

Ferris State University

Academic Senate

Minutes of the Meeting

November 3, 1992

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Bacon, Bandstra, Bartholome, Beetley, Billings, Breault, Brown, Caskey, Conati, Etienne, Griffin, Haneline, Heidemann, Holihan, Horn, Kebler, Key, Keys, King, Matrosic, Peterson, Pommichowski, Rupe, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Spaulding, Teferra, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Valas, von der Osten, Whitmore.

1.2 Members Absent. Anderson (excused), Burtch, Cook (excused), Kosanovich (excused), Uniacke (excused).

1.3 Guests. I. Barnes, T. Cook, N. Coso, J. Elfrink, N. Emmanuel, T. Oldfield, H. Popovich, F. Swartz, T. Walsh.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Approval of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved.

Open Forum

4.1 Fred Swartz, representing the Outcomes Assessment Council, requested that the Senators attend a special session with Swartz, to talk about the relationship between outcomes assessment and the classroom.

Announcements

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has met. This committee will ask all employees to recommend changes to the Strategic Plan. Individual and group comments on goals and strategies should be sent to the committee. Changes will be made during Winter Quarter.

5.2 Popovich reviewed line item allocations to support Academic Affairs that the Board of Control made when approving the final budget at its October meeting.

5.3 Popovich announced that Don Priebe will be leaving his position as Executive Assistant to the President due to a long-term disability. This position will be moved over to University Advancement. An Acting Vice President of University Advancement will be appointed to raise private money for the university.

5.4 Popovich revealed the Search Committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The members are Stuart Travis, Business; Elaine Nienhouse, Library; Gary Huey, Arts and Sciences; Warren Klope, Technology; Kim Weaver, Education; Elsie Lovsted, Pharmacy; Bob Large, Career Planning/Placement Services; Duncan Sargent, Enrollment Services; and Kimberly Morris, student. The committee will be chaired by Tom Oldfield, Acting Head of the Biology Department.

President Breault

6.1 President Breault announced that some Senate Executive Committee members met in Focus Groups with other campus leaders and public relations consultants to discuss the institutional climate and campus communications problems. .

6.2 Breault recommended that Senators read the Board Reports. These are available in the Senate office a few days before board meetings.

6.3 Breault reported that she had sent a thank-you letter to the Board of Control for the luncheon.

6.4 Breault noted that the Strategic Planning Committee plans to hold hearings on the four directives of the Strategic Plan during the week of February 8, 1993. The final document will be published by April 6, so the Senate will need to have a special meeting in April to approve the Strategic Plan.

6.5 Breault has sent a letter to Vice President Barnes requesting that the Senate have input into appointments to the Timme Center Committee. Breault has also notified Barnes that the Senate wants to be involved in the formulation of an Ethics Committee. In response to a request from Barnes, the Senate Executive Committee has appointed Senators Leigh Caskey and Linda Travis to the Distance Learning Task Force.

Special Report

Nick Coso, Off Campus Instruction

7.1 Tom Cook and Nick Coso, GILL, explained that faculty teaching off-campus courses are hired in close connection with the respective on-campus departments.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

8.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that the UCC has completed appointments to the Graduate/Professional Council. Khagendra Thapa, Technology, will remain on the council, and Michael Cooper, Business, will join the council.

8.2 Etienne noted that the Undergraduate Council still has openings which need to be filled by volunteers from Pharmacy and Education.

8.3 Etienne stated that the UCC is dealing with minor changes in semester conversion at this time.

Senate Appointments Committee

9.1 For Chairwoman Travis, President Breault announced openings on the university-wide committees which remain to be filled.

New Business

Certificate Programs

10.1 Haneline moved that the Academic Senate direct the University Curriculum Committee to develop a policy in regard to certificate programs at Ferris State University and propose curricular guidelines for such programs. Etienne supported.

10.2 Haneline moved to call for the question. Bacon supported. The motion carried.

10.3 The main motion carried.

Closure of Enrollment in Master's of Accountancy Program

11.1 Thapa moved that the Senate endorse the closure of enrollment in the Master's of Accountancy Program by Winter 1992, as approved by the faculty in the Accountancy Department and the College of Business. Valas supported.

11.2 Rupe moved to refer the matter to the University Curriculum Committee. G. Slywka supported. The move to refer failed.

11.3 The main motion carried. Keys and Whitmore abstained.

Academic Program Review Timetable

12.1 Haneline moved that the Senate accept the revised Academic Program Review Timetable for the 1992-93 academic year. Heidemann supported. The motion carried.

Open Forum

13.1 Greg Key, Technology, noted that the Academic Program Review Timetable requests that a monitoring process be sent to programs which have been reviewed and are to be monitored. Vice President Barnes responded that she and the Deans are working on this.

13.2 Lynn Bartholome, Arts and Sciences, requested a progress report on Media Distribution. Vice President Barnes stated that Media Distribution will continue to operate as is this year. New procedures will go into effect on July 1, 1993.

Next Meeting

14.1 The next meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, December 1, 1992, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Adjournment

15.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
