

Ferris State University
Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
February 2, 1993

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bacon, Bandstra, Bartholome, Billings, Breault, Brown, Burtch, Caskey, Conati, Cook, Etienne, Griffin, Haneline, Heidemann, Horn, Kebler, Key, Keys, King, Kosanovich, Matrosic, Peterson, Pommichowski, Rupe, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Spaulding, Teferra, Thapa, Totten, Travis, , Valas, von der Osten, Whitmore.

1.2 Members Absent. Beetley (excused), Holihan, Uniacke (excused).

1.3 Guests. J. Alexander, I. Barnes, A. Breitenwischer, M. Cairns, A. Dakkuri, N. Emmanuel, R. Hampson, L. Lunsted, H. Popovich, F. Swartz, G. Wales, B. Woods.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Approval of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the January 5, 1993, meeting were postponed.

Open Forum

4.1 Leigh Caskey, Education, brought to the Senate's attention that the Academic Program Review Process is still seen by some as targeting programs for elimination. This attitude has resulted in advising by the counseling staff which steers students away from programs which are under review. Caskey emphasized that program review needs to be viewed by everyone as an evaluative process.

4.2 Margaret Etienne, Business, alerted the Senate to a proposed English 114 course which will be offered Spring Quarter by the Department of Languages and Literature. The course is a combination of English 112 and 113. Students will receive six credit hours for English 114, but the schedule shows that English 114 will meet five hours per week. Etienne expressed a concern about the discrepancy between the six hours of credit and the five hours of meeting time.

Announcements

Acting Vice President Barnes

5.1 Acting Vice President Barnes requested that the name of Carole Jones be added to the list of members of the Distance Learning Task Force in the *Senate Forum*.

5.2 Barnes reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has been receiving responses to the Strategic Plan. The committee is restructuring the document and is considering holding open hearings in March. During the spring quarter, the plan for 1993-94 will be published. Plans for subsequent years will be modified annually.

President Breault

6.1 President Breault announced that the Senate Executive Committee and representatives from each college and unit will meet with President Popovich and Acting Vice President Barnes on Tuesday, February 2, 1993, at 2:00 p.m..

6.2 Breault reported that the Quality Improvement Council sent four members to a conference in Atlanta.

6.3 Breault reported that a Media Distribution Committee has been formed. The members are Phil Marcotte, Chair, Fred Wyman, Michael Cron, Julie Doyle, and Ted Walker.

6.4 Breault requested a volunteer to serve on the Tuition Task Force.

Special Reports

George Wales, Solid Ice

7.1 George Wales reported on the activities of the Solid Ice Committee, which is a volunteer group of concerned citizens. The committee is providing planning, developing procedures, and giving leadership in support of ice

sports at the Ferris State University Ice Arena. The committee has established an endowment fund which is chartered under the Big Rapids Area Community Foundation and has received pledges of \$300,000 to date.

Joan Totten, Safety Committee

8.1 Joan Totten, Counselor, highlighted measures which are being proposed and/or implemented to make the campus safe. Totten urged Senators to emphasize safety measures which are being taken.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

9.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that the University Curriculum Committee will be looking at a proposed Academic Minor in Art History and an accounting track to the CIS Master's Degree.

Academic Program Review Committee

10.1 Chairman Dakkuri gave a status report of the Academic Program Review process. Of the seven programs under review, two have submitted their reports, which were due by February 1, 1993. This places the timetable for the remainder of the process in jeopardy.

Senate Appointments Committee

11.1 Chairwoman Travis reported that the Distance Learning Task Force is doing long range planning.

Old Business

Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement

12.1 Peterson moved that the Senate endorse the Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement. King supported.

12.2 Russell moved to table the motion. Heidemann supported. The motion to table carried.

New Business

Spring Quarter English 114 Course

13.1 Peterson moved that the Senate recommend to the Vice President for Academic Affairs that the course description for English 114, to be offered in the Spring Term, be changed to add a one-to-two hour laboratory requirement to the five classroom contact hours. von der Osten supported.

13.2 King moved the previous question. Travis supported. The motion carried.

13.3 The main motion carried.

Open Forum

14.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

Next Meeting

15.1 The next meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, March 9, 1993, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Adjournment

16.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
