

**Minutes
Ferris State University
September 5, 2017- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Epps, Zyla, Wancour, Moore, Berghoef, Gray, Thomson, Bacon, Daubert, Conley, Weaver, Balanda, Johnson, Stone, Fadayomi, Marion, Bajor, Wolfer, Inabinett, Shimko, VanLent, Isler, Wyss, Ing, Aslakson, Dinardo, Baran, Axford, Drake, Bright, Rumpf, Desmond, Todd, Maike
 Members absent with cause: Alspach
 Members absent: Hanna
 Ex Officio and Guests: Maixner, Fox, M. Bacon, Nicol, Reifert, Adeyanju, Damari, Schult, Durst, Teahan, Johnson, Blake, Johnson L., Hawkins, Jackson, Haik, Bentley, Templin, Percy, Prakasam, Sunken

1.	President Bacon called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Mary Bacon moved to approve the minutes. Senator Epps seconded. The motion passed 98% to 2%.
3.	Open Forum. There were no issues discussed in Open Forum.
4.	Officer Reports/ President Report President Bacon welcomed all Senators to a new year. He noted that Senator Chuck Drake would be serving as Elections chair for the fall election of non-tenure track members. He encouraged all Senators to apply for committee service for the year. Vice-President Alspach was absent on institutional travel. President Bacon read her report which discussed the activities relating to the formation of committees and the importance of the involvement of faculty. Committees will be reporting regularly to the senate. Secretary Isler thanked Senator Epps who has agreed to serve as the parliamentarian.
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Rusty Leonard was in class and his report was deferred. Senator Conley spoke on the General Education Committee. She noted that there were several presentations during Welcome Week and the new websites are operational. The committee would be meeting again that week. Lee Templin, a member of the Athletic Advisory Committee (speaking for the chair who was in class) on an initiative that the committee was working on to document an athletes time- to figure out the amount of time spent in training, practice, study and service requirements. They were in the process of designing a short survey for athletes to complete. Dean Haik asked where the results would be available. Professor Templin said that was a good questions, but that they would first be presented to the Athletics Department. This is meant to be an ongoing project that will continue on beyond this year. Senator Drake said the non-tenure track elections should be completed by the October meeting. There was no old business so the Senate moved to new business.
7.	Motion to approved Study Abroad procedures. Senator Epps made a motion to approve the study abroad procedures. Senator Zyla seconded. Senator Isler made a motion to amend the procedures to list the date of the Study Abroad fair as no later than the third week in October. A small group convened by Academic Affairs had noted this as a much more realistic date. Senator Thomson noted that the current dates have things happening a full month before proposals are actually due. Senator Epps noted that it is important to have the fair prior to registration because it allows for planning of classes that may impact the ability to participate in a spring or summer session. Senator Moore added support for that view but also saw the advantage of more time to finish proposals. International Education director

	<p>Piram Prakasam noted that the standard is the Michigan State model which has an 18 month period for the planning of a proposal and an early fair. Senator Berghoef noted that the group was focused on this year and not necessarily the overall procedures when choosing this years date. Senator Marion asked how many proposals are still in process. Prakasam noted 12 are currently in the process. The motion to amend the proposal passed 55% to 44% with 1% abstaining. Senator Gray asked about the possibility for exceptions for proposals which were not able to utilize that timetable and who can authorize that. Prakasam noted the study abroad proposals are ultimately decided at the dean's office level, and not by the international education office. The motion passed 88% to 6% with 6% abstaining.</p>
8	<p>Ferris Capital Campaign University Advancement and Marketing Vice President Shelly Percy came to discuss the University capital campaign which was in a silent phase and would be going public at the Foundation gala in November 2017. They have had unprecedented support for students, academics. They have had several key funders including Jeff Rowe of Diplomat Pharmacy. Honorary faculty chairs for this include emeriti Bob Friar and Bob Carter. The campaign has an 80 million dollar goal and they are at approximately 30 million. The Ferris Futures Scholarship has helped to create 3.1 new million scholarships. It also focuses on programs including the PGM program and its new learning center. They would like to get more faculty involved by identifying alumni and appropriate uses for significant gifts. Senator Gray asked if the gala would have a more prominent speaker than recent years. Percy noted that they had Ally Reisman, Olympic gymnast and have had speakers every year. They are offering reduced price tickets for faculty and staff. Senator Ing asked if money can go toward graduate level programs. Percy said yes, but in order to qualify for Ferris Futures matching they would need to apply for an exception (which has already occurred for Pharmacy and Optometry.)</p>
9	<p>Announcements President Eisler was not present to give a report.</p> <p>Provost Blake discussed his enthusiasm to work more closely with the Senate Executive Committee and we appreciate their input, revisions, process and forum to work through policies and issues for academics. He noted the innovative pedagogy in the classroom and looks forward to the opening of the Shoah project and its potential use in the classroom.</p>
10.	<p>Open Forum Senator Berghoef asked for a status of the Academic Amnesty proposal. Senator Balanda noted it had been held up by the inability of Banner to be programmed to handle the issues. Senator Wancour noted other universities had made it work with banner.</p>
10.	<p>Senator Marion made a motion to adjourn. Senator Maike seconded. Motion passed 87% to 10%. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.</p>