

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
January 10, 2017- 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, Fox, Gray, Hancock, Hanna, Ing, Isler, Jenerou, Lewis, Mattis, Piercey, Shimko, Stone, Thapa Todd, VanLent

Members absent with cause: Foulk, Maike, Marion, Rumpf, Wancour, Zimmer, Zyla

Members absent: None

Ex Officio and Guests: Durst, Franklund, Garrison, Jackson, Haik, Nicol, Teahan, Johnson, L., Hawkins, Martin, McKean, Schlessner, Franklund, Carrie; Greene, Johnson, M.

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| 1. | President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes. Senator Mary Bacon moved to approve the minutes. Senator Conley seconded. Secretary Isler noted that there would be additions to the comments made in Open Forum, including the full text of the remarks as requested by Senator Bajor. Senator Balanda noted a typo in 6a where the word “ould” should be changed to “could. The motion passed 84% to 4% with 7% abstaining. . |
| 3. | Open Forum. There were no comments made in the Open Forum. |
| 4. | Officer Reports President Thapa had no report. Vice-President Bacon reported that the Health Promotions Task Force would be meeting on January 19 th . They hoped to meet the deadline to report back to the Senate by the March meeting. Secretary Isler had no report. |
| 5. | Committee Reports UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi encouraged the senators to come and spread word in their college about the UCC workshop on January 19 th in FLITE 110. This workshop demonstrated the new fast track form and the copies. The revisions to the UCC manual approved by the Senate are finished and a copy of the manual will be sent out to the senators. General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund was not present to give a report. Student Government had no report. |
| 6a | NSSE Data and Longitudinal Analysis General Education Coordinator and Assessment Coordinator Cliff Franklund gave an analysis of the national survey of student engagement as a way to evaluate student success and retention. He noted that with a biannual survey there are many data points but the limitations are that it is an indirect measure only given to bachelors degree students, is a sample of convenience and some questions were modified in 2013. He tried to predict outcomes for retention using environmental factors and advising using multiple logistic regression. He concluded that student satisfaction correlates with retention and can be modeled with relatively few factors and more information is needed about structures of identified factors. Associate Provost Teahan noted that with the change in the Institutional Research office, they will now be able to offer the survey to associates degree students. Senator Peircey noted that it is hard to define “happy with academic advising” and that may not be equivalent to quality of advising. Senator Bacon asked if they were equally weighted and Dr. Franklund noted it was weighted by the individual coefficient. Senator Hanna asked if it would be possible to compare the satisfaction question with the question on the FSSE data (Faculty Survey of Student Engagement). Dr. Franklund said yes but he had not reviewed it. Senator Alspach noted that it might generate a discussion of |

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| | <p>the addition of professional advisors. Senator Berghoef asked if the survey included off campus. Dr. Franklund said yes and analysis shows that the results for the Big Rapids campus and other campuses are remarkably consistent. Senator Hanna asked if a subset of a particular college or program can be gathered. Dr. Franklund said yes but smaller samples sizes are not statistically significant. Senator Balandá brought up the issue of whether or not the survey can determine how successful General Education is. Dr. Franklund noted that it was difficult to differentiate. Senator Peirce said that he felt the two significant points would be the importance of the entire experience and the definition of what would be a coherent Ferris experience.</p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>Announcements President Eisler and Provost Blake were not present.</p> <p>President Thapa welcomed Senator Bernadette Fox in the new non-tenure track faculty position created through the recently approved charter revisions.</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>Open Forum. Senator Alspach noted that on January 25th, the Sports Communication Speaker Series would restart with alumnus Ira Childress.</p> <p>Senator Piercey encouraged senators to attend events in the upcoming Festival of the Arts.</p> <p>Associate Provost Roberta Teahen encouraged all to attend a documentary of “Equal Means Equal:” sponsored by Academic Affairs an a number of organizations.</p> <p>Senator Drake noted that the Woodbridge Math Counts Contests will be on campus February 5 – 7;</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.</p> |
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