

**Minutes
 Ferris State University
 Academic Senate Meeting
 December 6, 2016- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, C., Bacon, M., Bajor, Balanda, Baran, Berhoef, Briggs, Conley, Cronk, Drake, Fadayomi, Faulk, Gray, Ing, Isler, Maike, Marion, Mattis, Piercey, Rumpf, Shimko, Stone, Thapa, Todd, VanLent, Wancour, Zimmer, A. Dinardo, R. Lewis, D. Bright, A. Epps, D. Hanna, E. Zyla

Members absent with cause: A. Jenerou, K. Hancock

Members absent:

Ex Officio and Guests: Schmidt, Teahen, Biller, Dawson, Hawkins, Owens, Adeyanju, Haik, Martin, Olszewski

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Conley moved to approve the minutes. Senator Ing seconded. The motion passed.
3.	Open Forum. Senator Berghoef made a statement concerning some issues with this year's APR process. The fact that there were no process recommendations or general recommendations given the many issues that were raised both in the minor programs and some of the major program. The outgoing chair did not include ongoing concerns because they were ongoing or just perennial issues which did not warrant inclusion. He suggested the new council review the November meeting and those issues and begin their year with a critical review of the way that it was handled this year. Senators and panelists are also encouraged to articulate concerns and send them to the APRC. One example was the lack of meaningful conversation during the program meetings.
4.	Officer Reports President Thapa said that the approved Charter amendments would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees at their December meeting. Vice-President Bacon had no report. Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi noted that they continue to move curriculum proposals through the process. Six of them have been in a holding pattern for months because of lack of response from the programs. They have also discussed the certificate issue and the minimum requirement of 6 credits. There are also changes to the UCC manual which will be coming up later in the meeting. General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund was not present to give a report. Student Government representative presented the Student Government report. He reported on the Corn Hole Tournament with GVSU, the Leadership dinner and the Sweet Cases projects. He said that the organization is still recruiting new members but has added some in the past month.
6a	Graduate Scholarship Policy Senator Balanda moved to remove this from the table. Senator Berghoef seconded. Senator Balanda said they met with the Graduate and Professional Council and feels this policy in current form does not bind those whose programs use another policies. Changes include the heading and removal of the requirement of Digital Measures for assessment. Senator Todd asked if this meant Digital Measures was no longer on campus. Senator Balanda said there have been some union challenges to requiring this as a sole measure, so they took that on. Senator Alspach expressed support saying this supports scholarship in different forms. Senator Hanna asked how this would be used to push back against faculty not doing scholarship. Senator Alspach commented that this model includes professional development and service. Senator Gray suggested this be

	used and connected in some way with promotion/merit policies. Senator Ing commented that this is a policy really aimed only at graduate faculty. Motion passed 81%-19%.
6b	<p>Academic Affairs Transfer Policy</p> <p>Senator Balanda moved to remove this from the table. Senator Mary Bacon seconded. Senator Balanda said they had reviewed the credit / no-credit issue and feels that the language is clear as long as the programs are clear on their own policies for accepting that. Senator Alspach asked if a specific program can have a different program-specific policy for their own requirements. Senator Balanda said yes. Motion passed 93% -7%.</p>
7a	<p>RN to BSN Curriculum (New Program)</p> <p>Chair Fadayomi moved to support the RN to BSN curriculum. Senator Brecken seconded. Senator Briggs expressed concern that this is an existing program in a different location, and she felt this set a precedent that would create a lot of exte programs which suddenly would need to go through the curriculum process. Senator Zyla said this program had to do with the associates level degree changes and admissions. Chair Fadayomi said it was sent to the UCC as a new program. Senator Hanna asked how the courses had changed? Coordinator Sue Owens said that it was not specifically all new course but the configuration in the way that they had to be taken. Motion passed 92%-8%,</p>
7b	<p>Associates Degree in Information Security and Intelligence (New Program)</p> <p>Chair Fadayomi moved to support the Associates in Information Security and Intelligence. Senator Mary Bacon seconded. Senator Briggs raised questions about this approved checksheet including General Education courses when at a program meeting in her college, General Education Coordinator Cliff Franklund said that the specific courses had not been finalized. Chair Fadayomi said that the Senate had approved the broad outlines so they could approve this checksheet. Senator Briggs said mixed messages were being sent,. Senator Todd noted this was the third associates degree the Senate has seen this year (in response to allowing TIP students to use it) and questioned whether or not this was a valuable degree which made a graduate employable). Senator Foulk questioned whether or not 400 level courses could be allowed in an associates degree. Senator Alspach noted the proposal had been approved by Financial Aid to do so. Senator Berghoef also expressed concerns that this was a viable degree. Motion passed 76% to 12% to 12%.</p>
7c	<p>University Curriculum Manual Updates</p> <p>Chair Fadayomi moved to approve the changes to the University Curriculum Manual as presented. Senator Mary Bacon seconded. Senator Alspach asked if Fadayomi truly meant it was a blanket approval . Senator Lewis said he trusted the expertise of the committee and had no issues with this. Senator Briggs asked what would be a different way. Senator Alspach said review just the policies section and do so section by section. Senator Gray said that this might lead to a lot of unnecessary nitpicking while the group most likely agrees with 90% of it. Chair Fadayomi said that would not be necessary because the process had already investigated the history of what was reviewed and asked about. There was a motion to call the question. Motion passed 57% to 39%-4%. The main motion to approve the manual failed 41%-59%.</p> <p>Senator made a motion to approve policies, section by section. Seconded by Vice-President Charles Bacon. Motion passed. 84%-16%.</p> <p>Senator Ing moved to approve Section 1. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Motion passed 92%-4%-4%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 2.1. Motion approved 96% to 4%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 2.2. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Motion passed 79%-11%. Senator Alspach moved to approve Section 3.0. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Senator Todd noted that these links do change and that the manual should be able to be updated without Senate vote. Motion passed 88%-12%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 3.1. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Discussion was had about 3.1.1 associates degrees. Senator Briggs pointed out that the A.A.S. degree follows a different standard. Senator Hanna noted the language was unclear. President Eisler suggested removing the specific language and putting in a link to the actual policies referred to. Emeriti President Doug Haneline noted that policy does not really reflect all degrees. Motion passed 89%-11%. The senate then realized they had only completed the edits for section 3.1. 1 so Senator Alspach made a motion to reconsider section 3.1seconded by Senator Ing. Motion passed 89%-19%. Senator Briggs questioned whether the transfer credits were 45 or 90. Senator Lewis pointed out to</p>

