

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

November 2, 2016- 10:00 a.m.

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

Members absent with cause: Jenerou, Piercey

Members absent: Maike, Mattis

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Damari, Durst, Franklund, Cliff; Garrison, Nicol, Reifert, Schult, Teahen, Franklund, Carrie; Dawson, Lipar, Haneline, Hawkins, Topcu

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Bacon moved to approve the minutes. Senator Alspach seconded. The motion passed.
3.	Open Forum. Senator Alspach reminded faculty that during the registration process all online courses are closed for priority registration for off-campus students. Athletes, who may need these courses because of their schedules, can only be placed in them at the approval of the faculty. She noted this is sometimes necessary because of our limited facilities for practice.
4.	Officer Reports President Thapa thanked President Eisler for his support of the Academic Senate. Vice-President Bacon reported that Senator Gary Todd has been appointed as the new Academic Program Review Chair and that the Health Promotions Task Force was being formed. They will formalize the broadening of the committee structure to include non-faculty. Secretary Isler reported that the charter amendment to increase the number of non-tenure track faculty has increased from 2-3 and will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their December meeting.
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi demonstrated the new combined Forms E/F and the new outcomes update form (which is automatically forwarded to the Dean's office. Senator Gray noted that the simplified forms are an improvement but would like a line added in, which gives the proposer a chance to explain why the change needed to occur. A question was raised about the fast track form and whether or not all signatures need to occur in order or concurrently. Chair Fadayomi said that they must all be completed before being submitted to the UCC. The new forms will be operational in January 2017. Senator Gray asked about attached checksheets? Chair Fadayomi said these now are part of the MyDegree process and must be submitted there. Senator Balanda asked who signed where the line was for Program/Dept Faculty. Chair Fadayomi said this was a condensed form and the longer form can be used. Senator Hanna pointed out that for ABET accreditation, faculty support is required and the vote tallies need to be taken and cannot be changed by a single individual. He suggested using the same signatures as the Form A. General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund stated he is working on the updates to the general education website to reflect recent changes Student Government representative presented the Student Government report. He noted the president has stepped down and they are working on the recruitment of members. The Community Outreach Committee is planning a Sweet Cases event in the University Center on November 5 th (this event provides suitcases and some clothes for their moves.) He also discussed the upcoming Leadership Dinner. Senator Hanna asked who

	<p>defined leadership- and Mr. Law noted all RSO presidents were appointed with one guest. He also noted the change in allowing RSO membership into the assembly which has been simplified.</p>
6a	<p>Conversations with Senate- Robbie Teahen, NSSE. Associate Provost Robbie Teahen presented the results of the National Survey on Student Engagement. Because of cost and the results in previous years, they are not doing the Faculty Survey this year. She made a note that those who are not specifically enrolled in a baccalaureate program (such as TIP students), are excluded from the survey. Our snapshot shows a slightly higher response in our freshman but some slight declines in our senior data. Senator Stone noted that the numerical analysis question/research may relate in part to the removal of the campus license for SPSS. Senator Hanna asked how the Great Lakes data set corresponds with our specific type of college? Teahen noted because of our varied programs it is hard to compare us to a completely equivalent school. Vice-President commented it is hard to value research when 290/490 classes are not compensated. Senator Wancour noted that much of her students work in Dental Hygiene is lab based and therefore there is less take-home work. Senator Brecken commented on off-campus programs.</p> <p>General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund presented on some extractions out of the NSSE data. He noted that multiple logistical regressions can show that advising is the greatest factor relating to student retention. Vice-President Bacon noted that this is in spite of the increase of professional advisors. Due to technical difficulties, President Thapa ended the presentation in order to complete the agenda on time.</p>
7a	<p>Program Closure of Pre-Law Chair Fadayomi moved to close the pre-law program. President Thapa seconded. Fadayomi noted that this was at the request of the program. Motion passed 96% to 4%.</p>
7a	<p>Program Closure of Quality Engineering Technology Chair Fadayomi moved to close the program. Senator Drake Seconded. Senator Bacon asked for some clarification as to when this program was closed? Senator Todd noted it had been recommended for closure several years ago by APR but they allowed students to finish out their degree. Senator Drake said there were no students currently in the program. Motion passed 85% to 15%.</p>
7b	<p>Graduation Scholarship Policy Senator Ing moved to approve the graduate scholarship policy. Secretary Isler seconded. Senator Stone asked what happened if a department had a different policy. Was it meant to convey a message on standardization? Senator Ing said the purpose was to set a standard that faculty in graduate programs must do scholarly work but not dictate a model. Vice-President Bacon moved to postpone and refer to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee, seconded by Alspach. Motion to postpone passed.</p>
7c	<p>Transfer Policy for Pass/Fail Courses Senator Bacon moved to approve this policy. Senator Balanda seconded. Academic Standards and Policy chair Jim Nystrom said that the committee unanimously supported this policy. Senator Alspach raised concern in that no-credit/no-fail are not judged on the same levels a pass-fail course. It could be d minus level work and the student transferring would be required to get the credit for it. She was concerned about the language and the standards. Senator Berghoef also raised concerns and suggested that the registrar be consulted. Senator Epps said using pass/fail was the official stance of the university. Berghoef made a motion to postpone the question, seconded by Vice-President Bacon. The motion to postpone passed.</p>
8.	<p>Announcements President Eisler and Provost Blake were not present to report.</p>
9.	<p>Open Forum. Senator Balanda raised concerns with the shutting down of Dr. Franklund's presentation in order to have a shorter meeting. President Thapa responded it was his job to end the meetings no later than 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Secretary Isler reminded the senators of the APR night meeting on November 28th.</p> <p>Senator Todd encouraged any faculty who were free on Saturday to come watch the robotics competition.</p> <p>Senator Alspach discussed the successful Foundation Gala.</p>

10.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.