

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Regular Meeting  
March 1, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.  
West Campus Community Center**

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

**II. Attendance**

Officers Present: President Adnan Dakkuri, Vice-President Robert Loesch, Secretary David Aiken

Officers Absent: None

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Bandstra, A., Bandstra, J., Cairy, Carter, Cline, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Griffin, Hanna, Jewett, Johnson, Key, Liszewski, Lovsted, McLean, Miller, Morton, Nagel, Potter, Potter, Schmidt, Sun, Tymes, Vermeer

Senators Absent: Berghoef (excused), Heck (excused), Hettiarachchy, Jones, Lewis, Martin, Papo, Watson

Ex-Officio Members Present: President David Eisler, Vice President Academic Affairs Michael Harris

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Government President Maria Knirk

Guests: Richard Cochran, Jacqueline Hooper, Michelle Johnston, Chuck Matrosic, David Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Dick LaBarre, Jack Buss, John Thorp, Doug Haneline

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the February 1, 2005 regular Senate meeting are approved as written.

**IV. Open Forum**

Senator Aiken expressed support for the faculty of the College of Technology. They do not want to attend a film presentation on harassment. In Dr. Aiken's opinion the film is completely faulty and needs to be replaced.

Senator Nagel expressed thanks to Dr. Dakkuri for following up on the suggestions of the Senate for extending the services of Testing Office. New hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Senator Jewett would like network support for the students on weekends addressed. It was reported by him that the student portion of the network was down from mid-day Saturday through Monday morning. His course is web delivered. As a result, his exam had to be postponed until after spring break.

Senator Schmidt expressed a concern regarding the online catalog. There are no revision dates on the pages and there is no responsible party webmaster listed on any page. It is his opinion that students and faculty are under changing rules on a daily basis.

**V. Announcements**

**Senate President Dakkuri** expressed thanks to Vice President Burcham. New hours for test scoring are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. He announced that the Senate Executive Committee has selected Dr. Douglas Haneline as Chair of the Academic Program Review Council, effective May 1, 2005. Dr. Dakkuri presented a plaque on behalf of the faculty and administration to Dr. Jack Buss for his service as the Chair of the Academic Program Review Council (2002-2005). Dr. Dakkuri also presented a plaque to Charles Drake as Chair of the University Curriculum Committee(2001-2005).

**Senate Vice President Loesch** reminded all Senators to remind committee members and chairs to forward meeting minutes for posting on the Senate website. The Athletic Advisory committee would like to inform Senators that FSU athletes have a 17% higher graduation rate than the general population and that the grade point average of an athlete at FSU is 3.07. The Student Life Committee is working on a proposal for April. The University Graduate and Professional Committee have been busy reviewing program changes for the University Curriculum Committee including a proposal for a combined Pharm. D and MBA degree.

**Senate Secretary Aiken** had no announcements.

**VPAA Harris** reminded Senators that they should have received an AA Newsletter in their mailboxes.

**President Eisler** apologized for missing the last Senate meeting. He congratulated Dr. Dakkuri and expressed thanks to him from the Board of Trustees for his concise reporting of Senate activities.

## VI. Committee Reports

- A. **University Curriculum Committee – Chair Drake** reviewed the proposals recently presented to the UCC for approval. That document is Attachment A of these minutes.
- B. **Senate Elections Committee – Senator Key**, Chair of the Elections Committee reported that the nomination procedure is complete. Attachment B of these minutes list faculty members seeking election to the 2005-2006 Academic Senate.

## VII. New Business

- A. **Anthropology Minor - Motion by Drake, second from Griffin**, to accept the proposal. Dr. John Thorp was present to respond to questions. Motion carried.
- B. **Business Administration – New Concentration/Transfer Program - Motion by Drake, second from Bandstra**, to support the proposal. Following discussion, Senator Loesch moved, second from Nagel to postpone consideration of the proposal until the April Senate meeting. Motion defeated. Senator Schmidt called the question, second from Miller, question carried, main motion carried.
- C. **Academic Program Review Calendar – Motion by Griffin, second by Carter**, to support the revised calendar for Academic Program Review. The new calendar will be inserted in the recently revised manual and posted on the Senate website. Motion carries.

## VIII. Announcements

**President Dakkuri** announced that the Ad Hoc Academic Program Review Committee is still meeting; they are currently reviewing procedures for non-degree programs.

## IX. Open Forum

**Senator Dickinson** reminded Senators that we might want a photographer present for some Senate meetings. Photos can be archived by the Library.

**President Eisler** informed Senators that a FOIA request has been received from the website Pick a Prof.com. An extension has been requested by FSU attorneys.

**Senator Nagel** requested Dr. Dakkuri to follow up on the Senator Schmidt concern with the online catalog. Dr. Dakkuri assured him that he would discuss the issue with Dr. Harris.

**Senator Carter** reminded Senators that at 7 pm this evening FSU and Northwestern would be meeting for a basketball game.

## X. Adjournment – 11:15 a.m.

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David Aiken, Secretary

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Adnan Dakkuri, President