

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2000
President's Room, Rankin Center**

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

II. Attendance

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

Senators Absent: Hartman, Pilgrim (excused), Speirs, Westhoven (excused), Wininger (excused)

Guests: Isabel Barnes, Barbara Chapman, Richard Cochran, Nancy Cooley, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, Tom Oldfield, William Sederburg, Vincent King, Frank Crowe, Michelle Burke, Suzanne Chandler, Jim Carey, Dave Zoebeck, Ann Breitenwischer, Jamie Brady, David Frank, Bruce Forintos, Jim Mayhew, Don Flickinger, Joel Rescoe, Russ Hess, Julian Easter

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Senator Nagel, with support from **Senator Bonning**, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2000, as written. Motion carries.

IV. Open Forum –

Senator Ferdowsi expressed concern regarding students enrolling in upper level classes without having proper prerequisites.

Senator Lovsted expressed concern about the Blue Ribbon Task Force report, which recommended that the College of Pharmacy move to Kalamazoo.

Senator Stern suggested that all Senators have nametags to be used for meetings.

Senator Ryan also expressed concern regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force Report. He believes this is a serious issue on campus that has impact on classes in the Arts and Sciences, the Honors Program, the Pre-Pharmacy program and the College of Pharmacy.

Senator Klope expressed a concern regarding proposals that have not gone through the proper channels before being brought to the Senate for approval.

Keith Kern, Student Government representative, informed the Senate that elections for Student Government will be the first Tuesday of April.

V. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted provided Senators with a list of pending action items (See Attachment A). The Teacher Education faculty, the College of Education Curriculum Committee and the University Curriculum Committee have unanimously supported the Social Science courses that were listed on the original check sheet for the Elementary Education Major.

B. Senate Governance Committee – Senator Papo had no report at this time.

C. Senate Elections – Senator Nagel, Election Committee Chair, stated that elections materials have been sent to full-time faculty. Nomination forms are available from Senate Election Committee members, the Committee Chair, or from the Academic Senate Office.

- D. Leadership and Service Learning Initiatives – Michelle Burke**, Director of Student Leadership and Activities provided the Senators with information regarding the activities of her office. She also indicated there is an opening for a faculty member on SAFAC (Student Activity Fund Allocation Committee). See Attachment B for more information or contact Michelle at 5936.

VI. Old Business

- A. Elementary Education Major – Motion by Senator Abbasabadi, with support from Senator Hastings-Bishop** to return to the floor for discussion and approval the Elementary Education Major. After a lengthy discussion, **President Konrad** called for a show of hands vote. Yeas: 24, nays: 3, motion passes.

VII. New Business

- A. Early Childhood Major - Motion by Senator Hastings-Bishop, with support from Senator Johnson** to bring the proposal to the floor for first reading. This proposal builds on a program already in place, enabling students to apply for a State of Michigan ZA endorsement. After a brief discussion **President Konrad** asked that discussion be closed. **Motion passes.**
- B. Early Childhood Minor – Motion by Senator Hastings-Bishop, with support from Senator Johnson** to bring the proposal to the floor for first reading. **Senator Johnson** moves to close discussion. **Motion passes.**
- C. Generalist Track, Criminal Justice Baccalaureate Degree in Flint. - Motion by Senator Hastings-Bishop, with support from Senator Johnson**, to approve the Generalist Track for Criminal Justice in Flint. After a lengthy discussion, **President Konrad** called for a show of hands vote. Yeas: 13, Nays: 9, Abstentions: 2. **Motion passes.**
- D. Opticianry Program Changes – Motion by Senator Squicciarini, with support from Senator Daugherty**, to approve the proposed changes. After a lengthy discussion, **Senator Klope, with support from Senator Conati, moves to table the proposal. Motion passes.**

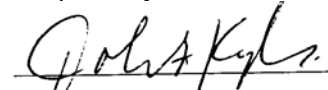
President Konrad stated that remaining agenda items will be added to the March Senate agenda.

VIII. Announcements

- A. President Sederburg** provided the Senators with a brief written update on campus issues. See Attachment C for more information.
- B. Vice President Chapman** provided the Senators with a brief update on the Noel Levitz consultation visit. See Attachment D for a complete listing.

IX. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Cindy Konrad, President