

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
February 6, 2018 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Epps, Fox, Bacon, Desmond, Drake, Daubert, Marion, Aslakson, Rumpf, Shimko, Weaver, Inabinett, Johnson, Gray, Wolfer, Calkins, Conley, Ing, Thomson, VanLent, Isler, Berghoef, Fadayomi, Zube, Balanda, Alspach, Wancour, Wyss

Members absent with cause: DiNardo, Bright, Zyla, Todd, Moore, Axford, Baran, Stone, Hanna

Members absent: Maike

Ex-Officio and Guests: Maixner, Hawkins, Jackson, A., Franklund Carrie, Franklund Clifton, Damari, Eisler, Nicol, Pilgrim, Bentley, Haik, Johnson L., Adeyanju, Johnson Michelle, Blake, Leonard, Garrison, Durst, Reifert, Maloney

1.	President Bacon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Thomson moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2017. Vice-President Alspach seconded. Secretary Isler noted some corrections had been made since packet sent. The motion passed 90% to 5 % with 5% abstaining. Senator Weaver moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2017. Seconded by Senator Eps. Motion passed 94% to 5% with no abstentions.</p>
3.	<p><b>Open Forum</b> Vice-President Alspach noted that Nathan Wells, Events manager for the Detroit Pistons will be coming as part of the Sports Speaker series on February 19, 2018. Also on the weekend of February 24-25, there will be all three sports teams at home and a red-out to honors womens health.</p> <p>Senator Fadayomi noted that on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Equity by Design Forum, sponsored by the Faculty Center. Events on March 1<sup>st</sup> were also open to students</p> <p>Senator Drake noted that the annual Woodbridge Ferris Math Counts competition had been held the preivous Friday for local students Founder Woodbridge Ferris was an arithmetic teacher.</p>
4.	<p><b>Officer Reports/ President Report</b> President Bacon had no report.</p> <p>Vice-President Alspach noted that thanks to a timing issue with Signing Day there was not going to be a presentation and photograph with the football and volleyball for their championship season, but that may occur at a later date..</p> <p>Secretary Isler had no report but will be speaking for the Rules Committee in committee reports.</p>
5.	<p><b>Committee Reports</b> UCC Chair Rusty Leonard reported that 17 proposals have been through the UCC process and one will be coming up for a vote later in the semester.</p> <p>Student Government president Patrick Maloney gave a report to the senate on the planning of the upcoming Big Event.</p> <p>Senator Conley gave a brief General Education report that the group had approved its first proposal and rejected 4 (with the possibility for appeal) They also reviewed the reports of the first set of outcomes assessment from Fall 2017 classes. General Education Coordinator also spoke with the senate about activities of the group. Those included summaries of courses that had gone through review process. Also the language concerning appointment of people to General Education subcommittees includes approval by the General Education Committee, associate provost, subcommittee chairs and appropriate chairs/heads/directors. Terms will be for 2 years. He noted he would like a vote on this by the Senate in support. Senator Gray moved to refer this to the Executive Committee to get it on the agenda for March. Franklund also reviewed the data from the 130 general education courses reporting. Reports will soon be made available.</p>

