

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. Call to Order: President Key called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Conati, Daugherty, Green, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Jackson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nikkari, Nista, Pilgrim, Ryan, Rye, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stephen, Stern, Thapa, Westhoven, Winger

Senators Absent. Bonning (excused), Dakkuri (excused), Ferdowsi (excused), Hanna, Haneline (excused), Hartman (excused), Huey (excused), Lindsey (excused), Papo (excused).

Guests. Barbara Chapman, Nancy Cooley, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, William Sederburg, Jim Carey, Leonard Johnson, Jim Hoerter, Ellen Haneline, Betty Stolarek, Karen Norman

III. Approval of February 2, 1999 Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Anderson expressed a concern about graduation being scheduled on a Friday.

Senator Ryan informed the Senate of article concerning for-profit higher education institutions gaining accreditation and teaching the cheaper general education and business courses that must be accepted as transfer credits. Senator Ryan also brought to the Senate's attention a brochure promoting Ferris that emphasized the freedom to have a messy room. He felt that parents and students considering the Honors College might react negatively to the ad.

Senator Pilgrim expressed a concern that a class scheduled to be taught by Mr. Little (brother of Malcolm X) was cancelled because of low enrollment. He said that he and others thought that Mr. Little should have been able to teach the course with low enrollment.

Senator Shepler wanted to know how long Ferris is going to pay \$18,000 per month to rent the old Best Western.

V. Committee Reports

Senate Governance Committee – Senator Heidemann informed the Senate that she proposed disbanding the university-wide International Education Committee and supporting the creation of a new International Advisory committee. She stated the matter would be presented under new business.

University Curriculum Committee - Senator Lovsted distributed the UCC Senate Report dated March 2, 1999 that summarized proposals being addressed. (See Attachment A)

Senate Elections Committee – Senator Stern reminded Senators that elections would take place on March 23 and 24, 1999 and petitions are due in the Senate Office no later than March 5, 1999.

VI. New Business

Health Care Systems Administration - Motion by **Senator Konrad**, with support from **Senator Thapa**, to accept revisions to the Health Care Systems Administration. After discussion, motion passes unanimously.

Medical Records Technology – Motion by **Senator Squicciarini**, with support from **Senator Hastings-Bishop**, to accept revisions the Medical Records Technology Program. After discussion, motion passes unanimously.

Medical Record Administration – Motion by **Senator Hastings-Bishop**, with support from **Senator Thapa**, to accept revisions to the Medical Record Administration Program. After discussion, motion passes unanimously.

Masters of Education – Motion by **Senator Hastings-Bishop**, with support from **Senator Lovsted** that the Masters of Education be placed before the Senate for first reading. Dean Cooley, Professor Carey, and others were present to explain the program and answer questions.

Options for Existing Masters of Education – Motion by **Senator Hastings-Bishop**, with support from **Senator Kowalkoski**, to place the new options in the existing Masters of Education before the Senate for first reading. Members of the College of Education answered questions regarding the changes.

International Education – Motion by **Senator Heidemann**, with support from **Senator Thapa**, to disband the university-wide **International Education Committee**. Motion passes.

Motion by Senator Heidemann, with support from **Senator Stephen**, that the Senate supports the formation of the **International Advisory Committee**. After discussion, motion passes. See Attachment B for details.

VII. Announcements

President Sederburg – See Attachment C for a complete list of discussion items. In addition, Dr. Sederburg indicated that the Honors Program would be expanded to include non-traditional students and would allow juniors and seniors to live off-campus or in other residence halls.

Vice President Chapman updated the Senate on the Dean searches, the search for the Chancellor and VP for Grand Rapids and post-tenure review. She informed the Senate that the Admissions Standards committee has been formed. Members of the committee are: M. Avritt, D. Burham, B. Chapman, N. Cooley, G. Denny, T. Doyle, R. Gant, D. Hanna, M. Heidemann, M. Klein, C. Konrad, B. Kowalkoski, C. Maki, D. Mullens, T. Oldfield, F. Swartz, J. Totten, R. von der Osten, and P. Walling.

President Key announced that an evening meeting would be scheduled in early April to have Dr. Uniacke discuss the status of FSU Grand Rapids and for Dr. Chapman to update the Senate on the unit action plans.

VIII. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

IX. Adjournment - President Key adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President