

**Minutes
Ferris State University
April 30, 2019- 10:00 a.m.**

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

Members absent with cause: Calkins, Desmond,

Members absent:

Ex-Officio and Guests Ex-Officio and Guests: Archer, Goosen, Hawkins, Hoisington, Jackson, A., Johnson L., Johnson, M., Jones, Leonard, Nicol, Pilgrim, Reifert, Samuels, Seiferlein

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| 1. | President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes. Senator Zyla moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019. Senator Weaver seconded. Secretary Isler noted some changes in attendance records Motion passed by 97% to 0% with 3% abstaining. |
| 3. | Open Forum Secretary Isler noted that after the senate meeting, across the hall the library OER exhibit of displays across the hall. |
| 4. | Officer Reports/ President Report President Alspach had no report. Vice President Bacon reported that he APR, Athletic Advisory Committee and University Committee Curriculum Committee and General Education Committee. Notices will be going out after the Senate meeting. Secretary Isler had no report. |
| 5. | Senate Committee Reports University Curriculum Committee Chair Rusty Leonard reported on 13 information only proposals and 3 proposals for a vote. Vice President Bacon asked why there was not a vote on proposals marked create. Leonard explained that this is current practice and is for a single course. Leonard confirmed that it required 3 course changes to require a senate vote and is part of the manual. Senator Todd asked what to do with a mistaken form b sent. Leonard clarified that it was sent incorrectly and resent to the correct person. Chair d also noted that a followup consult was sent to the Sociology Program from the concerns raised during the April 2, 2019 Senate meeting.. Senator Herrington gave the annual diversity report- noting on the reaching out to student groups to promote diversity activities. They also investigated grants for student groups. President Alspach asked that the report be submitted in writing to the Secretary. |
| 6. | University Curriculum Committee Proposals. Senator Zyla moved to approve proposal 19-024 on the Digital Media Software engineering with a substantial revision. Seconded by Senator Weaver. The coordinator was present to describe updates in an area that keeps changes. The program operates out of Grand Rapids and compared to other programs in state and national standards. Motion passed 88% to 12% with 0% abstaining. Senator Zyla moved to approve proposal 19-057 on the Integrated Marketing Program deletion. Senator Fadayomi seconded. Champion Susan Jones explained the field has moved away traditional advertising to a new certificate and minor in digital advertising. Senator Baran asked what bachelor degree would be moved into. Jones said they were moved into a marketing BS. Motion passed 94% to 3% with 3% abstaining. |

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| | <p>Senator Zyla moved to approve proposal 19-065 for the Social Work Courses. Seconded by Senator Weaver. Leonard noted there was an error with UCC vote count. It should be 5 support, 1 support with concern and 1 non-support. Will fix on forms. Coordinator Wendy Samuel explained the need for the school social work certificate as required by the Michigan Department of Education and the 18 learning outcomes. This is not a Ferris certificate but one for the Michigan Department of Education. 3 classes were created. Senator Flachs expressed concern about the lack of consultation with the school of Education who would like to be involved. At a minimum a consultation request. Samuel noted that the Social Work course relate to 7 outcomes of those required. Samuels said that they were doing this process in a compressed timeframe. If no approval, the process will be set back for a year. Motion passed 82% to 12% with 6% abstaining.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Announcements / Campus Committee Reports. President Alspach adjusted the order of the Senate to allow President Eisler to make reamarks. President Eisler discussed the state budget for higher education with competing proposals out of the Senate and House. He continues to advocate for TIP funding and noted there is still confusion over the 2 year terms and the result of the redistricting in the court.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Senate Charter Amendments Rules Committee chair Melinda Isler explained that the proposed charter changes will be brought forward as five separate votes.</p> <p>Committee chair Isler moved to support an addition to charter in section 3, Article 4 to define ex-officio members of the senate as non voting. Seconded by Senator Weaver. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Committee chair Isler moved to support the recommendation to add Athletic Advisory Committee and General Education as part of spring committee appointments in Article 9, Section 3. Seconded by Senator Epps. Motion passed 100%.</p> <p>Committee chair Isler moved to require Senate committees to have a quorum to conduct business referenced in Article 9, Section 2 . Seconded by Senator Baran. Senator Zyla noted that the UCC is not always having a quorum present. It was noted that the passing of the proposal requires the vote, but discussion can occur without all members present. A quorum is defined by Roberts Rules of Order as a majority +1 The question was asked to the parliamentarian whether it was filled seats or total committee. Senator Zyla moved to amend to a quorum of filled seats. Seconded by Weaver. Amendment passed 86% with 9% opposed and 5% abstaining. Motion passed 77% with 17% opposed and 6% abstaining.</p> <p>Committee chair Isler moved to change the election of the non tenure track senators to the spring election cycle for a 2 year appointment. This was a cleanup because the charter has a process for replacing senators who leave the university. This group is limited to 3 members and does not follow the apportionment formula. If all senators were not reappointed in the spring the Senate Executive Committee can appoint someone to fill out the term. Isler noted another process has had the positions filled by others who had gotten votes in the election. Vice President asked if they are for process if there were a process for SEC member was a flaw in a process and should be addressed. Secretary Isler noted she was not certain of the process. Senator Johnson asked about the part about number of the group on Executive Committee. Senator Hanna asked that this be addressed by the next Rules Committee. Senator Epps agreed and asked for the withdrawal of motion. Senator Gray disagrees because people have a way to vote.. Senator Hanna asked if group is from a single college. Secretary Isler said that her list form last fall they were from most colleges. Vice-President Bacon noted that there is a large number individuals but not on campus full time. References to non-tenure track faculty members will be removed from Article 4, Sections 3, 7 and 10. This motion passed 97% to 0% with 3% abstaining.</p> <p>Committee chair Isler moved to create the position of treasurer. Seconded by Senator Weaver. Senator Inabinett noted that this was a position needed by the executive board to help manage the budget and shifting priorities. It was noted that apart from a president there is not a clear process to replace executive committee e members. Motion passed 74% to 18% with 9% abstaining.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Retiring Senators</p> |

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| | President Alspach recognized all retiring senators, including Vice-President Charles Bacon. |
| 10 | Senate adjourned at 11::20 a.m. |