

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, December 1, 1998 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, Bonning, Dakkuri, Daugherty, Ferdowsi, Haneline, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Kane, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nista, Pilgrim, Rye, Shepler, Squicciarini, Stephen, Thapa, Westhoven.

**Senators Absent.** Conati, Green (excused), Hartman, Jackson (excused), Nikkari, Papo (excused), Ryan, Speirs, Stern, Wininger (excused).

**Guests.** Barbara Chapman, Isabel Barnes, Tom Oldfield, Tom Behler, Jeff Nagelbush.

III. **Approval of November 17, 1998 Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

IV. **Open Forum**

**Senator Anderson** expressed concern with the Grand Rapids Omnibus Resolution approved at the Board of Trustees on November 20, 1998. Specifically, the “where appropriate” language in the last paragraph may be used to circumvent the Senate. **Senator Hanna** also expressed concern with the document, as well as **Senator Haneline**. **Vice President Chapman** stated that academic concerns would be handled through her office.

V. **Committee Reports**

**The Senate Governance Committee (Senator Heidemann)** had no report.

**The University Curriculum Committee Chair (Senator Lovsted)** distributed a list of items that the UCC has completed and are working on at present. See Attachment A.

VI. **Old Business**

**Academic Program Review Recommendations – See November 17, 1998 minutes for complete copy of report.**

**Moved by Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Stephan** to accept the Academic Program Review Council recommendations as written. After a brief discussion, motion was approved unanimously.

**Senator Dakkuri** suggested that the **Academic Senate** express a sincere thank you to **Committee Chair Haneline** and members of the Academic Program Review Council: **Woody Neumann, Mary Murnik, Karen Norman, Vincent King, Lorna Lewis, Joseph Weber, Mike Cairns, David Hanna and Gary Ovans.**

**VII. New Business**

**Human Development Minor (Attachment B) - Senator Lovsted moved, with support from Senator Hastings-Bishop** to approve the Human Development Minor. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

**VIII. Announcements**

**President Sederburg** was unable to attend. Comments sent by him are **Attachment C** of this document.

**Vice President Chapman** thanked the Academic Program Review Council for their hard work and assured Senators that recommendations made will be taken seriously. The recommendations will be forwarded as an information item to the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 18. **Senator Haneline** will be attending at the request of Dr. Chapman. Other topics were:

- The Chancellor of Grand Rapids, the Dean of Technology, and the Dean of University College searches are under way.
- The Student Assessment of Instruction Instrument is being piloted the week of December 1, 1998.
- The Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees will be reviewing policy and procedures for Study Abroad at its December 18 meeting.
- Dr. Chapman will present an update on Academic Planning to the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee.

Concerns were expressed by several Senators regarding the teaching of overloads, the cancellation of courses due to low numbers, the Student Assessment of Instruction Instrument, and where Senators may obtain copies of the report compiled by Marilyn Keigley.

**President Key** stated that in the College of Technology the Post Tenure Review process is underway. He related confidentiality concerns because reference letters and peer evaluations generated specifically for promotion/merit packets may be used in the Post Tenure Review process.

**IX. Adjournment - President Key** adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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Greg Key, President