

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
October 2, 2018- 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Aslakson, Alspach, Axford, Bajor, Baran, Berghoef, Bright, Calkins, Dawson, Daubert, Desmond, Drake, Emerick, Epps, Fadayomi, Foulk, Gray, Hanna, Herrington, Inabinett, Isler, Johnson, Lotoczky, Moore, Rumpf, Shimko, Smith, Swinkunas, Thomson, Todd, Waters, , Wyss, Zube, Zyla,

Members absent with cause: Bacon, Fadayomi, Weaver

Members absent: Emerick, Wolfer

Ex-Officio and Guests: Archer, Bentley, Bishop, Blake, Bradley, Campau, Courtright-Nash, Durst, Eisler, Garrison, Goosen, Greene, Haik, Haneline, Hawkins, Hilton, Johnson M., Leonard, Martin, Piercey, Prakasam, Teahan, Ward-Roof, Wisby, Woolen

1.	President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Epps moved to approve the minutes. Senator Zyla seconded. Senator Bajor noted that the accreditation sought in the September meeting should be listed as ABET. Secretary Isler responded that this change was submitted also by Senator Todd and will be corrected. The motion passed 93% to 0% with 7% abstaining.</p>
3.	<p><b>Open Forum</b> Senator Johnson gave a brief report on the strategic planning process (which is separate from the Strategic Planning and Resource Council). A new mission statement and core values should be released to the university community in the next few weeks. There are a number of listening sessions which coming up and participation is encouraged.</p>
4.	<p><b>Officer Reports/ President Report</b> President Alspach reported on the selection of committee members and congratulated the newly elected non-tenure-track Senators Keith Calkins, Bernadette Swinkunis and Paul Zube. She said that meetings continue to occur concerning the APR process and possible revisions. She also encouraged senators to give reports on Senate activities at their monthly college meetings. She also noted that an issue came up where a faculty member wished to have an emailed copy of the packet. These are available to any faculty member upon request.</p> <p>Vice President Bacon was not present.</p> <p>Secretary Isler requested that Senators use the clickers for voting as the software issue was resolved. She also thanked all those who had sent in minutes corrections in advance and asked for any mistakes in the attendance to be given to her from the September meeting.</p>
5.	<p><b>Senate Committee Reports</b> University Curriculum Chair Rusty Leonard said that the packet is including materials which were for informational purposes only (no vote required) He also clarified that the program coming up for a vote is a modification and not a new program.</p> <p>Academic Program Review Chair Gary Todd said that the process continues to undergo review, and work on an updating of the calendar. He has met with Provost Blake to discuss potential changes in the process.</p> <p>Secretary Isler thanked those Senators for agreeing to sit on the Rules Committee comprising of David Hanna, Rose Baran, David Bright and Vanessa Wyss.</p>

	The Data-Driven Task Force had no report.
6a.	<p><b>Modification of Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Degree.</b>  Senator Thomson moved to approve the process changes. Senator Johnson seconded. UCC Chair Rusty Leonard explained that this is a modification of the program and not just a name change. Senator Thomson asked why they did not just eliminate this program and create a new one? Leonard said that this prevents accurate tracking and that this was more of a clarification that was actually often done in practice. Program coordinator Courtright-Nash stated that with the MyDegree system courses would only count if included as part of a checklist list which led to documenting past practice. These modifications also give new students more direction. This proposal had gone through the dean's office and now focuses in different topical groups. Motion passed 79% to 17% with 3% abstaining.</p>
6b	<p><b>Closure of Accelerated Track Nursing Program</b>  Senator Epps moved to approve the closure of the accelerated track nursing program. Seconded by Senator Baran. Nursing Coordinator Rhonda Bishop reported that it had decreasing enrollments and had graduated the final class in May 2016. Motion passed 97% to 3%.</p>
7.	<p><b>Recognition of Athletic Accomplishments</b>  Athletic accomplishments were recognized by Catherine Archer, Chair of the Athletic Advisory Committee. Sports recognized included Men's Tennis, Track and Field and Men's Golf. Photos were taken with members and coaches present.</p>
8a	<p><b>Announcements / Campus Committee Reports.</b></p> <p>President Eisler reported that the legislature has restored the money to the Tuition Incentive Program and fall enrollment are 189 new TIP students. Enrollment shows a decrease of 60 international students They will continue budget planning based on these numbers. He also noted that the Secretary of State had mobile voter registration on campus and that traditionally students do not vote in midterm elections.</p> <p>Provost Blake spoke about the activities of the Academic Literacies Center and how he has spoken with several FSUS classes. Over 43% of students may have a visual deficit (in a test of one class 67% had it) He is working to have ways for students to work with this deficit. Senator Johnson asked when more individuals would be trained for screening. Blake said not until mid-October. Senator Zube asked what sort of data is collected on these deficits? Blake responded that Emmanuel Jadhov is coordinating the data collection.</p>
9	<p><b>Campus Committee Reports</b>  General Education Chair Victor Peirce reported that he incorrectly in the last meeting said committees would not meet until the contract was settled. Most committees are filled and functioning. He would like to consider an earlier staffing of these groups in April as a way to start the process in the year faster. He is also working on updating forms.</p> <p>Senator Thomson gave a report on HLC. The assurance arguments are beginning to be written and they have been focusing on the relationship between Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design and how that should be represented in data collection and the arguments.</p> <p>Heidi Wisby, Financial Aid, gave a report on Title IV and how they are required to verify student attendance and make sure that students are in class. She gave an example of a student who was presumed to be attending but never showed up for class. They wound up paying that student over \$8000 for financial aid. Now faculty are required to document some sort of participation by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Senator Moore noted that he had been told the first week. Senator Calkins noted that the process involved clicking through all 164 students individually and he would prefer a process by which you can click on those you do not approve as attending.</p> <p>Associate Dean of Student Life Nick Campau described changes in sexual assault procerus which led to the use of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor to provide only consent and accept training. This is a requirement of the Clery Act and can be done either in person or online for non-freshman. Glitches in the process resulted in the students getting it without prior notification and some thought it was spam. They are working toward a smoother rollout for future years.</p>

	Student Government President Bobby Gill was not present.
10.	<p><b>Conversations with the Senate- Online Learning</b></p> <p>Amy Greene and Tracy Russo presented on online learning at Ferris State University. Greene noted that online learning still required faculty to build a relationship but it also requires a shift in the way a class may be taught. What works for an in-person class does not translate automatically into something that will work for an online class. Also discussed was the proposed wintermester as a way to help students get ahead during break period and be able to use financial aid. Finally the learning management review system process was discussed. A faculty committee is reviewing 3 systems – Blackboard Ultra, Desire to Learn and Canvas. All three will be brought on to campus this year and in the spring each college (which has 2 voting members gets to vote in favor of which they choose. Senator Zube asked if the group was aware that Canvas sells service pieces and can replicate courses in areas that decrease faculty involvement. Greene said she was not but would ask questions when they visit. Senator Epps asked if visits were scheduled/ There are visits which will be scheduled in November (D2L), January (Canvas) and Blackboard. They encouraged feedback and participation for these visits.</p>
11.	<p><b>Emeriti Memorial</b></p> <p>Emeriti Association President Doug Haneline read brief memorials about Walt Luecke (Dining Services) and Cliff Samuels (Automotive faculty) who passed away in the last year.</p>
12.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:51a.m.