund budget that covers education but the implementation has been delayed until 2021. This would be a 5% budget cut. Eisler said as part of the strategic planning process, The Diversity and Inclusion office is visioning a proposal with a strategic plan, and proposed initiatives. An alcohol abuse task force has also been created and an emergency preparedness committee. He invited everyone to the community/Ferris Christmas reception on December 16<sup>th</sup>.  Vice-President Bacon asked why the strategic enrollment plan, which has lots of academic impact, has not come before the Senate. President Eisler said many faculty were involved in the process but contacting Vice-President Ward-Roof to present to the Senate would be a good idea.   Provost Blake thanked General Education Coordinator Cliff Franklund for his continued efforts in implementing</p>

	<p>General Education. He also noted his support of our athletic success and the continued evolution of the Academic Program Review Process.</p> <p>President Thapa noted visitors to the meeting included his son and Emeriti President Doug Haneline.</p>
8.	<p><b>Open Forum.</b></p> <p>Senator Wancour said her student RSO in Dental Hygiene had been working to send holiday boxes to troops overseas.</p> <p>Senator Fagerman said that graduate policies will be coming before the Senate in January. This and the new doctorate in nursing proposal should help inform the decision as they have a meaningful discussion about the role of graduate programs at Ferris. Issues include graduate level work, course sunsets and faculty commitment.</p> <p>UCC chair Fadayomi said she was meeting with the Chinese group to further explain our curriculum processes.</p>
9.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.</p>