

**Minutes**  
**Ferris State University**  
**March 13, 2018- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Aslakson, Axford, Bacon, Bajor, Baran, Berghoef, Bright, Calikins, Conley, Daubert, Drake, Fadayomi, Fox, Gray, Hanna, Inabinett, Ing, Isler, Maike, Moore, Rumpf, Shimko, Stone, Thomson, Todd, VanLent, Wancour, Weaver, Wolfer, Zube, a

Members absent with cause: Wyss ,

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Ex-Officio and Guests: Adeyaju, Beistle, Bentley, Blake, Bradley, Burns, Damari, Durst, Jackson, Ek, Garrison, Haik, Jackson, Johnson, Haneline, Hawkins, Leonard, Martin, Nicol

1.	President Bacon called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Thomson moved to approve the minutes. Senator Epps seconded. The motion passed 91% to 0% with 9% abstaining.
3.	<b>Open Forum</b> Senator Conley gave information about an upcoming deliberative dialog which was going to be held as part of the economic inequality series of lecture.  Senator Alspach noted the Red-Out event was very successful. They presented over \$750 to the Spectrum Health Big Rapids hospital. Mary Gallagher-Eustice represented the Ferris community in accepting the award at the hockey game. She also noted that on the 13 <sup>th</sup> there was a Caesar Chavez March on campus and that there will be in Grand Rapids on Thursday March 15 <sup>th</sup> . She also noted that basketball tickets are almost sold-out for the regional ifinal that evening.
4.	<b>Officer Reports/ President Report</b> President Bacon summarized his report for the Board of Trustees and the important functions of the Senate. He also noted that Executive Committee is a vehicle to plan meeting agendas and the summer retreat. A recent question may result in a discussion about online course development and where the Senate falls into the process.  Vice-President Alspach noted that the applications for committee membership for the University Curriculum Committee, Academic Program Review and the Athletic Advisory Committees will be due by early April. She encouraged members interested in Academic Program Review to know that there might be some changes upcoming that may spread out the workload over a longer period of time.  Secretary Isler asked for speakers to identify themselves before speaking because of the configuration of the rom in the IRC and noted she was also handling the projection which may cause a few delays and thanked the group for their patience. She also noted for this meeting there was a sign-in sheet at the back of the room.
5.	<b>Senate Committee Reports</b> UCC Chair Rusty Leonard reported that 5 proposals have passed the UCC and three of them are coming up for a vote at this meeting. They continue to work on several ongoing proposals.  Daisy Daubert, Senate Elections Chair gave a report. She noted the nominees who applied and the Senate elections list and instructions would be arriving in the mail later that day. The nominations deadline has passed so for anyone else interested in running for office, they need to organize a write-in campaign.
6.	<b>Other Committee Reports.</b> Student Government did not have a representative available to report.

