**Minutes**

**Ferris State University**

**7 April 2020, 10:00 a.m.**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Axford, Bajor, Baran, Beaudry, Berghoef, Bright, Colley, Daubert, Drake, Emerick, Flachs, Foulk, Hanna, Harvey, Herrington, Inabinett, Isler, Jadhav, Johnson, Joseph, Kuiper, Lamberts, Lotoczky, Moresi, Pisani, Schoenlein, Smith,Snider, Swinkunas, Thomson, Todd, Waters, Weaver, Wiltshire, Winowiecki, Wolfer, Zube

Members absent with cause: Aslakson

Members absent: Fadayomi

Ex-Officio and Guests: Blake, Buse, Eisler, Damari, Dorey, Durst, Ek, Faulkner, Goosen, Haneline, Hawkins, Hegenauer, Hoisington, Johnson J., Johnson L., Johnson, M., Leonard, Lopez, Nicol, Patten, Piercey, Pilgrim, Prakasam, Redker, Reifert, Seiferlein, Ward-Roof, Williams, Zimmer

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| 1. | President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:00. The presentation on consensual relationships policy has been withdrawn from the original agenda. |
| 2. | **Approval of the Minutes**  Senator Weaver moved to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes. Senator Joesph seconded. Motion passed 93% to 0% with 7% abstaining. |
| 3. | **Open Forum**  Co-chairs of the Provost Search Committee Gayle Lopez and David Pilgrim noted that the search plans to continue with virtual on-campus interviews for the final two candidates. They will occur on April 20th and 21st and on April 23rd and 24th. |
| 4. | **Officer Reports.**  President Alspach said that the packet includes a document on the senate organizational chart presented to the employee leadership development program. The senate elections have concluded and will have a report.  Vice-President Mike Berghoef encouraged all who wished to apply for the spring committees of Athletic Advisory Committee, University Curriculum Committee, Academic Program Review and General Education Committee. They are due this week. He thanks all for their committee participation. He congratulated Lori Faulkner, Kendall faculty as the 2020 Distinguished Teacher of the Year and Leanne Briggs as the 2020 International Educator of the Year.  Secretary Isler deferred to Elections Chair Daisy Daubert for an elections report. She noted all seats have been filled except for one in Optometry. A runoff election was held in the College of Arts and Sciences. |
| 5a | **University Curriculum Committee**  Chair Rusty Leonard noted that the period for outcomes amnesty has closed and these have been added to the workload of the UCC. There are a number of proposals which have been included as information only items The hotel management proposal which was not information only has been moved to the May meeting. There has been an extension to alleviate the stress of the coronavirus until June 2020. |
| 5b | **Academic Program Review**  Chair Inabinett reported on progress made before spring break. Their report is in the meeting and this is her last meeting as chair. Whatever is not finished will be carried on by new co-chairs Katie Axford and Alex Cartwright. |
| 5c | **General Education**  Chair Victor Peircey reported on the competency closing the loop conversation delay the quantitative literacy and problem solving until fall 2020. A proposal for a faculty learning community to support themed student learning communities for gen ed and major courses we. does not relate to course pre-requisites and is similar to recognition for serving as a senator by getting a certificate. They are reviewing ways to reduce data collection process to be less of a burden. Evaluation of general education for this semester will continue. |
| 5d | **Elections Committee**  See Item 4. |
| 6a | **University Curriculum Committee**  Senator Bajor moved to close the Nutrition and Food Management program (proposal 20-019). Seconded by Senator Daubert. Champion Dorey noted that this was identified as a need in the industry but that the needs did not match our population and there were difficulties managing internships. Getting approval was difficult by accreditors. They did not have enough support. Motion passed 97% to 3% with 0% abstaining.  Senator Weaver moved to close the Club Management minor and modify the Club Management Certificate (proposal 20-047). Senator Thomson seconded. Proposer Dorey noted that this was originally designed for professional golf management program which has shifted their focus. It also was one which was one which had internship requirements which made it hard to do. Motion passed 100% to 0%.  Senator Zube moved to approve the Psychology program revision. Seconded by Senator Weaver. Proposer Chris Redker was there for questions. Social Sciences Chair Jennifer Johnson was a cleanup that aligned the minimum requirements including grade requirements with other programs checksheets. Motion passed 100% to 0%.  Senator Thomson moved to approve the Applied Speech Communication program revisions (proposal 20-052). Seconded by Senator Drake. One of the major changes included reduction of internship credit to align with other programs in this area and to change the name to help increase enrollment. Motion passed 94% to 3% with 3% abstaining.  Senator Weaver moved to approve the Biology/Pre-physician assistant program (proposal 20-081). Seconded by Thomson. Biology chair Zimmer noted this was a move from a concentration to a separate program and had been recommended previously. This is a program that students specifically look for at a university. It requires no new added courses. Motion passed 91% to 3% with 3% abstaining. |
| 7. | **Academic Program Review**  Chair Inabiniett note that policies were approved in last meeting. They are presenting a formal checksheet and report format for the group (memorandum). The checksheet matches the guide approved in the previous meeting and will be completed by all reviewers for each program. Also working on the schedule for updates (sitting in the office- mostly adding programs) Comment received from Amy Buse to change from checklist to checksheet. Inabinett agreed to that. Seiferlein noted that the resources discussed would be created over the summer as discussed in last meeting. Senator Weaver moved a vote to support the process documents. Seconded by Senator Jadhav. Motion passed. Optometry report has been moved to a fall 2020 report because of coronavirus situation.  Senator Jadhav moved to support the approval of the communications program recommendation. Senator Thomson seconded. Motion passed 93% to 3% with 3% abstaining. |
| 8. | **Higher Learning Commission Site Visit Conversation**  Associate Provost Mandy Seiferlein and Co-chair Jeff Ek presented on status of HLC report. The quality initiatives were turned in and approved. In mid-April they will be sending out the student survey. They have also sent out a draft ofn the assurance argument and they are transitioning to prepping for the site visit in the fall. They are also reviewing the strength of evidence within the document. Review of the KCAD part of the argument will be sent out. |
| 9 | **Announcements**  President Eisler thanked the senate and faculty for their leadership and organizing this meeting and adapting teaching and dedication to assisting students. He noted that they continue to take donations to the hardship fund which was initiated by faculty member Frances Rosen. Over 550 students have benefited. Yesterday some employees were placed on temporarily leave primarily in physical plant and dining service. There is funding for Ferris in the Cares Act (around 9.2-9.7 million). One half is for support for students and the other for supporting delivering remote curriculum. It is unknown when funding will be received. Prior to shutdown, he presented to the state legislature about the TIP program and there was support. He also got support for the building project. Because of the situation, it will be delayed. This has happened before. There is great concern in shortfall of 1.3 million for this year. Please encourage students to register for fall. There could be a negative supplemental.  Provost Blake thanked all faculty for all their collaborative efforts and support and the Senate for convening this meeting. This is an unprecedented time but in trying to do lots of fixes, but everyone has responded with incredible collaboration. Thank you for all that you have done. People were helpful and sincere in face of frustration.  Student Government president Aly Faulkner reported that student government elections are underway. They got great interaction from social media and will have a vritual gala.  Emeriti Association President Doug Haneline said that events through June we cancelled and the board will continue to serve until an election may be held. They will be sponsoring 2 scholarships this year. He noted the death of Dave Winiger who was a former senate member. |
| 10. | The Senate adjourned at 11:54 a.m. |
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