

**Minutes
Ferris State University
April 3, 2018- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Epps, Fox, Bacon, Desmond, Drake, Daubert, Hanna, Marion, Bright, Zyla, Todd, Moore, Maike, Rumpf, Shimko, Weaver, Inabinett, Gray, Wolfer, Axford, Calkins, Conley, Bajor, Ing, Thomson, VanLent, Isler, Berghoef, Stone, Fadayomi, Zube, Balanda, Baran, Alspach, Wancour, Wyss

Members absent with cause: Aslakson, diNardo, Johnson,

Members absent:

Ex-Officio and Guests: Hollister, Hawkins, Jackson, Damari, Eisler, Haik, L.Johnson, Adeyanju, Blake, Teahen, Leonard, Durst, Reifert, Topcu, Manga, Ek, Yost, Wisby, Maloney, Van Treese, Nystrom, Hodges, Rohn

1.	President Bacon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes. Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes. Senator Epps seconded. Senator Calkins noted several corrections which will be made by Secretary Isler. Secretary Isler noted that because of the staffing and room issues with the March meeting, please double check to make sure that attendance was recorded correctly. A sign-in sheet was used for attendance for that meeting. The motion passed 96% to 0% with 4% abstaining.</p>
3.	<p>Open Forum Associate Provost Leonard Johnson noted that the Title IV requirements would be requiring faculty to acknowledge that their students were active participants. Senator Bacon asked if showing up counted as participation. Financial Aid Director Wisby said that they need to record participation in the class and taking exams would count. This data needs to be collected every semester to receive federal funding.</p>
4.	<p>Officer Reports/ President Report President Bacon noted that several important items were on the agenda for the day and needed discussion.</p> <p>Vice-President Alspach that the Executive Committee would be meeting Monday to discuss appointments to the APR and UCC and Athletic Advisory Committee and encouraged others to apply. The Executive Committee has not yet met with the provost to discuss possible changes to committee structure. Senator Gray asked if they had considered his request to split it into two committees APR chair Todd noted that a poll of current members said that extending it out over a year may not increase the membership and will discuss the possibility of splitting the committee into accredited and non-accredited.</p> <p>Secretary Isler noted that an Elections Committee report has been added to the Committee reports and encouraged senators to vote in the faculty wide Charter referendum which will be coming out that week.</p>
5.	<p>Senate Committee Reports UCC Chair Rusty Leonard reported that 2 more proposals will be coming up for a Senate vote today.</p> <p>Academic Standards and Policy Chair Jim Nystrom's motion was delayed until later in the meeting.</p> <p>Mike Berghoef, Academic Minors Task Force chair gave a report on committee activities. They have been working on tracking down all relevant policies and what other institutions are doing. President Bacon asked if they would be able to make recommendations in April. Senator Berghoef said it may be necessary to ask for an extension on their findings because of the timing of the committee and the complexity of finding materials.</p> <p>Daisy Daubert, Senate Elections Chair gave a report. All of the seats are now filled. Senator Josh Lotoczky will be the new senator from the Michigan College of Optometry and Gerald Emerick will be the new senator from College of Business.</p>
6.	Other Committee Reports.