	<p>Mark Thomson gave a report on the HLC accreditation process. He showed a digital version of all of the criteria which will also be made part of the packet for a presentation which will be on the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.</p>
7a.	<p><b>New Program- B.S. in Dental Hygiene.</b>          Senator Alspach moved to support the creation of a B.S. in Dental Hygiene. Senator Wancour Seconded. Sandra Burns and Kim Beistle were there to answer questions. Burns noted that we are of 14 schools statewide, only the third to have this bachelors program approved by the state. It will bring resources to associates graduates to come back and further their education. Much of this can be done through online courses. Beistle noted it also will improve time to completion and allows for two summer semesters. Senator Stone asked the explanation about the exception to the Math 110 requirement. Beistle explained it actually required a higher math level of 115 or 120. Motion passed 93% to 7%.</p>
7b	<p><b>New Program- Honors Program- Bachelors Certificate</b>          Senator Ing moved to support the creation of an Honors Program Bachelors Certificate. Senator Berghoef Seconded. Honors Program Peter Bradley gave a brief history of a process by which a group was formed in 2013 to review the honors program. They recommended an honors curriculum task force and the recommendations of that group was supported by the Senate in Spring 2015 and implemented in Fall 2015. The program contains both honors seminars and sections. However, they cannot show up in the records. The registrar’s office proposed creating a certificate which would allow them to show up. Senator Wancour noted she has seen it. Senator Rumpf said he had seen it in course title. Senator Hanna asked what the benefit is to the student. Bradley noted it was a recruiting tool for higher achieving students. Senator Hanna asked about the difference in credit. Bradley said only 40%. Senator Rumpf asked if they still register early. Bradley said yes. Senator Todd noted that while accreditation listed in apr roprt it doesn’t actually accredit. Senator Maike asked how many required courses. Bradley said 2 are non-general education but some could be taken. Senator Fadayomi noted this was why the proposal was tabled last year. Senator Johnson noted this provides a formalized space on a transcript to document their work. Senator Hanna asked if the intention is to eventually create a separate Honors College. Bradley said yes. Senator Moore asked what criteria were used to determine if it is an Honor section. Associate Vice-Provost Johnson noted Academic Affairs makes final decisions. Senator Balanda asked what determines an enriched course. Bradley said that must be approved by the individual faculty member. Senator Alspach noted that there are meant to be 6 individual course which are separate from requirements of the degree. Senator Maike noted other certificates have been rejected for duplication. Senator Moore said he supported the concept but wished to know if the senate could vote on it. Senator Berghoef noted that the reading of it was not a credit per say but a section of material which left more gray area. Senator Alspach agreed it was a gray area but felt the proposal should be supported. Senators Marion, Johnson and Thomson agreed with that. Motion passed 76% to 24% with no abstentions.</p>
7c.	<p><b>New Program- Honors Program- Associates Certificate</b>          Senator Wolfer moved to support the creation of a Honors Program Associates Certificate. Senator Berghoef seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed 73% to 24% with 3% abstaining.</p>
7d	<p><b>Senate Charter Approval Proposal</b>          Rules Committee chair Isler explained that amendments have been proposed for five Charter articles. The changes will be voted on by article. She noted that some ideas brought to the committee are not necessarily the ideas of the committee but have support from Senators and merit a discussion by the Senate as a whole.</p> <p>Isler moved to accept the changes to Article III. Senator Zube seconded. Isler explained these changes would limit membership in the senate to tenured faculty. Senator Gray noted that he has chaired a tenure committee of an untenured Senator and he has never pressured the individual. Emeriti Association President Haneline noted that he felt the experience of untenured “not lifer” employees can provide a valuable perspective for university issues. Motion failed 13% to 87% with no abstentions.</p> <p>Isler moved to accept the changes to Article IV. Seconded by Senator Baran. This change clarifies that there are 3 non tenure-track senators and the term goes through September of the following year. Motion passed 90% to 10% with no abstentions.</p> <p>Isler moved to accept the changes to Article VI. Seconded by Senator Zube. This amendment adds an additional Executive Committee member (so that the numbers are not even) and limits the number from a</p>

	<p>single college to 2, unless no others have run. Senator Gray offered an amendment to strike the final sentence limiting the number from a single college. Seconded by Senator Berghoef. Senator Todd noted that they have a similar process for filing seats on committees such as Academic Program Review Council. Senator Thomson noted his support for the amendment. The amendment passed 56% to 44%. There was no further discussion on the amendment. The motion passed as amended 75% to 22% with 35 abstaining.</p> <p>Isler moved to accept the changes to Article IX. Seconded by Senator Baran. This amendment clarifies that the ex-officio members of the Senate committees are non-voting. Motion passed 88% to 9% with 3% abstaining.</p>
7e	<p><b>Creation of Ad-Hoc committee on Assessment</b></p> <p>Senator Fadayomi made a motion to create a committee on assessment. Motion seconded by Senator Thomson. Senator Fadayomi said that information from NSSE reports to the senate she feel need to made accessible to everyone on campus, as do other data sets. She would like to create an ad-hoc committee which will review these data sets and discuss the best way to make them accessible. Senator Thomson provided a friendly amendment with different working for the charge statement which was accepted by Senator Fadayomi. Thomson noted that shis helps to accomplish data that is scattered in different systems and needs to be managed effectively. He was supported by Senators Zube and Johnson who noted it was a sustainable practice. Senator Wancour asked if it was more an ongoing committee. Senator Thomson noted that may come out as a recommendation by the ad-hoc group. Emeriti president Haneline noted that some of this may parallel what the UCC and APRC processes do. Motion passed 88% to 12% with no abstentions.</p>
8.	<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>President Eisler gave comments on the visit by Edward Chavez, who was a grandson of Caesar Chavez and who how many students are not familiar with his story. He also noted that the Legislature in Lansing has a series of 10 bills related to sexual assault which would greatly increase the length of a time to report an assault to 30 years. This has lead to objections from several groups including universities and the ACLU. The Virtual Center is now 4<sup>th</sup> on the capital outlay project and may get voting approval. Finally, he encouraged all those that could get tickets to come to the regional final game at Wink Arena on that night.</p> <p>Provost Blake had no report</p>
9.	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Chief Technology Officer Jake Martin spoke about an increased number of phishing attacks that asks for login information that can be used to access university system. Approximately 80% of those who have responded to the email are faculty. He encouraged any area to go through the online training available and IT will also send people out to departmental meetings to discuss ways they can protect themselves.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.</p>