

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 1997 - 10:05 a.m.**

I. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Conati, Dakkuri, Etienne, Ferdowsi, Glynn, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Kane, Key, Konrad, Krumins, Maas, Moffett, Monson, Olsson, Papo, Pilgrim, Rupe, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Stephen, Stich, Thapa, Valas, Wininger.

Senators Absent. Green (excused), Holihan, Klope (excused), Kowalkoski (excused), Nerbonne(excused), Travis.

Guests. Teshome Abebe, William Sederburg, Tom Oldfield, Douglas Haneline, Geri Hurt, Robert VonderOsten, Richard Perrin, Ed Cory

II. Call to Order

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

III. Minutes

Minutes corrected on page 2, Senate elections to read approved as follows "insufficient nominations for Senators in the Colleges of Pharmacy and Education". Minutes approved as corrected for the March 11, 1997, session.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Anderson requested that the Senate ask for a report on the progress of the "Get A Grip" promotion.

V. Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

Senator Smith gave a brief report. See **Attachment A** for complete listing of recently passed proposals and proposals being currently worked on by the UCC.

Senate Election Committee

Senator Ferdowski reported that Senate election were held March 25 and 26. All persons represented by the Senate have received the attached information (**Attachment B**) regarding elections outcomes.

Senate Governance Committee

Senator Key reported that an ad hoc committee formed to review the combining the Professional Development Committee, the Faculty Research Committee, and the Timme Grant Committee has met several time, with Senator Dakkuri acting as spokesperson. Senator Dakkuri informed the Senate that the committee would recommend to the Senate the streamlining and combining of all committees to handle the grant process.

VI. New Business

Senate Executive Committee

President Moffett informed the Senate that the Senate Executive Committee recommends that Academic Program Review recommendations be accepted, with many thanks to Dr. Haneline and the committee.

Senator Heidemann moved to adopt the recommendations of the Academic Program Review Committee, seconded by Senator Maas. Motion passes unanimously.

Masters Programs Concept

Senator Smith, Chair of the UCC, questioned whether Ferris should have more detailed guidelines for Masters programs. After lengthy discussion *Senator Dakkuri moves to refer Masters Guidelines back to the University Curriculum Committee for revision, seconded by Senator Thapa. Motion defeated (14-10).*

After more discussion, Senator Krumins moved that an ad hoc committee be formed to set guidelines for graduate programs at Ferris, with support from Senator Olsson. Motion passes.

In regard to the above action, Senator Saladin, as the last chair of the Graduate Council before Senator Smith, suggested that the Senate needs oversight on all programs, but that accountability needs to be established at a higher level, perhaps the Provost's Office. The Senate Executive Committee will appoint members to the ad hoc committee to revise the Guidelines for the Masters programs.

Proposed Copyright Statement

Interim Library Dean Geri Hurt addressed the Senate regarding copyright and the use of copyrighted materials. Lengthy discussion followed with suggestion of a workshop on copyright issues during faculty orientation week. *Moved by Senator Dakkuri, supported by Senator Olsson that the Senate receive the document. Motion passes.*

Looking To The Future Conference.

Robert VonderOsten requested Senate support for the Looking To The Future Conference Proposal (**Attachment C**), tentatively scheduled for October 7,8, &9, 1999. This proposal requests that classes be canceled for two days (Oct. 7 & 8?). Conference would include speakers from business, industry, and Ferris faculty. *Senator Heidemann moved to support the proposal, with support from Senator Dakkuri. Motion passes. (Note: This motion does not include the approval to cancel classes, which must be done by the Board of Trustees and the President's Office.)*

VII. Announcements

President Sederberg

Provided the Senators with very brief updates on : Academic Program Review - APR will be reflected on the budget and in unit action plans, selling of bonds (5.77% interest rate - 30 years), campus sinage (should be finished by April 21), the Appropriation Committee, the selling of new programs created, parking improvements during summer break, and a meeting he will be attending with Bill Gates.

Dr. Sederburg answered several questions. In response to Senator Anderson with a question of the status of the Wetlands dispute, the University has applied for a permit from the DEQ, the DEQ has stated that the wetlands are of low quality, and the University will be doing a more detailed analysis of alternative sites. Should a permit be issued, the wetlands area would be moved to another parcel of land owned by the University.

Dr. Sederburg said projected fall enrollment is estimated at 8300-8500 students on campus.

Provost Abebe

Informed the Senate that the Honors Program (canceled March 17) will take place this weekend and that the Faculty Recognition Dinner will be April 24. He also stated Roxanne Cullen has a document regarding

Cumulative Performance Review and will provide copies if asked. He stated that the NCA will visit campus on May 21, 1997. He also stated that the Board of Trustees had approved the amendment to the Senate Charter as a preamble to be included when the Charter is printed.

VIII. Adjournment

President Moffett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Russell Moffett, President