

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, May 3, 2000  
10:30 a.m.  
VFS 328**

I. **Call to Order: President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

**Senators Present:** Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Claerhout, Clarke, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Griffin, Hancock, Hanna, Jablonski, Johnson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nista, Nelson, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Shepler, Stern, Squicciarini, Vermeer, Westhoven

**Senators Absent:** Balcerzak, Conati, Ryan, Speirs (excused), Thapa (excused), Winger (excused).

**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Sue Hammersmith, Tom Oldfield, John Thorp, Renato Cerdona

III. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Senator Stern**, with support from **Senator Abbasabadi**, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2000, 10:00 a.m. session as written. Motion carries.

**Motion by Senator Stern**, with support from **Senator Johnson**, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2000, 11:00 a.m. session with a correction to **Item IV, Open Forum**, regarding Senator Parry's comments. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

**Senator Shepler** expressed a concern, brought to her by a student, regarding an instructor reducing assignments at the end of the semester after the majority of the students failed to complete all of the assignments. The student reported that she had completed all assignments and felt that the change was not fair.

V. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of pending action items (**See Attachment A**).

VI. **New Business**

A. **Elementary Education Certification – Biology Minor – Senator Westhoven**, with support from **Senator Squicciarini**, moved to approve the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.

B. **Elementary Education Certification – Biology Major – Senator Nista**, with support from **Senator Johnson**, moved to approve the new major. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.

- C. **Elementary Education Certification – Social Studies Minor – Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Ferdowski, moved to approve** the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.
- D. **Elementary Education Certification – Social Studies Major – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nista, moved to approve** the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.
- E. **Dissolution of the Senate Budget Planning Committee – Senator Papo, with support from Senator Parry, moved to disband** the Senate Budget Planning Committee. Following a brief discussion, President Konrad called for a show of hands vote. Ayes: 22, Nays: 6, Abstentions: 2. Motion carries.

#### VII. Announcements

- A. **Vice President Chapman** updated the Senators on current Dean searches. She also informed the Senate that she had made a decision on the proposed Opticianry Program revisions. She stated that she did not approve the addition of the refractometry course to the curriculum. The other proposed changes will be implemented.
- B. **President Konrad** reminded the Senators that the Senate Retreat would be held August 22, 2000. One item for discussion will be the recommendations from the Curriculum Task Force.

#### VIII. Open Forum

**Senator Pilgrim** commended University College Dean William Potter for his support of faculty and student activities.

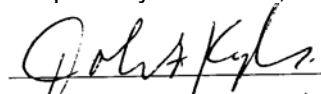
**Senator Claerhout** asked if the Social Sciences major and minor for elementary education would be expanding their curriculum to include secondary education majors.

**Senator Klope** asked Senators to e-mail Senate E-Board members if they had ideas for a new budget committee.

**Senator Parry** commended those faculty members mentioned in the recently released Marketing Survey done by Dr. Keigley's students.

#### IX. Adjournment – **President Konrad** adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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Cindy Konrad, President