	<p>Rules Committee Chair Isler thanked all those who attended the January forum. The committee is finalizing votes on proposals which will come to the Senate for a discussion and vote in March. Some additional proposed changes included changing Senator qualifications from tenure-track to tenured and limiting the number of representatives from a single unit to 2 on the Executive Committee (unless no other senator has agreed to run). Senator Gray expressed his concern that interest should be allowed no matter what college they may be from and that diversity of group can come in other ways. Chair Isler said those comments would be reviewed by the committee. Franklund also noted that under the current rules minors classes could not be double counted with general education. Senator Johnson asked if this was something the minors task force should consider? Senator Berghoef echoed that concern and implications for the Spanish Minor. MyDegree coordinator Amy Buse noted after this was approved by the Senate a few years ago, it had been put into the checksheet and is currently the process.</p> <p>Senator Fox presented the 2018-19 Arts and Lectures program. Administrative Assistant Maixner provided some details on the program. For this year, all of the programs will be free of charge.</p> <p>Senator Fadayomi gave the International Education report. She noted that the committee would like to expand to have representation from all colleges. They have reviewed and changed some of the processes and procedures relating to the International Educators award. They are also considering their involvement with the strategic planning process.</p> <p>Professional Development Committee chair David McClendon gave a brief update. 5 grants have already been awarded and they are finishing another cycle. They have had representation from 6 colleges apply but would like to expand that.</p> <p>Senator Thompson gave a report on the HLC Steering Committee. There have been many volunteers who have stepped up during the criterion committee forming process. Weekly meetings are being held to help identify evidence for assurances.</p>
7a.	<p><b>Deletion of the AAS Legal Studies Degree.</b>  Senator Thomson moved to delete the AAS Legal Studies degree. Senator Weaver seconded. Coordinator Lopez noted this was part 2, after the creation of the new Legal Studies minor in the fall. Current students are not using the paralegal aspects of the previous degree. Motion passed 100%- 0%..</p>
7b.	<p><b>Elections Committee.</b>  President Bacon said the Executive Committee is working on the appointment of the Elections Committee chair who must be a sitting senator, not up for re-election. Nomination forms will be coming after that.</p>
8a.	<p><b>Center for Academic Literacy</b>  Provost Blake gave a presentation on the Centers for Academic Literacy. These are part of the Higher Learning Commission Quality Initiative. He noted some of challenges that can create roadblocks for a student trying to succeed in a particular course or major. Some of these may include visual, pharmaceutical, auditory, cultural, memory, linguistic, trauma and autism. He noted his own college issues lead to his change from a math major to a math minor. These types of issues can create a retention issue for a college that is not usually addressed. Ferris has many resources including the Michigan College of Optometry and the College of Pharmacy that could be of assistance. Senator Ing noted that the School of Education has access to educational assessment tests which they have access to. Blake noted academic literacy is the skill that allows people to connect and interact with content.</p> <p>Blake then began to talk about spaces. The Academic Support Center and the Writing Center will be moving to the library. The final decision has not yet been made but they are reviewing areas on the first floor and he thanks the FLITE committee for all their input about what spaces will work and what will not. He also noted that the library has an adaptive technologies lab with equipment that could be of use to students if they were aware of it.</p> <p>Senator Wancoure noted that as a teacher it is sometimes difficult to diagnose. Senator Gray noted he was one of those students with roadblocks and through proper diagnosis he was able to succeed. Senator Balanda</p>

	<p>felt services should not only be available but destigmatized. Senator Epps noted that we are also dealing with students in online programs. Senator Alspach said sometimes students could not afford testing to find accommodations needed. Senator Gray asked who would be head of this program. Provost Blake said that would be a later stage. Senator Bentley said RSS has some scholarships for assessment.</p>
8b	<p><b>Library Room Booking</b>  Director of Laboratory Safety Anne Hawkins gave a report on the booking of rooms within the library. These rooms have not been built as classrooms and cannot be used for regularly scheduled instruction. These have been reviewed by the fire marshal and new guidelines for booking classes have been given to the group to share. Senator Balanda asked if 1 class per semester for a test is okay. Hawkins said a one time use or library instruction is allowed. Senator Alspach noted that sometimes the library will have two rooms used for a larger group as to make the class possible.</p>
8.	<p><b>Announcements</b>  President Eisler gave comments on the recent sexual assault crisis at Michigan State University and the responses at Ferris. He gave a brief summary of a 2011 task force lead by Vice-President Scoby in 2011 and the changing status of the preponderance of evidence. There are clear reporting lines to both the president and Board of Trustees if coming from within Ferris DPS but more communication/clarity is needed if coming from Big Rapids or an outside source. Vice President for Student Affairs Jeanine Ward Roof has been asked to create a task force. Senator Drake asked how student on student violence is a university responsibility. President Eisler said the well being of all students on campus is our concern. He noted that it has also been an issue in his recent conversations with the Higher Education subcommittee.</p> <p>Provost Blake had no report</p>
9.	<p><b>Open Forum</b>  Senator Berghoef noted that the Vagina Monologues were on Thursday.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.</p>