

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting**

**April 26, 2016- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, C., Bacon, M., Bajor, Balanda, Baran, Brecken, Briggs, Bright, Daubert, Drake, Epps, Fadayomi, Fould, Fox, Gray, Hanna, Isler, Klatt, Lewis, Maike, Mattis, Piercey, Richmond, Rumpf, Thapa, Todd, Wagenheim, Wancour, Zimmer, Zyla

Members absent with cause: Berghoef, Cronk, Dinardo, Hancock, Jenerou

Members absent: None

Ex Officio and Guests: Blake, Damari, Franklund, Garrison, Karfa, Nicol, Reifert, Schult, Teahen, Stone, Hawkins, Ing, Dawson, Marion, Cluchey, Quigley, Johnson, Schmidt, Franklund, Carrie; Haneline

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Brecken moved to approve the minutes. Senator Mattis seconded. The motion passed.
3.	<b>Open Forum.</b> Senator Alspach noted the recognition of the men’s basketball and hockey team coming up later in the meeting and the success of all of the athletic teams and the pride that we should have for our student athletes. Secretary Isler reported on Money Smart Week and encouraged faculty to have their students participate in the “Get Real” financial awareness activity on Wednesday.
4.	<b>Officer Reports/Provost Report.</b> President Thapa recognized the men’s basketball team and football teams for their athletic accomplishments in their season. Photos were taken.  Vice-President Bacon reported on the Library/Historical/Archival Committee’s celebration of former basketball coach Jim Wink with wife Emma Wink as the guest of honor. She was presented with a copy of her husband coaching, which she had never seen before.  Secretary Isler reminded senators that they have one more day to vote on the referendum on Senate Charter changes.
5.	<b>Committee Reports</b> UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi discussed the accomplishments of the UCC committee for the year. They include the discussion about pre-requisite changes, the pre-meetings with Academic Affairs to improve the process, 3 workshops about the process for faculty and the fast-track approval form. Senator Zyla asked if MyDegree was included as part of the new Form D. Chair Fadayomi said yes. Senator Gray asked about course caps and Fadayomi said it had been included on Form B. Vice-President Bacon asked about the content of new forms and when that would occur. Senator Marion noted that the new system should allow prepopulating information for multiple forms.  General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund said he has finalized the 8 outcomes and set up the dual system for the website. Implementation will be in Fall 2017, with the old system running until all students under it have graduated. The committees worked to complete outcomes and now they must be brought back to the colleges. Senator Zyla asked if the new Form D was yet ready. Franklund said he was still working on it.  Student Government was not present to give a report.
6.	<b>Old Business. Graduate Admissions policy.</b> Secretary Isler moved to remove the motion to approve from the table. Senator Piercey seconded. Motion passed. Senator Balanda noted that was is most important was to determine what is not applicable to a

	<p>professional school policy and those of a graduate program policy. Senator Baran noted that the pharmacy school does not require a baccalaureate and 3.0 may not always apply. Senator Gray said he believed there were exceptions and it was not an example. Senator Baran said it depends if the low grades were from the non-applicable classes such as general education. Senator Alspach asked why there were not two. Graduate and Professional Council chair Liza Ing said yes that it was a professional program policy allowed for exceptions. Senator Gray suggested added after 3.0 (except as specified in specific professional program). Senator Lewis noted this was for both professional and graduate program policy, which made it a not very useful policy. He cannot support this proposal. Some have nothing and other like the doctoral program have clear-cut policies. Senator Brecken called the question. Motion carried.</p>
7	<p><b>Closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Biology</b>  Chair Fadayomi moved to approve the closure of the Bachelors of Arts in Biology. Seconded by Senator Fox. Motion passed.</p>
8.	<p><b>Announcements</b>  President Eisler was absent at a WCHA conference.</p> <p>Provost Blake thanked the senators and the officers for their service. He also noted that the deans search is still in process and hopes to be making an announcement in the next few weeks. He also thanked all faculty for their work with students and encouraging them to have a wonderful summer.</p>
9.	<p><b>Open Forum.</b>  President Thapa thanked for his services.</p> <p>Senator Lewis congratulated the club baseball team on their successful season.</p> <p>Senator Fadayomi thanked the University Curriculum Committee for their services.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.</p>