

**Minutes
Ferris State University
November 6 2018- 10:00 a.m.**

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

Members absent with cause: Drake, Hanna, Inabinett, Smith, Wyss

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Ex-Officio and Guests: Blake, Breitenwischer, Durst, Eisler, Ek, Franklund Carrie, Franklin Cliff, Garrison, Gibbs, Haik, Haneline, Jackson, Johnson L, Johnson M., Leonard, Martin, Nicol, Piercey, Seiferlein, Teahan

1.	President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes. Senator Desmond seconded. The motion passed 97% to 0% with 3% abstaining.
3.	Open Forum Senator Thomson gave a public thank you to whoever the individual was in Academic Affairs who has set an automatic email notification of instructors when a student in a class has dropped it. Several other senators agreed.
4.	Officer Reports/ President Report President Alspach noted that the Academic Minors Task Force report would be deferred until the December meeting She also reported on her attendance at the first national meeting of a group of Academic Senate presidents and has volunteered for the conference planning committee. She hopes to attend the meeting of the Michigan state group in the spring. Many of our issues are not unique to Ferris. Vice President Bacon reported that the committees are not yet full and most are functioning. Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	Senate Committee Reports University Curriculum Chair Rusty Leonard said that the packet included 9 proposals which are for informational purpose only. They included several new pharmacy course and some changes to the social work and nuclear technology programs. Academic Program Review Chair Gary Todd said that committee has met with the Senate Executive Committee and the Provost and will be bringing forward recommendations at the November 20 th meeting. Secretary Isler thanked those Senators for agreeing to sit on the Rules Committee comprising of David Hanna, Rose Baran, David Bright and Vanessa Wyss.
7a-c.	Senate Action The University Curriculum Committee had no proposals which required Senate action. The Academic Minors task force report was moved to December meeting as was the Academic Standards and Policy Committee.
7d.	Modification of DIV classification. Senator Foulk, representing the General Education subcommittee brought forward a motion to redefine the diversity classification as a DIV—U (representing understanding diversity, race, ethnicity and gender). Seconded by Senator Gray. Foulk noted that this was really a form rather than content. Senator Gray added that this was a coding issue that was being cleaned up. Senator Johnson asked why it had been listed as a Div-D and how the change in terminology would impact courses about diversity solely within the United States.

	<p>Senator Gray noted that the original D was a placeholder which Coordinator Franklund put in to keep the conversion process moving. Senator Berghoef noted that courses with the Multicultural Relations Minor were US based but still could work with this designation. Motion passed 97% to 3% with 0% abstaining.</p>
8.	<p>Data Driven Task Force The Data-Driven Task Force chair Kemi Fadayomi reported that they are identifying gaps in practice and figuring out how to use that data. They are currently comparing them with the Higher Learning Commission identified gaps for accreditation and looking at outside practices.</p>
9.	<p>Announcements / Campus Committee Reports. President Eisler reported on a history 6.1 million gift from pharmacy alumni DeWaine Robinson which will greatly assist students in the Pharmacy school. He noted the extension of the capital campaign continuing through 2022 and the resetting of the goal to \$115 million. He noted that Governor Snyder has appointed two alumni to the board. They are Kurt Hoffman (an alumni in the Welding program) and Kari Sederburg. This appointment still need to be approved by the Michigan Senate. He continues to work with the legislative on capital priorities such as the virtual learning center.</p> <p>Provost Blake had no report.</p> <p>The senate adjourned at 10:35 until 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>General Education assessment coordinator Cliff Franklund noted that he continues to work on a sustainable process. Right now they have 3 of 9 reports complete and only 2/3 report the data. The schedule has 25% of courses reviewed annually. Results will be made publicly available. Senator Gray noted it was difficult because some course are not offered yearly and may miss the period when that particular criteria may be assessed.</p> <p>Student Government President Bobby Gill was not present.</p>
10	<p>Conversations with the Senate- HLC and Accreditation Senator Thomson who represents the Academic Senate on the HLC Steering Committee notes that Ferris has just concluded a separate accreditation visit focused on offsite programs. The group is working to document any known gaps so that they can be addressed,. Issues of compliance and policies, including Academic Affairs policies which will be going through the Senate continue to be addressed.</p> <p>Co-Chairs Kristi Haik and Jeff Ek came to the senate to discuss the status of the process. The visit has been set for October 5-6 in 2020. This will be shorter visit than in the last accreditation visit As the subcommittees are writing their assurance arguments further gaps are being identified. These include: program and course level data being utilized to make decisions, student complain policies, and documenting scholarly and creative activity. Criterion committee are completing the first drafts of the assurance arguments in December 2018.</p> <p>Senator Zube asked what was needed beyond a cv to document scholarly/creative activity. Haik noted it does not document all scholarly activity and research and available through Digital Measures. Vice President Bacon asked if this included all faculty and adjuncts. Haik noted that this is now a part of a current demand to bargain action. Provost Blake agreed with this statement.</p>
11.	<p>Open Forum Senator Epps noted that the Political Engagement Project had a table outside the meeting which would drive student votes to the polls. There would be a party at the polls to watch results later on.</p>
12.	<p>Emeriti Memorial Emeriti Association President Doug Haneline read the obituary emeriti English professor Lynn Chrenka who passed away in October 2018. She had written this prior to her death.</p>
13.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.</p>

