

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

January 12, 2016

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

Members absent with cause: Baran, Cronk, Jenerou, Lewis

Members absent: Rumpf

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Franklund, Garrison, Karafa, Nicol, Potter, Reifert, Schult, Teahen, Zimmerman, Franklund, Carrie, Goosen, Doyle, Hardman, Kuiper, McEachron, Cluchey, Hawkins, Haneline, Johnson, Seel, Lipar, Owens, Raglin, Ek, Arounts, Hodges, Huckabay, Londelee Sierer, Dowd, Carey, Brewer, Konjarevich, Kronner, Stuedemann, Buckley, Heitsman, McCulloch, Jung, Brandel-Wilhelm, Weisenburger, Frank, Adsmond, Colvert, Warner, Rodrigues-Moran, Wanink, Upham

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Dinardo moved to approve the minutes. Senator Richmond seconded. The motion passed.
3.	Open Forum. President Thapa presented certificates of achievement to both the 2015 Volleyball team and the 2015 football team for their successful seasons and post-season play. Coach Tia Brandel accepted for the volleyball team and Athletics Director Perk Weisenberger for the football team. The Senate gave a standing ovation to both groups and a group photograph with the president was taken. Faculty Rich Goosen, gave remarks about the academic program review process, and how concerning it is that some programs do not seem to take it seriously and are not penalized for not taking the reports seriously. The strongest recommendation is redirection (not closure) and the Senate only receives the recommendations, not a full reports to get a full understanding of the process.
4.	Officer Reports/Provost Report. President Thapa also expressed his support of the academic program review process and the need to follow it properly. He also expressed concern about the inability to make a recommendation stronger than redirection. Vice-President Bacon noted that committees continue work but will be missing two of their spring monthly meetings and should think about getting materials through before the April meeting. Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Fadayomi discussed that 39 proposals had been through the process and with some delays, all of them were ultimately approved. She encouraged faculty to have departmental faculty attend the curriculum process workshop in FLITE on January 20, 2016. She also noted the change in meeting time for this semester which had led to revised deadlines for proposals coming before the committee. General Education Coordinator Cliff Franklund is moving ahead following the endorsement and working to get the materials into the system for incoming registrants. Student Government President Wayne Bersano was not present at the meeting.
6A	APR Recommendations. Senator Wagenheim moved to accept the process improvement suggestions by Academic Program Review.

Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim explained that when the Senate voted last year to move the review to January it did not take into account that curriculum changes need in process by January to be put into effect for the following year. He suggested that the Senate still schedule it to allow lead time to read it thoroughly. He also noted a change in process that for a program to receive an extension on its report, it needs to be approved by the Senate Executive Committee instead of the chair of Academic Program Review.

Senator Alspach pointed out that having the report to the Senate by December still does not allow time for thoughtful, changes to the curriculum in time for spring registration. Senator Todd agreed but said this would make it easier for minor changes. Senator Fagerman supported the proposal about the executive board deciding extension request. Motion passed.

Senator Wagenheim (and APR Chair) presented the general recommendations. He stressed the need to have a culture of importance for the process, not only in getting programs to submit reports, but also to get members for the committee. The committee only had 6 members this year and 1/3 of them came from a single college, which made for an unbalanced committee. In response to the previous years response from the provost there is a request for training and development for faculty program coordinators expected to do their own marketing. The final two recommendations about alumni liaisons in colleges and relationships between faculty and equipment quality enrollment are ongoing recommendations. Vice-President Bacon remarked that after a new program is approved by UCC and the Board of Trustees it is disheartening that they are not supported. Senator Todd commented that once the 39 proposals passed by the UCC move forward, they are often not continuing to do the due diligence noted. Senator Alspach also expressed her support for training in program marketing as it is not currently being done by either Advancement or Marketing. Motion passed.

B.S./ B.A./Minor/Cell and Molecular Biology Minor in Biology continuation moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Wagenheim noted the strength of this program and that it has over 400 majors and is not only general education courses. Senator Hanna asked what percentage of classes are General Education. Department Chair Joe Lipar said about 10-15%. Motion passed.

B.A. Chemistry and Biochemistry continuation moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim noted the shortage in faculty makes it difficult for faculty to participate in service but they encourage it. Senator Hanna asked about the standardization of lab assessment. Aren't all students getting the same experience? Senator Balanda said this differs because some faculty set standards based on the majors and others use standards of pre-professional programs. Dr. Lipar added it appears to be a case not of different outcomes but rather how they were measured. Vice-President Bacon noted this program was only allowed to be a bachelors degree in the recent past. Motion passed.

Minor in Spanish continuation moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim said this program worked toward a major and has a unique focus on health professions. Senator Fagerman commended the program for providing adequate data. Motion passed.