	<p>Student Government president Patrick Maloney noted they were working through elections and getting things ready for the Big Event.</p> <p>Senator Thomson deferred his report until the later Senate agenda item.</p> <p>Senator Stone presented on the Graduate Committee recommendations. The recommendations were the following: 1. Central Office, 2. Graduate Office/School/College Policies and Procedures, 3. Marketing, 4. Online Environment and 5. Growth and Development. Senator Balanda asked about financial assistance and Senator Stone said the possibility of teaching assistantships had been discussed. Senator Hanna asked if this report was for informational purposes only or would recommendations change. Senator Stone said the final recommendations had been sent to Provost Blake. Provost Blake said after meeting with deans on feasibility issues, some items may be returning to the Senate. Senator Gray asked about growth plans. Stone noted that modeling could be done in ways using layering certificates such as the MBA program.</p>
7a.	<p>New Program- Forensic Psychology Minor and Concentration.</p> <p>Senator Wancour moved to approve the Forensic Psychology Minor and Concentration. Senator Conley seconded. Senator Bajor asked the purpose of the minor. Program Coordinator Van Treese noted that it would be attractive to criminal justice majors as studies have shown that 50% of jail inmates have mental issues. Senator Todd asked why the Form B from Criminal Justice was left blank. Social Sciences chair Topcu noted that it followed the process. Dean Jackson noted that this program was not going to be recommended as necessary for criminal justice majors. Senator Weaver noted that this was also a minor would also be extensively used by the current psychology majors. President Bacon noted that the proposal listed Forensic Biology as a possible class but not forensic chemistry. The motion passed 71% to 23% with 6% abstaining.</p>
7b	<p>Program Cleanup- Masters in Business Administration.</p> <p>Senator Epps moved to support the curriculum revision of the Masters in Business Administration Senator Bajor asked coordinator Alex Manga to explain the reasons why the change was needed. Manga noted our 48 credit hour program was significantly higher than other programs and the new approach was a lean approach. This approach allowed for layered certificates and reduced the credit hours. The program has moved forward in the rankings to 73 and they hope to continue it. It allows for self-paced programs that allow individuals not to spend 12-15 weeks in a single course. Senator Gray asked how ethics courses were handled? Manga said they are integrated across curriculum. Senator Bacon asked if non-credit courses mean faculty do not receive load? Manga said yes, but student must complete as part of degree. Senator Wolfer expressed concerns with the number of options which may lead to undersubscribed classes. Manga said they hope to pare them down. Ms. Yost also noted these are courses and options related to other business majors at Ferris which are just applied to some students.</p>
7c.	<p>Academic Amnesty Policy</p> <p>Senator Berghoef moved to support this policy. Senator Balanda seconded. This policy was reviewed and returned from the Academic Standards and Policy Committee. The audit form was not sent with the packet and will be sent following the meeting. Senator Hanna asked about exceptions to university policy and how you can count more credits than a normal transfer student. Senator Balanda noted that this policy does not supercede any policy of the university. Also that these are not transfer of credits but the credits actually earned at Ferris. Senator Epps noted the policy also states that for grades to count it must be a C or better. Senator Moore asked if this replaces any current policy. Academic Standards Chair Nystrom said no, this policy had never been implemented and it does deal not with financial aid or other policies. Senator Alspach asked why it was a 4 year gap when for some students, it may not take that long? Is it designed toward veterans with a 3 year tour of duty? Balanda said it was long enough to allow a significant change in life for people to regroup. Nystrom noted this was similar to other college policies. Senator Moore said he would be more comfortable with making it a 3 year period. Senator Gray also expressed an interest in a 2-3 year gap. Nystrom noted the Senate could do as they wished but this was consistent with other college policies? Senator Wancour asked if Banner was still an issue with implementation. Nystrom said yes but support of the policy should not be dependent on the technology that implements it. This motion is separate from implementation. Senator Epps said systems should not guide policy. Senator Hanna asked who else has these policies? Nystrom said Michigan Sate, University of Michigan, Central and several others. Senator Berghoef spoke in support of the policy and the 4 year period.</p>

	Motion passed 90% to 10% with no abstentions.
8a	<p>Senate Conversation- HLC Accreditation</p> <p>Senate liaison Mark Thomson presented the steering and criterion committee rosters to the Senate and also presented the criterion categories and information that is being gathered. Co-chairs Kristi Haik and Jeff Ek were introduced. Ek discussed the revision of the website at http://www.ferris.edu/hlc and said that they would be seeking input through that and other formats. He noted that the teams are working to identify gaps and the process has changed in that by year seven quality initiatives had to be started</p>
9.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>President Eisler said the Michigan Senate had proposed a 3% budget increase for higher education and the House had recommended 1.5%. He continued to watch the legislature on issues such as TIP funding and continues to monitor the sexual assault bills and the potential impact on institutional liability.</p> <p>Provost Blake reported that the writing center and tutoring center would be moving into FLITE and thanked the members of the committee for the valuable feedback they had provided.</p>
9.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Senator Calkins noted he had asked earlier about a photo identification policy. President Bacon said this would be addressed by the Executive Committee in their next meeting.</p> <p>Senator Alspach noted upcoming athletics events with handicapped players including hockey on April 12th and another on April 17th.</p> <p>Senator Epps noted it was Public Health Week and a fair was currently going on in the IRC corridor.</p> <p>Senator Wancour noted the Dental Hygiene students would be doing a free oral cancer screening on April 26th from 5-8 pm..</p> <p>Senator Berghoef noted that the following week included the second conference on human trafficking in the University Center.</p> <p>Senator Hanna noted that it was important to note that the Senate was not asked to vote to support/not support the recommendations on fundamental changes to graduate education. This was the sort of issue the Senate was created for. Senator Stone noted these were not fully formulated recommendations and votes may be upcoming in the next fall.</p>
10.	<p>Athletics Recognition</p> <p>The Senate recognized with a certificate and a photograph the following 3 sports; Volleyball, Football and Mens Basketball. It has been recommended to the Executive Committee that sports which advance to national playoffs or win conference championships receive such recognition.</p>
11.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.