

**Minutes  
Ferris State University  
April 2, 2019- 10:00 a.m.**

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

Members absent with cause: Bacon, Calkins, Desmond, Harvey,

Members absent: Thomson

Ex-Officio and Guests: Barber, Bentley, Blake, Goosen, Haik, Jackson, Johnson L., Johnson M., Leonard, Pilgrim, Reifert,

1.	President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes.</b> Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019. Senator Weaver seconded. Secretary Isler noted some changes in attendance forms. Motion passed by 97% to 0% with 3% abstaining.
3.	<b>Open Forum</b> Secretary Isler noted that at the April 24th meeting the library will presenting posters on Open Educational Resources across the hall.
4.	<b>Officer Reports/ President Report</b> President Alspach had no report.  Vice President Bacon reported that the spring committees will be approved by the Senate Executive Committee the following week.  Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	<b>Senate Committee Reports</b> University Curriculum Committee Chair Rusty Leonard reported on 6 information only proposals. They included Healthcare Marketing BS revision, Mechanical Design Energy Certificate closure, Criminal Justice program updates, Surveying program revisions, Process Tolerance Design revision and changing the grad requirements for ARST, BS and FN. Senator Gray noted that the cancellation of the sociology courses should have involved a consultation form. Chair Leonard said it was not required but he agreed that would be useful. He also noted that the UCC website has been updated and issues with Google Chrome remain. There was a discussion about the form and what the date meant. President Alspach asked him to address the catalog issue. Leonard said a question had come up about changing a catalog reference to when a course was offered. Leonard noted this was not an issue that really required an approval through a UCC process. He planned to have further discussions. Senator Berghoef asked that they also review how off-campus course like those in Traverse City are handled. Hanna noted that catalog changes that are not minor details as it can impact accreditation. Senator Johnson said it also impacts students ability to graduate.  Academic Program Review chair Gary Todd had two motions. He first moved to approve the Construction Technology AAS program and certificate. Seconded by Senator Epps. Motion passed 100%-0%. He also moved to approve the Construction Management program which has received accreditation. Senator Epps seconded. Motion passed 100%-0%.  Elections Committee had no report. Secretary Isler noted that the Rules Committee would have proposals coming to the Senate for a vote at the last meeting. If they pass, they will go to a fall faculty vote in September 2019.
6a.	<b>Data Driven Task Force Report.</b> Senator Fadayomi moved to accept (for review) the Data Driven Task Force report. Seconded by Senator Weaver. Fadayomi reported a timeline on the activities of the group and the facets considered for a university assessment committee that reports to the Senate. Senator Baran offered a friendly amendment to amend the

	<p>motion which was to accept for review and put on the agenda for the August retreat. Senator Fadayomi said that was her intent when she used the terminology accept so it was accepted. Senator Hanna suggested the future diagram show approval processes needed. Senator Moore asked if this was an annual committee and how it interacts with Academic Program Review and does it need to be separate. Senator Axford said that the vision is that his helps to support APR. Senator Johnson asked who compiles report. Senator Fadayomi said chair of college committee. Senator Johnson expressed concern about workload and differentiation between academic affairs assessment committees and this committee. Senator asked for some dean response to the proposals. Senator Weaver noted the report seems extremely different from the original charge of data driven from the NSSE data. Senator Axford noted that data driven decision are part of the accreditation process. A friendly amendment added a requirement to review at August 2019 retreat. Motion passed 71% to the 21% with 7% abstaining.</p>
<p>6b.</p>	<p><b>General Education Reports.</b>  Senator Wolfer moved to accept the process for appointing the General Education by the Senate. Senator Smith asked for a friendly amendment to request that RSS have a seat appointed by their unit. This was accepted. Motion passed 86% to 14% with 0% abstaining.</p> <p>Senator Wolfer moved to accept the revised problem solving definition. Senator Gray seconded. Motion passed 86% to 8% with 5% abstaining.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Announcements / Campus Committee Reports.</b>  President Eisler reported that he is focusing on TIP funding and making sure that is appropriately handled in the state budget. He invited all senators to his budget meeting which was at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.</p> <p>Provost Paul Blake thanked the Senators for their patience with his recent illness. He noted that in the fall he planned to host an innovation fair featuring the work of current faculty. In the fall he encouraged the Senate to invite him back to present on the Academic Literacies Center since he was unable to do so in February.</p> <p>Health Center director Lindsay Barber presented on Health Care services and committees at Ferris. She noted that this was partially started by the disbandment of the former Senate Health Promotions Committee. She noted a web of groups existed and they were invited to have discussions about a new structure. The new Health and Wellness Commission met and identified a need for a new communications structure, prepared a grant for an Anti-Violence Task Force and in February prepared a JED Cohort Strategic Plan. They continue to evolve and work toward their goals. Any faculty member is welcome to join.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.</p>