

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 1998 - 10:00 a.m.**

I. **Call to Order:** President Key called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in the President's Room.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Adewusi, Anderson, Bonning, Conati, Dakkuri, Etienne, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Jackson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lovsted, Maas, Nagel, Nikkari, Nista, Papo, Rupe, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Squicciarini, Stephen, Valas, Wininger

Senators Absent. Green (excused), Hanna (excused), Holihan, Huey (excused), Pilgrim, Rye, Thapa (excused).

Guests. Joe Chartkoff, Tom Oldfield, William Sederberg, Robert von der Osten, Jim Hoerter

II. **Approval of January 13, 1998, minutes.** Minutes accepted as written.

III. **Open Forum** - No comments at this time.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **Senate Governance Committee - Senator Heidemann** - Since the last Senate meeting Senator Heidemann met with Dr. Sederburg, the Vice Presidents and Jim Phelps to discuss improving communications. Please let Senator Heidemann know of situations where there should be faculty input.

B. **University Curriculum Committee - Senator Lovsted** - The committee has approved two new options for Criminal Justice, a forensics option and a communications option. The committee is also working on revising the curriculum manual.

V. **Old Business**

A. **Looking to the Future Conference - Robert von der Osten**

Senator Dakkuri moved, with support by **Senator Nagel**, to accept the November 20, 1997, recommendations of the Looking to the Future Conference Committee, with voting by secret ballot. After lengthy discussion, motion passes, 22 yeas, 4 nays.

VI. New Business

- A. Post Tenure Review Committee** - President Key reported that a meeting was held with the Academic Policy and Standards Committee, Senator Kane and himself. A document the committee is writing will be revised and presented to the Senate at the March meeting.
- B. Criminal Justice Generalist Options - Moved by Senator Lovsted, with support by Senator Klope** that the Forensics and the Communications options be approved for the Criminal Justice Generalist Program. After lengthy discussion, Senator Papo calls the question, with support by Senator Ryan. Motion passes, one nay. Main motion passes, one nay.
- C. Senate Elections Committee - Senator Nagel** explained how the number of representatives per college was computed. The University College is not included in the list due to the fact that the Charter needs to be revised to include the University College.
- D. Senate Charter Revisions - Senator Nagel** answered questions regarding changes to the Senate Charter, noting that most of the changes have to do with dates. Senator Kane expressed concerns regarding inconsistencies in the current charter, due to the fact that the Senate agreed to changes made in 1996 and the Board of Trustees did not agree to all of the changes. After lengthy discussion regarding the changes to be made President Key suggested that the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Election Committee (committee charged with revising the charter) meet to review the charter. **Senator Valas moved to table this issue, with support by Senator Heidemann**, until the committees have an opportunity to meet. Motion passes, one nay.

VII. Announcements

- A. President Sederburg** provided the Senators with an update of current matters (**See Attachment A**).
- B. Interim Vice President Chartkoff** informed the Senate that Unit Action Plans are being reviewed at this time and reminded Senators that the NCA on-site visit will be April 20-21, 1998.
- C. President Key** informed the Senators that an official response regarding Academic Program Review was forwarded to Vice President Chartkoff's office. Faculty members are needed for Management Development Retreat Committee and the Institutional Review Committee, Please contact the Senate Office to volunteer. The Graduate Program

Guidelines committee is planning to bring something to the Senate before the end of the year.

VIII. Open Forum - Senator Papo asked senators to encourage colleagues to participate in the selection of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Assoc. Vice President Oldfield also encouraged participation by all concerned in the selection of the Vice President.

Senator Ryan questioned the procedure for programs going off-campus and if these programs were approved by the Senate. Assoc. VP Oldfield stated that there is a process in place adopted approximately three years ago.

IX. President Key adjourned the meeting at 11:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President