

**Ferris State University**  
**Academic Senate Meeting**  
**October 1, 1996 - 10:05 a.m.**

**I. Attendance**

- A. **Senators Present.** Conati, Dakkuri, Ferdowsi, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Holihan, Huey, Kane, Key, Klope, Krumins, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Moffett, Monson, Nerbonne, Olsson, Papo, Pilgrim, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Stephen, Stich, Thapa, Travis, Valas.
- B. **Senators Absent.** Abbasabadi, Anderson, Etienne (excused), Ferdowsi (excused), Glynn, Green, Jameson, Maas, Winger,
- C. **Guests.** President Sederburg, Provost Abebe, Tom Oldfield, Lana Ford, Rebecca Herber (Torch reporter), Manuel Puerta, Henryk Marcinkiewicz, Ron Haladayna, Roxann Cullen

**II. Call to Order**

President R. Moffett called to meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Rankin Center President's Room.

**III. Minutes**

Minutes approved for September 3, 1996, 10:05 a.m. session.

**IV. Open Forum**

No concerns were expressed at this time.

**V. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg offered explanations of the blueprints for new construction. The Legislature will take this issue up after the November elections. Dr. Sederburg has met with the Dept. of Management and Budget and Governor Engler and will seek an addition \$5 million. Construction at Kendall will begin shortly with an atrium connecting two buildings. President Sederburg fielded several questions from Senators regarding the elimination of buildings on campus, parking on campus, and what is the fate of campus landmarks.
- B. Provost Abebe informed the Senate that the University College is moving along well under the direction of Interim Dean Travis. Dean Travis will do a presentation at the next Senate meeting. Dr. Abebe also asked for letters of support for the full-time position in the Senate Office.

- C. President Moffett reported that the following appointments to the Senate have been made: Dr. Adnan Dakkuri (Pharmacy), George Olsson and Warren Klope (Technology). Dr. Ferdowski will serve as the Election Committee Chair. President Moffett also reported that Senate Charter revisions will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees and that the Economics Department will be moving to the College of Business in January, 1997. The Executive Committee is studying this issue and will have a report in November.
- D. Dr. Henryk Marcinkiewicz informed the Senate that syllabi can now be posted on the Web. He also reported that the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Faculty Development can offer assistance with: consulting, software training, special needs presentations, and various workshops. Dr. Dakkuri also advised the Senate that he and Dr. Mary Murnik will be coordinating a round table on teaching/learning titled "Distance Learning vs. Traditional Learning" on October 16, 1996 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the President's Room at Rankin Center.

## VI. Committee Reports

- A. University Curriculum Committee - Donna Smith reminded Senators that in order to meet deadline for On Course and the new catalog proposals must be to the UCC by November 15. A memo to this effect will be sent to all faculty. The UCC has passed the Spanish Education Minor that will be voted on by the Senate today. The UCC is currently working on general education transfer guidelines, the applied communications major, revisions to the business administration transfer program and business administration major. In addition, the UCC passed a minor change in PPHR 541. Also, the UCC Manual will be on-line soon, with disks available in every department office.
- B. Senate Governance Committee - Greg Key reported that there are several openings on several committees. It was suggested that if an appointee on the committee was not from the College whose vacancy is being filled, a notation be made. Senator Rupe expressed his disappointment that the Athletic Advisory Committee had lost three (3) females and that the one remaining female is on release time and that no females were appointed to the committee, so perhaps the Senate should look at the way appointments to committees are made.

## VII. New Business

- A. **Lana Ford made a presentation to the Senate regarding Articulation Agreements. We have 49 signed agreements at this time, and 6 community college agreements. Any suggestions or comments would be appreciated. Please call Ms. Ford for more information.**

- B. President Moffett called for a motion to approve the Spanish Education Minor. Senator Valas made a motion, seconded by Senator Heidemann. Heard comments from Dr. Puerta, Dr. Haladyna, and Roxann Cullen. President Moffett called for a vote. Senate approves with one abstention.**
  
- C. Senator Rupe made a motion that the Academic Senate appoint three (3) faculty members to a committee for developing a process for writing outside grant applications for FSU Faculty Research. Seconded by Senator Travis. Motion by Senator Key to table the matter. Seconded by Senator Kane. Motion to table passes.**

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Senate will be November 5, 1996, 10:05 a.m., in the President's Room of Rankin Center.

**X. Adjournment**

President Moffett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John A. Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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President, Academic Senate