

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

October 4, 2016- 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, C., Bacon, M., Bajor, Balanda, Baran, Berghoef, Briggs, Bright, Conley, Cronk, Drake, Epps, Fadayomi, Foulk, Gray, Hanna, Ing, Isler, Jenerou, Lewis, Maike, Marion, Mattis, Piercey, Rumpf, Shimko, Stone, Thapa, Todd, VanLent, Zimmer, Zyla

Members absent with cause: Brecken, Dinardo, Wancour

Members absent: Hancock

Ex Officio and Guests: Blake, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Franklund, Garrison, Jackson, Haik, Potter, Reifert, Teahen, Martin, Schmidt, Dawson, Johnson, Hawkins, Borokovich, Franklund, Carrie. Olszewski, J.

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes. Senator Bacon seconded. The motion passed.
3.	Open Forum. Senator Marion related part of an incident which lead to his stepping down as the faculty market adjustment pay chair. He was interrupted by President Thapa who ruled he was out of order because this was a union issue and not relevant to the Senate. Senator Marion said he would finish the story after the meeting for any interested individuals.
4.	Officer Reports President Thapa encouraged applicants to apply for the UCC and APRC chair positions and noted that the release time had been changed. IT was now 35% for the UCC chair and 40% for the APRC chair. He discussed the image of Ferris State University and how it has compared in the rankings to places like Grand Valley State University. He also noted changes/clarification should be coming in relation to the APRC process as it relates to minors and certificates. Vice-President Bacon reported that the senate should be forming an ad-hoc task force relating to the creation of a graduate school at Ferris. Secretary Isler stated the charter ballots would be going out to all faculty by October 10 th .
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi demonstrated the electronic version of the Form A. Senator Peircey noted an error in that the Form G was not able to be tabled like the others. Senator Drake asked about the hold function for Academic Affairs. Chair Fadayomi noted that it can be held for pedagogical reasons and it has happened. General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund deferred his report until the action item later in the agenda. Student Government vice president Josh Olszewski reported on the need for increased transparency and meaningful expenses. 7 additional members joined in the last week. There is now a president's council and a RSO spotlight. Senator Alspach asked if the new finance forms were available. Vice-President Olszewski said yes.
6a	Conversations with Senate- Bruce Borkovich, Director of Public Safety. Public Safety director Bruce Borkovich thanked the Senate for the opportunity to give updates. His staff are working on tactical training, using the currently vacant Taggart Hall. They are focusing on the shift in active shooter training. Soon there will be a video about the training available via the website, which is a shift in the way it had been made available in the past. He opened the floor to questions from Senator. Vice-President Bacon asked where the Clery report was. Director Borkovich noted it was in the annual report, and was along with

	<p>other information. Bacon noted that Kendall and off campus sites did not include stats which made the report look worse. Borkovich noted that in those instances we are dependent on local police for the information. Vice-Bacon also noted that several classrooms in Science do not have bolted doors and good options for escape. Senator Zyla asked how they handle students who have restraining orders. Borkovich asked that instructors notify the department if they are made aware of a situation. Senator Lewis noted there could be privacy/ FERPA issues involved and suggested that General Counsel be involved in creating a process. Senator Todd noted security issues including theft in the Swan building and asked what needs to be done to reactivate the security system. Director Borkovich suggested that they contact Dean Schult to see about funding for such a project. Senator Gray noted that that cameras are in the University Center and Granger and asked about access. Director Borkovich stated that they have access to the feed and limited staff within the building. John Schmidt noted that the cameras currently on in Granger have been placed not to monitor students and employees and have had minimal effect in being able to identify crime.</p>
7a	<p>General Education Assessment Plan</p> <p>Senator Piercey moved to approve the General Education Assessment Plan. Senator Alspach seconded. Coordinator Franklund summarized his presentation from the retreat, noting that this changes General Education from being based on seat time to outcomes (and use of data for more than just collection). He also described the 6 steps for data collection. Vice-President Bacon had several questions: 1) was this a first reading 2) No online assessment? 3) Is diverging from the 95% completion interval a good choice and 4) this method does not involve access to TracDat? Secretary Isler and Parliamentarian Lewis confirmed this was a motion on the floor. Coordinator Franklund noted that online assessment should be included as part of the model. Coordinator Franklund said this was a science standard for confidence intervals but he was open to changing. And he would work with Vice-President Bacon to get access to TracDat. Senator Stone noted that while supporting this proposal, she noted concerns about the inability to de-identify courses taught by one instructor. Dr. Franklund said this was why they created aggregated groups. Senator Maiké asked if the categories will be available in TracDat. Dr. Franklund said not at this point, but he would be happy to set them up. Senator Foulk, although supportive of the idea, questioned what constituted a program. Coordinator Franklund said areas such as cultural competencies can be added into the system. It is hoped a department would be identified as the stakeholder. Senator Berghoef suggested moving to a 90% confidence interval would change the credibility of the outcomes. Senator Zyla asked if rubric could be designed for outcomes. Franklund said the rubrics could be transcribed to aggregate data. The motion passed.</p>
8.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>President Eisler thanked Coordinator Franklund for their work on General Education. He also discussed his pride in the student initiative to clean up the alleys in Big Rapids. He also continues to have discussions about the financial situation, including the data from prior years, he has had a forum about enrollment and it will be a topic for the SPARC group. He also has set up a series of listening groups to gather input from faculty. (Senator Stone noted that another great action by a student group was the creation of the food pantry).</p> <p>Provost Blake recognized a student who presented to the Board of Trustees and noted that each student matters. In recent weeks the Transfer Center has had sessions with 50 students about the closure of ITT. Twenty-four have already committed to attend Ferris State University. He has met with the Assessment Committee regarding their role in the Qualitative Initiative and plans a follow up meeting to draft a group with ownership and assessment. Senator Hanna asked it was yet available? Provost Blake said it was still in draft form</p>
9.	<p>Open Forum.</p> <p>Senator Lewis reminded the group of our slogan Imagine More. Senator Alspach noted that they have been hosting the Rwandan debate team.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.</p>