

Minutes of the Meeting  
October 1, 1991

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. R. Anderson, T. Anderson, Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, A. Cook, Etienne, Ferdowski, Haneline, Heidemann, Henry, Holihan, Horn, Key, King, Lewis, Matrosic, Oldfield, Ovans, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Rumpf, D. Russell, P. Russell, Thapa, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. Caskey, M. J. Cook (excused), Muccio (excused), Powell (excused), Ravell (excused), Spaulding (excused), Totten (excused), Travis (excused).

1.3 Guests. N. Emmanuel, L. Lusted, G. Nash, H. Popovich, D. Sargent, T. Strong, F. Swartz, P. Watson.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 President Russell 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 September 3, 1991, meeting were approved.

OPEN FORUM

4.1 No faculty concerns were expressed at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich announced that the legislature has passed the appropriation bill and sent it to the governor. The appropriation for Ferris contains a 4.2% increase from last year, to be paid during the first nine months of the state's fiscal year, from October 1 to June 30. Therefore, the university needs to plan its spending and keep a reserve to get through the summer. No veto of the base budget is anticipated. However, the university still needs to effect efficiencies wherever possible, with no deleterious consequences for academics, the quality of student life, and the upkeep of facilities and equipment. Lobbying will be targeted toward funding particular projects such as the Applied Technology Center and programs whose graduates are critically needed to bolster the state economy.

Vice President Nash

6.1 Vice President Nash announced the appointment of Alan Laird Lewis as the Dean of the College of Optometry.

6.2 In a meeting with the ASG regarding library hours, it became

evident that the students need places to study. An attempt will be made to extend the hours that the library's study area is open and to identify areas in other buildings that can be open to students for studying.

6.3 Nash reported that, contrary to rumors, Academic Computing is not discouraging use of Apple and MacIntosh computers. Nash suggests all computer ordering be done through the bookstore.

President Russell

7.1 President Russell announced the following committee appointments:

Strategic Planning Committee (Three-year terms)

Julie Bonkowski  
Julia Chaffin

North Central Accreditation Steering Committee

Mark Curtis  
Sally Krumins  
Mike Ryan

Ombudsman Study Committee

Gordon Henry - faculty  
Ken Kuk - faculty  
Mariesa Hebert - ASG  
Narbeth Emmanuel - administration  
Bob Schuiteman - administration

Patti Russell, John Pearson and Jack Doneth have been identified as resource persons.

Residual Rights Review Committee

Everett Nienhouse  
George Novotny  
Jim Saladin

7.2 Russell reported that Dave Anderson has resigned from the Senate and the University Curriculum Committee because of pressing family concerns. Russell thanked Anderson for his tireless service and dedication to duty. Jim Rumpf will serve out the remaining one year of Anderson's Senate term and Bob Burtch will serve a three-year term on the UCC.

7.3 Russell noted that the Senate Executive Committee has reviewed the latest draft of the Media Distribution Policy and sent its comments to Vice President Nash. The September 27 meeting of the Executive Committee and President Popovich focused chiefly on issues involving the Timme Library.

7.4 Russell encouraged all faculty to attend a workshop at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, led by Earl Nelson, Director of the Office of Minority Equity, State Department of Education. Faculty should also invite students to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

8.1 Chairwoman Etienne distributed a written report of proposals in progress and the current list of semester courses that have been approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Closure of B.S. in Business Economics

9.1 Etienne moved that the Senate approve the closure of the B. S. in Business Economics. Horn supported. The motion carried.

Revised Transfer Policy

10.1 Etienne moved that the Senate grant approval to the Revised Transfer Policy. Burtch supported. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

UCC New Proposal Deadline

11.1 Moved by Etienne that all proposals for new courses, new academic majors or new academic minors to be implemented under the existing quarter system must be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee by the end of fall quarter 1991.

Be it further moved that all proposals returned to departments by either the UCC or the UC must be resubmitted by the end of fall quarter 1991.

Valas supported. The motion carried.

UCC General Guidelines

12.1 von der Osten moved that the University Curriculum Committee be charged with writing general guidelines to provide for the consistent and reasonable designation of course numberings and of course prerequisites for all university course offerings, and that these guidelines be submitted to the Academic Senate for approval no later than its regular meeting in November 1991.

Heidemann supported. The motion was withdrawn.

Library/Instructional Services Committee Charge

13.1 Burtch moved that the Library/Instructional Services Committee be charged with the review of the Timme Library's recently-imposed

user's fee and the newly-proposed service fees, and that a recommendation regarding these fees be submitted to the Academic Senate for approval no later than its regular meeting in December 1991.

Thapa supported.

13.2 Burtch moved to amend the motion to read, "...review of the

Timme Library's recently-imposed user's fee, the newly-proposed service fees, and the reduction in library hours..." Peterson supported. The motion to amend carried.

13.3 The main motion carried unanimously.

#### Proposal for Academic Scholarships

14.1 Pearson moved that the Academic Senate, in the interest of fostering a healthier academic atmosphere at Ferris State University, request the Board of Control to adopt a scholarship policy requiring that the amount of money yearly awarded in academic scholarships be at least equal to that awarded in athletic scholarships for the same period.

Thapa supported. The motion carried.

#### OPEN FORUM

15.1 Senator Henry requested notification of programs under review under the current academic review process.

#### NEXT MEETING

16.1 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, November 4, 1991, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

#### ADJOURNMENT

17.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:

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