

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
October 3, 2017- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Epps, Zyla, Moore, Alspach, Berghoef, Gray, Thomson, Bacon, Daubert, Conley, Weaver, Balanda, Johnson, Stone, Fadayomi, Marion, Bajor, Inabinett, Shimko, Isler, Wyss, Ing, Aslakson, Fox, Baran, Axford, Bright, Hanna, Rumpf, Desmond, Todd, Maike, Zube, Calkins  
 Members absent with cause: Wolfer, VanLent, Dinardo, Drake,  
 Members absent: Wancour  
 Ex-Officio and Guests: Maixner, Nicol, Reifert, Adeyanju, Damari, Schult, Durst, Johnson, Blake, Eisler, Franklund Carrie, Franklund Clifton, Johnson Leonard, Hawkins, Jackson, Bentley, Haik, Leonard, Teahan, Woolen

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| 1. | President Bacon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.  |
| 2. | <b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes. Senator Epps seconded. Secretary Isler noted some corrections had been submitted prior to the meeting which had been corrected. Senator Fox asked about her placement in the attendance and Secretary Isler noted that was one of the corrections made. The motion passed 93% to 4% with 3% abstaining.   |
| 3. | <b>Open Forum.</b><br>Vice-President Alspach noted she was wearing pink to honor cancer awareness month. She also noted that on Thursday there was going to be a pep rally to introduce the student dawg pound for hockey. She also noted an upcoming sports speaker Mark Miller on October 23 <sup>rd</sup> who is a sports agent and Ferris graduate. Finally she noted the unified volleyball match which pairs Ferris athletes with special Olympians to raise awareness.<br><br>Senator Marion noted that a Ferris graduate working at Johnson Controls will be bringing a truck to campus to interview talent and talk about innovations on October 5 <sup>th</sup> behind Wink Arena.<br><br>Senator Maike noted that there would also be new donations for Heavy Equipment arriving on campus and available for viewing.<br><br>Administrative Assistant Sylvia Maixner noted that Arts and Lectures was bringing Nell Painter on campus October 6 <sup>th</sup> in the University Center.   |
| 4. | <b>Officer Reports/ President Report</b><br>President Bacon welcomed the new non tenure-track Senators Paul Zube, Bernadette Fox and Keith Calkins to the Senate. They were elected unopposed. He also read a statement noting the role of the Academic Senate in curriculum proposal process and the importance of being able to support proper curricular functions.<br><br>Vice-President Alspach thanked all for volunteering to serve on Senate committees. She noted that she is learning a lot in the process about appointment committees and thanked Gary Todd for continuing to serve on the Radiation Committee (and the fact that the item for removing that appointment has been removed from the agenda). There is new training scheduled for committee chairs.<br><br>Secretary Isler asked for 4 volunteers to serve on the Rules Committee. This committee reviews the charter, gathers feedback and makes recommendations to the Senate for any charter modifications. Anyone interested please contact her after the meeting. |
| 5. | <b>Committee Reports</b><br>APR chair Gary Todd spoke on some changes that are being proposed. He has made some modifications to the committee schedule in order to compress the calendar and hopefully make it less burdensome to committee members. There has been difficulty in recruiting enough committee members. He made a motion to approve the change in date of report submission for non-accredited programs from August 15 to September 1. A second motion moves the date in report submission from accredited program was moved from August 15 to September 1. Both were seconded by Secretary Isler. The accredited programs will now be reviewed first. Senator Thomson asked how many programs reviewed each year. Senator Todd said 18-20 but in this year that was   |

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|     | <p>greatly increased by the number of reports which were sent back. Senator Gray asked if the intention was to alternate having non-accredited programs go first. Senator Todd, said no, this was a permanent switch. The first motion passed 100%. The second motion passed with 97% in favor and 3% abstaining.</p> <p>UCC Chair Rusty Leonard reported that the committee has been meeting weekly and two proposals were being brought forward to the Senate for approval. They are working on making the UCC policy on academic minors (and others) to be consistent with the Academic Affairs policy. They are coordinating with the registrars office to make workflow more smooth. They are also revising forms which should be coming to the senate soon.</p> <p>General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund spoke on the General Education Committee. He said that the committee is beginning to implement the systematic assessment. Of the 242 courses on the books, at least 144 have identified a scale for evaluation. He noted that a new form for course review has been created and those forms will become part of the permanent record. There will be training sessions on these forms in the library this week.</p> <p>Senator Drake, Elections chair was not available to attend the meeting. President Bacon gave the report on the non-tenure track faculty elections.</p> |
| 7.  | <p><b>Motion to create an Academic Senate special appointment to the General Education Committee</b><br/>Vice-President Alspach made a motion to create an Academic Senate special appointment to the General Education Committee. Seconded by Senator Ing. Alspach explained this formalized the process for a continuing appointment to the committee, that had been introduced in the previous senate year. Motion passed 97% to 3%.</p>   |
| 8.  | <p><b>Deletion of Pre-Social Work Program</b><br/>Senator Weaver moved to delete the pre-social work program. Seconded by Senator Berghoef. Berghoef explained this was a cleanup of a program no longer on the books, as it had been converted to an associates degree. Motion passed 100% to 0.</p>   |
| 9   | <p><b>Religious Studies minor deletion and course cleanup</b><br/>Senator Zyla moved to delete the Religious Studies minor. Senator Gray seconded. Senator Moore asked if these related to APR reports. UCC chair Leonard said yes. Senator Hanna asked if it was being closed because of lack of faculty. Senator Gray said the department head and subsequent chair had asked faculty several times within the area but none were willing to be a champion for the program. Motion passed 90% to 7% with 3% abstaining.</p>   |
| 10  | <p><b>Announcements</b><br/>President Eisler noted the many disasters occurring in the country. He asked everyone to make sure they had the ability to receive text messages in case of an emergency on the Ferris campus. He noted that he is watching the legislature to make sure that the proposal to eliminate the state income tax does not return. While this may mobilize individuals it would prove a disaster for the economies of universities. He discussed the successful Homecoming weekend, including the record-setting gift of the Golden Eagles from Pharmacy who donated \$101,000 and the awarding of the Pacesetter and Alumni Awards. He encouraged all to come to the budget forum on October 11<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Provost Blake discussed his appreciation for all the great work faculty are doing. He specifically noted the Shoah project, the College of Business Diversity and Inclusion program, the Health fair held in Grand Rapids, the Spathelf lecture, the robotics competition and the new opioid task force. He also noted that the grandson of Cesar Chavez, Andre was coming to speak on campus October 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>   |
| 11. | <p><b>Open Forum</b><br/>Senator Zyla noted the Zeta girls would be having a color run to benefit raising funds for breast cancer. Senator Calkins mentioned the blood drive on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Senator Johnson noted that two Social Sciences staff members had family in Puerto Rico and her students were working on projects to help them.</p>  |
| 12. | <p>Senator Marion made a motion to adjourn. Senator Zyla seconded. Motion passed 100% to 0%. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.</p>  |

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