**Minutes**

**Ferris State University**

**6 May 2020, 10:00 a.m.**

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

Members absent with cause: Lotoczky

Members absent: Fadayomi

Ex-Officio and Guests: Bentley, Biller, Briggs, Buse, Blake, Dirmeyer, Dorey, Eisler, Ek, Eaton, Faulkner, Franklund, Gibbs, Haneline, Hart, HawkinsBadge, Hegenhauer, Huey, Johnson J., Johnson, L., Johnson M., Koneru, Lamberts, Leonard R., Lopez, Nicol, Prakasam, Reifert, Seiferlein, Schuiling, Snider, Williams T.

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| 1. | President Alspach called the meeting to order at 10:00. |
| 2. | **Approval of the Minutes**  Senator Weaver moved to approve the April 7, 2020 minutes. Senator Zube seconded. Isler noted corrections to attendance list and some typos. Motion passed 94% to 0% with 6% abstaining. |
| 3. | **Open Forum**  Chief Technology Bivhani Koneru introduced herself to the Senate. She has a background of 25 years experience in information technology services and also an MBA so that she understands the business aspects of the operation. She welcomes questions via email.  Co-chairs Lopez and Pilgrim noted that they hosted 4 final provost candidates- 2 on campus and 2 virtually. Pilgrim noted that the efforts of Jason Swearingen (IT) and Tammy Babcock (Budget office) made this possible. An announcement of the new provost should be happening shortly from the presidents office.  Mandy Seiferlein, Jennifer Hegenhaur and Jeff Ek from the HLC committee thanked the senate for all of the input provided. The draft has been sent out for external review and is in the final stages at president’s council. |
| 4. | **Officer Reports.**  President Alspach is working on her annual report for the Board of Trustees and thanked everyone for their participation in the Senate this year.  Vice-President Mike Berghoef noted there are still 2 unfilled seats for the Academic Program Review committee. Committees should be working on their end of the year report for submission to the senate. He also noted that the academic amnesty policy has been sent on to review by President’s Council.  Secretary Isler had no report.  Emily Aslakson has been appointed as Elections Committee chair. The Optometry seat is still vacant. |
| 5a | **University Curriculum Committee**  Chair Rusty Leonard noted that the senate has processed 93 proposals and completed a manual revision. They reviewed information-only and have completed the academic amnesty process. As part of this they reviewed 1200 course outcomes and 200 program outcomes. |