B.S. in Data Analytics continuation with reporting moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim said this program has no evidence of program outcomes. Motion passed.

B.S./ Minor in Computer Information Technology continuation with redirection moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim noted a lack of functioning between faculty and direct oversight. Senator Fagerman asked for clarification on recommendation. Wagenheim said that the program has one year to provide more evidence. Motion passed.

Fleet Management minor/certificate continuation with reporting moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim said the program needs a champion (current champion did not have time to properly devote it) but is a unique program which merits continuation. Vice-President Bacon noted the trend of not supporting with enough time the programs in the College of Business. Motion passed.

A.A.S. in CAD Drafting and tool design continuation for redirection moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim said that despite the reduction in numbers of faculty to one, has a value to the university and will be asked to report on progress. Motion passed.

	<p>Minot in Industrial Control Systems/A.A.S. in Industrial Electronics Technology and B.S. in Electrical/Electronics Engineering continuation with enhancement. Moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Enhancements include faculty/staff, equipment and enrollment expansion. Senator Hanna asked about the exact student-faculty ratio. Senator Todd said he was unsure of it but that it was above college averages. Motion passed.</p> <p>A.A.S./ B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology continuation with enhancement moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Drake commented that he hoped the comments about facilities were noted as it impacted their enrollments. Motion passed.</p> <p>A.A.S./ B.S. in Allied Health Sciences continuation moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim noted it was a valuable niche program but needed some oversight. Senator Hanna asked how many students? Department Head Raglin said there were 267 and they were working on oversight, but many of these students were more focused on their clinical A. A S. degrees. Motion passed.</p> <p>Honors program continuation moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Wagenheim noted the strengths of the program with an enrollment of 1000 students and a diversified group of majors. They are seeking endorsement from a national body. Motion passed.</p> <p>A.A.S. Welding Technology and B.S. in Welding Engineering Technology acceptance of accreditation report moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Motion passed.</p> <p>A.A.S. in Radiography acceptance of accreditation report moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Motion passed.</p> <p>O.D. in Optometry acceptance of accreditation report moved for approval by Senator Dinardo. Seconded by Senator Todd. Motion passed.</p> <p>Pharm.D. and Pharmacy and MBA acceptance of accreditation report moved for approval by Senator Wagenheim. Seconded by Senator Todd. Senator Hanna asked if the degrees of MBA and PharmD are distinct and Dean Durst noted the separate set of courses that students take during summers to get this degree. Motion passed.</p> <p>There were questions raised about the role of accepting accreditation report. Senator Gray asked if the reports include the same information as APR reports. Senator Wagenheim said no, but this was an evolution from submitting APR reports to the accreditation report and other questions and then just to accreditation. Senator Gary asked if that comparable information would be helpful. Senator Wagenheim said a program always has the opportunity to submit an APR report in place of their accreditation but it was felt they were already investing time in a more specific discipline based process. Senator Wancour reminded staff this was a new process. Vice-President Bacon noted APR is a faculty governance process and needs to be respected. Senator Epps said for her program, recommendations for enhancement are included as part of the process. Senator Hancock said that Pharmacy accreditation processes are also faculty based, like APR.</p> <p>Senator Wagenheim moved the discontinuation of the Health Illness and Society minor. Seconded by Senator Todd. This was at the programs request. Motion passed.</p> <p>Senator Wagenhim moved to continue with reporting the Automotive programs. This report was delayed to the APR because of a clerical error. Motion passed.</p> <p>The list of reports given extensions were also presented to the senate. Vice-President Bacon noted that the Recreation Leadership program, which he thought had been closed in 2008 was still on the list for review. Provost Blake noted this program was actually on hiatus. Senator Fagerman asked about the list of delays and the reasons behind them. Senator Wagenheim said he has them and can share them with the senate upon request. Senator Mary Bacon expressed concern that some people did not appear to be following the rules.</p>
7.	New Business-

	<p>Because of the short period of time left in the meeting, President Thapa moved the items under new business (Graduate Policy on Admissions; Graduate Policy on Probation and Dismissal, Doctorate of Nursing proposal, Graphic Design program redirection and Associates of Applied Science in Professional Brew Management) to the February meeting.</p>
8.	<p>Announcements. President Eisler deferred his report because of the length of the meeting.</p> <p>Provost Blake also deferred his report, but said that he would review comments made by Professor Goosen concerning the academic program review process.</p>
9.	<p>Open Forum.</p> <p>Emeriti Association President Doug Haneline invited Senators to the upcoming Soup Talk at the United Church. He also discussed their fundraising efforts for the United Way.</p> <p>UCC Chair Fadayomi expressed concern about the items from new business which had to be postponed to the February meeting.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.</p>