

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

April 5, 2016

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

Members absent with cause: Dinardo, Maike, Zimmer

Members absent: None

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Garrison, Nicol, Pilgrim, Reifert, Teahen, Cluchey, Marion, Maixner, Colley, Bishop, Owens, Dood, Franklund, Carrie, Ing, Karafa, Cluchey, Schmidt, Franklund, Cliff, Topcu, Prakasam, Haneline

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Baran moved to approve the minutes. Senator Berghoef seconded. The motion passed.
3.	Open Forum. Senator Alspach noted that there would be a Special Olympics event on April 21, 2016 and encouraged all to participate.
4.	Officer Reports/Provost Report. President Iliapa recognized Sharon Colley from the Nursing program as the winner of the 2016 Distinguished Teacher Award. He also recognized Social Work faculty member (and Senator) Mike Berghoef as the winner of the International Educator award. Vice-President Bacon discussed a document sent in the packet that the union created proposing the faculty role in determining faculty credentials. This issue has come up because of a change in the accreditor rules. He is seeking comments. Senator Briggs asked what resources are available for this. Vice-President Bacon noted that was still something to figure out. Provost Blake said he is also aware of this issue and strongly encourages faculty participation as they work to determine a process. Secretary Isler thanked Senators for her patience in Administrative Assistant Paula Hadley's absence.
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi noted the committee has been working on a series of proposals including the review of programs with changes to the checksheets as part of the MyDegree review. Vice-President Chantell Wooten noted a series of upcoming events including the debate for the new presidential candidates. She also noted that they have recently replaced the head of the finance division. Other events include the Big Event, Beyond Globalization (co-sponsored with Office of International Education) and Pancakes with the President. General Education coordinator Cliff Franklwd said he has completed the membership on subcommittees and the mapping has been completed and then sent back to the colleges for unit review. Once this process is completed, it will be returned to the registrar and scribed in MyDegree. Elections Chair Jim Rumpf noted the elections were successfully completed, including a run-off election in the College of Engineering Technology and College of Pharmacy. Raw data is available to all senators from the Academic Senate office upon request.
6A	Old Business. Academic Proeram Review Revitalization Task Force Proposal.

	<p>Secretary Bacon moved to remove the proposal from the table. Senator Piercey seconded. Motion passed. Secretary Isler noted the exact wording of the proposal was included in the packet. Senator Piercey spoke on behalf of Senator Zimmer who could not attend the meeting to express her concern that this task force was not necessary as the new Provost was addressing implementation issues and they just needed more members of the committee. Senator Fagerman expressed some support over the revised wording but suggested a friendly amendment of the following. 3. Timely implementation back to the APRC of non-program recommendations and general recommendations.” Secretary Isler asked prior to accepting the amendments for reaction from current APRC members. Chair Wagenheim and Senator Todd said the wording would not answer concerns to the motion was rejected as a friendly amendment. A vote was taken to amend the wording which also failed. Senator Berghoef commented that the purpose of recruiting committee members was a responsibility not of a task force, but rather of the vice-president. Senator Klatt expressed support for the good working relationship between the Provost’s Office and Academic Affairs and questioned the need for the Task Force. Motion failed.</p>
6B	<p>Old Business. Graduate Probation Dismissal Policy. Secretary Isler moved to create a task force to revitalize Academic Program Review. Seconded by Senator Piercey. Secretary Isler noted this motion came out of the executive board because of some questions which had come up at various points this year about how to increase the vitality of the process. APR Chair/Senator Matt Wagenheim expressed concern about task forces coming out of an email from another faculty member and a meeting that did not include him. Senator Todd supported this. Senator Piercey noted there was no meeting, and the email in question was only a series of questions, which the e-board was not well enough informed to make specific suggestions to improve things. Wagenheim noted this appeared duplicative of the work of the committee which includes process improvement recommendations which the senate votes on every year. There was also request for more exact wording of the motion. Senator Alspach made a motion to table. Motion to table passed.</p>
6C	<p>Old Business. Graduate Admission Policy. Vice-President Bacon moved to remove the motion from the table. Senator Berghoef seconded. Secretary Isler noted the policy included with the packet was not the correct version. She moved to table the motion until the next meeting when correct language was available. Senator Fagerman seconded. Motion tabled.</p>
7A	<p>Charter Revision Language. Secretary Isler moved to approve the charter language changes. Seconded by Senator Piercey. Isler explained this language helps to address a issue created by previous charter changes. EIO was eliminated as a unit and added to the non-tenure track group without additional representation numbers being added. Senator Alspach noted that the total number of senators would still decrease by one. Senator Mary Bacon noted if they were proportionally represented in the same ratio of tenure-track faculty members they would actually have 5-6 additional members. Senator Rumpf added if the 100 members in the group were all full time? Senator Bacon said yes. Senator Bacon asked why only 1 additional member instead of 2. Senator Wancour said it was a suggested number but an amendment could be made to make it two. Senator Balanda spoke of the issue of faculty governance not divided by union contracts, but rather by a common mission to develop programs. Why did it matter if they were non-tenure track? Senator Lewis also felt in his graduate program it would be very beneficial to allow adjuncts to be included. Senator Alspach also added her support of non-tenure track representing the program as they do over half of the teaching load. Senator Hanna asked Senator Bacon if those 100 members were divided up by college where would they be placed. Senator Bacon said over 80% in Arts and Sciences. Senator Hanna noted that this with the current language would not address the problem of giving EIO another representative and could easily end up as an additional Arts and Sciences representative. Senator Fadayomi agreed. The motion passed.</p>
7B	<p>New Degree- Associate in Arts in Psychology Chair Fadayomi moved to approve the new Associates of Arts in Psychology. Senator Alspach seconded. Senator Gray noted the objections in the packet about the value of this degree. Senator Fadayomi noted this was largely done to assist students to receive Tuition Incentive grants. Motion passed.</p>
7C	<p>Redirection of Current Offering- BSN Pre-Licensure Program Chair Fadayomi moved to approve the redirection of the BSN Pre-Licensure program. Senator Zyla seconded. Program Coordinator Susan Owens was present to answer questions. Senator Briggs asked some questions</p>

	about proposed savings. Coordinator Owens explained by reducing the number of clinical hours, less time for clinical faculty would be needed. Motion passed.
8.	<p>Announcements.</p> <p>President Eisler reported that there were a number of events going on the campus. In the previous weekend he attended the Relay for Life, 25th Anniversary Hospitality Management gala, and 30th Anniversary of the Professional Tennis Management program. The legislative budget process continues and the House proposal is approximately 800,000 le ss. It is currently in committee. There is some language which will cap MSPERS costs for universities (not staff) and thought is being given on how to fund the Tuition Incentive Program.</p> <p>Provost Blake asked all those who could to attend the Deans candidate events in the upcoming weeks.</p>
9.	<p>Open Forum.</p> <p>Library Dean Garrison noted that Nick Shockey from the Scholarly Publishing and Research Coalition will be on campus April 12th and giving a presentation on open access.</p> <p>International Education Director Piram Prakasam encouraged all to come to the International Festival of Cultures event.</p> <p>Senator Fadayomi noted that Ferris would be hosting the Equity in the Classroom Conference in 2017 and she was a co-chair</p> <p>Senator Gray noted the Conference on Aging was being hosted on campus April 8th and 9th.</p>
11.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Isler, Secretary