	<p>Provost Blake that if it is the higher number, that renders many of the 3+1 programs invalid. The decision was made to remove the sentence reading “It is expected that a maximum of one-half of the total hours required for completion of the degree at Ferris may be transferred from non-bachelor degree institutions which have articulated agreements with Ferris, in such case, additional lower division courses required for a Ferris bachelor’s degree may be transferred.” In section 3.14 the degree “Doctorate of Nursing practice was also added. Motion passed 79%-21%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 3,2. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Gray asked why the dropping of the minimum of 7 credits and why was that done. Senator Ing asked for the history of this number. Senator said this was to accommodate the larger minors which have 21 credits and offered it in 4 credit hour blocks instead of three. The recommendation was to restore that language back to 7 hours. Motion passed 89%-4%-7%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 3.3. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Motion passed 89%-4%-7%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 3.4. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Motion passed 97%-3%. Senator Ing moved to approve Section 3.5. Seconded by Senator Mary Bacon. Chair Fadayomi noted most of the changes are just to reflect the changes to the forms. Senator Hanna noted that “without approval of the instructor” would be preferable to “without consultation of the instructor and asked when that section had been altered. Senator Alspach said the language was done in 2012 when the last revisions occurred and it was a fight to get that language in. Motion passed 72%-21%-7%. Senator Lewis moved to approve all of the procedures in the manual Seconded by Senator Epps. Motion passed 84%-14%.</p>
8.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>President Eisler noted the death of alumni Rose (Criminal Justice) and said it would be noted at Police Memorial in May 2017. Campus Safety continues to work on projects on campus, including training for CPR. The state budget has finalized and has not included a provision that would not allow higher education money to be taken from the school aid fund. He also congratulated both the volleyball and football teams on a successful season and invited senators to attend the holiday reception.</p> <p>Provost Blake said that the first meeting of the graduate committee will occur this week, and thanked faculty for attending commencement, and the student government for all of their good work. Senator Alspach suggested the Provost consider adding a fall break to the calendar.</p>
9.	<p>Open Forum.</p> <p>Senator Zimmer noted that concerning issues raised with the APR process, that they cannot make recommendations when they do not have full information. Much of the work occurs prior to the Senate meeting. The guide is not perfect but covers many programs.</p> <p>Senator and incoming APR chair Gary Todd noted the group will discuss the lack of general recommendations.</p> <p>Senator Berghoef asked the Executive Committee to explain why the chair’s release time was reduced. President Thapa said this was in part to add release time for UCC without adding to the budget.</p> <p>Senator Todd asked about the construction project in Swan Building. He noted as part of the construction project, the bridge entryway to one side of the building was scheduled to be torn down the following day. He noted that this was a safety hazard as there would only be one egress for the building in the event of an emergency.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.</p>