

**Minutes
Ferris State University
March 5, 2019- 10:00 a.m.**

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

Members absent with cause: Calkins, Baran, Wolfer

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Ex-Officio and Guests: Bentley, Constan-Wahl, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Gill, Goosen, Hawkins, Hoisington, Jackson, Johnson L., Johnson, M., Leonard, Nicol, Piercey, Pilgrim, Plas, Reifert, Schuelke, Seiferlein, Ward- Roof.

1.	President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Moved both the President and General Education reports up to the first hour and the provost will not be present to give the report.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2019. Senator Epps seconded. Motion passed by 93% to 0% with 7% abstaining.
3.	Open Forum There were no open forum comments.
4.	Officer Reports/ President Report President Alspach reported that she had given her report to the Board of Trustees which was included in the packet and is happy to answer any questions. Next meeting will be in May. Vice President Bacon had no report. Secretary Isler welcomed Senator Michelle Harvey to the Senate as the replacement for the vacant seat in the College of Engineering Technology.
5.	Senate Committee Reports University Curriculum Committee Chair Rusty Leonard noted that there were several informational proposals coming before the Senate and one voting proposal. The changes in the College of Business checksheet has moved implementation date to fall 2020 to allow more time for the review process to continue. Changes have been made to the UCC website which should help for the tracking of proposals. Senator Thomson noted that there were still issues in tracking proposals if viewing the site from off campus. This is partly to alleviate security concerns. Leonard asked everyone to review it and give comments. He also encouraged faculty to come to a workshop on the proposal process on March 20, 2019 in FLITE. Registration is done through the senate office. Academic Program Review chair Gary Todd reported that 3 programs had reported back. The CIS programs reported on January 15 th and the report was accepted so the program is continuing. The Construction programs will have received their accreditation by April and the B.S. in ISM program has received accreditation. Vice-President Bacon noted that the Senate Executive Committee has appointed Senator Jean Inabinett from the College of Business as the new Academic Program Review chair. Bacon, Elections Committee chair, also reminded senators that all nomination forms must be turned in to the senate office by the end of the day on March 5, 2019. Self nominations are allowed. List of current numbers of nominees per college were read. Senator Fadayomi reported that the committee would be presenting shortly their recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee and bring it back to the Senate at the first April meeting.

6a.	<p>Pharmacy/Public Health Proposal. 19-037. Secretary Isler moved to accept proposal 19-037. Senator Weaver seconded. Senator Fadayomi noted that this proposal addresses a need for a combined program that would be unique to other Pharmacy programs and was modelled after the pharmacy partnership with the MBA program. Senator Hanna asked why this proposal did not come through as a Pharmacy proposal. Senator Axford explained that changes in course structure relating to public health accreditation lead to be being put through as a public health proposal but it benefits both colleges. They are using their electives to cover the requirements for the other program in the joint degree. Motion passed 91% to 6% with 3% abstaining.</p>
7b.	<p>Academic Affairs policies Senator Axford moved to accept the Academic Add/Withdrawal Policy. Senator Berghoef seconded. Senator Zube reported that this policy does not conflict in any way with any language in the non tenure-track faculty contract. Motion passed 84 to 9% with 6% abstaining.</p> <p>Senator Weaver moved to accept the Study Abroad Policy. Senator Zyla seconded. Senator Johnson asked what defined as a qualified policy when there are not resources associated. Senator Wyss noted that it puts it in the category of an academic unit but does not commit funds. Associate Vice-Provost Johnson noted this came out of a detailed procedural document of about 5 pages. Senator Berghoef asked what happened if there is no policy. Motion failed 27% to 73% with 0% abstaining. The policy will be returned to Academic Affairs.</p> <p>Senator Axford moved to accept the Academic Add/Withdrawal Policy. Senator Epps seconded. Senator Moore asked if this policy was required by the Higher Learning Commission. Interim associate provost Seifelrin noted this policy is directly related to federal compliance. Motion passed 91% to 6% with 3% abstaining.</p> <p>Senator Thomson suggested that Academic Affairs look at the level of specificity in various policies and consider making it more consistent.</p>
8.	<p>Announcements / Campus Committee Reports. President Eisler reported that he was going to listen to the Governor's budget message at 11. There were proposals relating to community college and higher education and the last dollar proposal. He spoke briefly about the speaker Rachel Dolezal. He is also watching a proposal on free speech at colleges expected to be released by President Trump.</p> <p>Provost Paul Blake was not present.</p> <p>General Education Coordinator Peirce reported that a forum would occur on April 18th. A proposal would be coming to the Senate on the structure for staffing subcommittees and other activities with Senate approval. The Senate will now appoint subcommittee members. Curriculum proposals relating to problem solving will also be coming forward.</p> <p>Senator Drake noted another successful conclusion of Math Counts.</p> <p>General Counsel attorneys' Ken Plaas and Brent Schuelke gave a presentation on Social Media. It referenced pages on the Ferris website from University Advancement and the General Counsel. Policies relating to this are not optional for faculty. The impact is more immediate and consequences may occur if relating to sexual misconduct, discrimination, defamation and privacy issues. Recent cases in academia were cited.</p> <p>Web Services Librarian Sela Constahn-Wahl made an announcement that MelCat was suspending service on April 1 and would remain out of service for several months.</p>
9.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.</p>