

**Ferris State University**  
**Academic Senate Meeting**  
**September 3, 1996 - 10:05 a.m.**

**I. Attendance**

- A. **Senators Present.** Abbasabadi, Anderson, Conati, Ferdowski, Glynn, Green, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Kane, Krumins, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Maas, Moffett, Monson, Nerbonne, Papo, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Stephen, Stich, Thapa, Valas.
- B. **Senators Absent.** Etienne, Holihan, Jameson, Key, Matrosic, Pilgrim, Rupe, Travis, Uniacke (excused), Wininger,
- C. **Guests.** President Sederburg, Provost Abebe, Tom Oldfield, Mike Cooper, Lyle Lunstead

**II. Call to Order**

President R. Moffett called to meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Rankin Center President's Room.

**III. Minutes**

Minutes approved for June 20, 7:00 p.m. session. (Attachment A)

**IV. Open Forum**

No concerns were expressed at this time.

**V. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg briefed the Senate on enrollment figures, 8409 on-campus students and 1000 off-campus. He stated that he and Dr. Bruce Parsons are the Ferris representatives on the Kendall Board of Trustees and that Kendall has an enrollment higher than expected (520 students). He indicated that AC Smith would be the architects for the Library project and that he will make sure that the Senate is represented.
- B. Provost Abebe briefed the Senate on objectives for the 1996-97 academic year. They are 1) discussions to improve the competitiveness of FSU, 2) identify core competencies, and 3) cumulative performance review. He also gave a follow-up on new programs implemented and enhanced programs. In answering questions, Dr. Abebe stated that the Senate will be involved in setting standards for post-tenure review.
- C. President Moffett updated the Senate on Dr. Alex Pomnichowski's condition. Senators are needed from the following colleges:

Technology, Pharmacy, and Optometry. There is a vacancy on the Executive Committee as the Information Officer has left the employ of the University. In addition, an Allied Health representative is needed on the University Curriculum Committee.

**VI. Committee Reports**

- A. University Curriculum Committee - Donna Smith reminded Senators that the deadline for UCC manual revisions is September 6 and informed the Senate that the Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 4, and will be looking at a Spanish minor.
- B. Senate Governance Committee - Greg Key reminded Senators that the University Wide Committee form is due in the Senate Office by September 6. He also stated that there is a vacancy on the Academic Policy and Standards Committee, and that all positions on the Diversity Committee are full.

**VII. New Business**

- A. **President Moffett called for nominations for the Information Officer. Papo moved to nominate John Conati as Information Officer. Heidemann seconded the nomination. Valas moved that nominations be closed. No other nominations were made. Conati elected by acclamation.**
- B. **President Moffett call for a motion that the revisions for the Quantitative Business Major, now to be entitled Quality and Productivity Management be approved. Senator Valas made a motion to approve. Seconded by Maas. Motion passes.**

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Senate will be October 1, 1996, 10:05 a.m., in the President's Room of Rankin Center.

**X. Adjournment**

President Moffett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John A. Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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President, Academic Senate