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| 5b | **University Assessment Committee**  Organizer Jenny Lamberts reported that they continue to work on the goals of the committee. They have no permanent structure. Charges are as follows: They are working on collaborations with both Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. They are working on best practices and to work with university assessment plans and make sure they are focused on quality improvement. |
| 5c | **Academic Program Review**  Chair Axford had not report. She and co-chair Cartwright are working on completing the transition and working on the calendar revisions. |
| 5d | **General Education**  Chair Peircey noted they continue to work on assessment and moved to a presentation over by assessment coordinator Cliff Franklund. Franklund noted the information is now being placed into nuventive in order to simplify the process. Over 400 are in the system and they’ve been communicating with those who have used it. Materials were included as part of the packet. The new process eliminates the need to registrar (they will set them up from Banner and IR) and have courses set up. All they need to do is enter the score and use a sharepoint site. |
| 5e | **Committee End of Year Reports**  See Item 4. |
| 6a | **University Curriculum Committee**  Chair Leonard asked if there were any information only proposal question. Senator Foulk asked what the prefix AI stood for? Leonard said artificial intelligence.  Senator Baran moved to modify the hotel management certificate(proposal 20-048). Seconded by Senator Zube. Champion Dorey noted this refocus of certificate and cleaning up course. Motion passed 100% to 0% with 0% abstaining.  Senator Isler moved to clean up the Hospitality management BA revisions. (proposal 20-074). Senator Weaver seconded. Proposer Dorey noted that this was updated for general education and course cleanup. Motion passed 94% to 6% with 0% abstaining.  Senator Baran moved to accept changes to Restaurant and Food Industry Management program revisions (Proposal 20-075). Seconded by Senator Zuber.. Motion passed 97% to 3% with 0% abstaining. It also notes the support of RMLS class.  Senator Weaver moved to approve the revisions to the Professional Golf Management (proposal 20-078). Acting Department Chair Briggs. Motion passed 91% to 0% with 9% abstaining. Briggs note the changes reflect change in PGA requirements in 3.0 and also to reduce the number of credits.  Senator Jadhov moved to approve the Social Justice major (proposal 21-003G). Senator Weaver seconded. Faculty Jana Pisani and Gary Huey are present to answer questions. Pisani spoke to the interdisciplinary nature of the program and timeliness. There are 11 directions which can be used. Courses housed in four different colleges. Only the 3 social justice courses will be taught online but rest draw from existing courses. Senator Zube asked if this would decrease history enrollment? Pisani and Huey said no. Senator Moore asked if this was fully online (Pisani said no) and he noted it was competing against fully online program, and was curious about projected enrollment and employment data. Pisani said starting with 10 students and building. There are bachelor level jobs in program officers, lobbyists and research individuals. Moore asked why a bachelor degree and not a certificate program? Pisani said that it provides a greater depth and internship possibility. Senator Drake expressed concerned about numbers and that it appears to be a general education degree that would not attract more students. Senator Beaudry asked what looking for in a pandemic time, is this the time when determining essential jobs- while a great idea. Student government president Allison Faulkner expressed concerns about seriousness of title and ability to get jobs. She did not feel that this has the same effect as political science or sociology degree. Pisani noted that this is a time of change which may be hands on and remaining important. Senator Todd asked about concerns raised about availability to take those courses. Pisani said they spoke to the department next week and coordinator said that would be acceptable. Senator Todd questioned the job viability of this program and thought that it would be more appropriate as a minor. Dorey expressed concern about hospitality management concentration class. Dorey said faculty member not currently available to offer for staffing cuts. Pisani and Huey said they will remove from course listing. Faculty member Takitaki expressed his support for the program. Senator Foulk also said this was particularly needed in the time of the pandemic and also includes public health. She thinks the pandemic could be good timing. Motion passed 57% to 31% with 11% abstaining.  Senator Baran moved to close the Sociology BA (proposal 19-069). Seconded by Zube. Department chair Johnson summarized the program issues as being the same as the political science proposal closure at the April meeting. It was not their intent to close but do not have the needed resources. Senator Berghoef moved to postpone. Senator Baran seconded. Senator Zube asked why postpone it? Provost Blake noted that the political science program has not be closed because of the senate vote in April 2020. The plan is to discuss with current faculty to have conversations with Academic Affairs about how to regenerate the conversation. The motion postponed with support of 92% until the September 2020 meeting. |
| 7. | **University Assessment Committee Charge**  A change to delay approval was made earlier. Senator Baran moved to approve the charge. Seconded by Senator Joseph. This is because the HLC committee noted this charge needs to be approved before the HLC visit in the fall. Motion passed 94% to 0% with 6% abstaining. |
| 8 | **Announcements**  President Eisler thanked the senate and faculty all they have done to keep the spring semester moving and helping their students. They have received first half CARES funding for students which is 4.5 million and plan shortly to have two town halls discussing future significant financial challenges. He said there are no change in state budget. Campus will remained closed for immediate future.  Provost Blake thanked all faculty for all their collaborative efforts and support. They are having meetings and framework of fall discussions by June 1st. He thanked Grant Snider for creation of the faculty lounge for those who cannot zoom. There is no way for him to personally thank all faculty for all they have done for students.  Student Government president Aly Faulkner reported that they had their gala and completed their final week. She has been re-elected as Student Government Association.  Emeriti Association President Doug Haneline had no report.  President Alspach thanked the retiring senators including Fadayomi, Baran, Waters, Zube, Lotoczsky and Inabinett. |
| 9. | The Senate adjourned at 11:20 a.m. |
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