

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 02, 1999
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. Call to Order: **President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. Attendance

Senators Present: Anderson, Bandstra, Bonning, Conati, Daugherty, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Green, Hancock, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Johnson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nista, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Ryan, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stern, Westman.

Senators Absent: Abbasabadi (excused), Aiken, Griffin (excused), Hartman, Klope (excused), Pilgrim, Winger

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, Vincent King, Eric Lambert, Clayton Rye

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Senator El-Saidi, with support from Senator Nagel to approve the minutes of October 18, 1999, as written. Motion carries.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Squicciarini suggested that video tapes be made of the guest speakers appearing at Williams Auditorium for viewing later by faculty and staff unable to attend.

Senator Conati expressed concern about the one-day intervals in the early registration process.

V. Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee – See **Attachment A** for a list of proposals now being reviewed.

Senate Governance Committee – **Senator Papo** reports that all committees are meeting, and there are still openings on some committees. **President Konrad** advised Senators that the Professional Development Committee has made timeline changes. The revised document will be distributed in the very near future. **Senator Nagel** inquired as to how members of the NCA Committees were selected. **Associate Vice President Oldfield** explained that Sub-committee chairs select their committee members.

Career Services – **Ladi Terry, Director of Career Services**, in an effort to enhance communication with faculty members, provided a brief overview of Career Services activities, statistics and future plans (See **Attachment B**) to the Academic Senate. A brief question and answer period followed.

VI. New Business

Military Science Minor (ROTC) – **Motion by Senator Lindsey**, with support from **Senator Hastings-Bishop** to approve the new minor. Following a brief discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Announcements

President Sederburg was unable to attend, but forwarded a brief report (**Attachment C**) with **Vice President Chapman**. **Senator Speirs** asked if it was possible to receive more information regarding the Kendall merger. It was suggested that **Vice President Duffett and General Counsel Hill-Kennedy** be invited to attend a future Senate meeting. **Senator Nagel** suggested a question and answer column in the **FYI** covering the upcoming merger.

Vice President Chapman reported on the following items.

- The NCA Focus visit for a change of institutional status (to offer Internet courses) went well.
- The last Academic Plan Open Forum will be Thursday, November 4, at 5:00 p.m. in IRC 002. The Academic Plan will be formally submitted to the Board in February 2000.
- Several curriculum items will be presented at Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee of the Board on Wednesday, November 03, 1999. Those programs submitted are: BS degree in Psychology, BS degree in Integrative Studies, and an AAS degree in Accountancy. The Bachelors Degree in New Media Printing and Publishing will be hand-carried to the meeting for recommendation on Wednesday as well.
- Dean Isabel Barnes has formally announced her retirement, effective May, 2000. A search committee has been formed and will have its initial meeting on Friday, November 5, 1999. A national search for a new Allied Health Dean will be conducted.

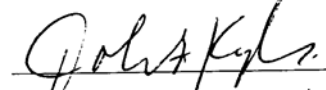
VIII. Open Forum

Senator Hastings-Bishop announced that the Recreation Leadership and Management program was granted accreditation on October 19 by the National Recreational Park Association. Ferris State University is one of 97 nation-wide to have this honor. Dr. Chapman added that the association gave the program high marks, as well as being very complimentary of Dr. Hastings-Bishop leadership.

Senator Conati repeated his earlier question regarding early registration. It is his feeling that this change could cause many problems. Dr. Chapman will check into the matter.

IX. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,



Cindy Konrad, President