

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Regular Meeting
November 6, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.
West Campus Community Center**

I. **Call to Order: President Griffin** called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Officers Present: President Richard Griffin, Secretary Lucy Ngoh, Past President Adnan Dakkuri

Officers Absent: Vice-President Khagendra Thapa

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Berghoef, Carter, Cline, Cron, Dakkuri, Danley, Ding, Drake, Goosen, Hanna, D., Hanna, H., Hancock, Haneline, Hansen, Jewett, Jorsch, Kavanaugh, Klatt, Kouider, Liszewski, McMartin, Morcom, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Potter, Purvis, Sanderson, Sun, Watson, VandeMark, Watson, Weemaes

Senators Absent: Beistle (excused), Ding (excused), McLean(excused)

Ex-Officio Members Present: Interim VPAA Tom Oldfield, Joe Viviano, FSU Student Govt. President

Ex-Officio Members Absent: President David Eisler

Guests: Leonard Johnson, Michelle Johnston, Don Flickinger, Adam Finkbeiner, Julia Burke, Todd Stanislav, Nancy Hogan, Dean Krager

III. **Approval of the October 2, 2007 minutes. Senator Haneline moved, with support from Senator Sanderson, to approve the minutes** with the following corrections: in Section VIII, change “present” to “presence” regarding the attendance to Joseph Viviano, and item two of the Open Forum comments, remove Senator Drake’s statement regarding the anniversary of the Academic Senate.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Sun expressed a concern regarding the student registration process brought to him by his students. The students were unable to log into the system and register for classes for 5 hours. Questions pertaining to the incident that were asked by a staff member and Dr. Sun were not answered. They also stated that their questions were completely ignored. His complete statement is Attachment A of these minutes.

V. **Reports**

President Griffin advised Senators of the upcoming stakeholders meetings and urged them to attend at least one meeting. In the absence of **Vice President Thapa**, **President Griffin** introduced two new Senators, both hold part-time faculty positions: **Thomas Jorsch and Harvey Hanna**. Both Senators are from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Senator Jewett noted that there are still approximately six (6) Senators that are not serving on a Senate Committee, a requirement of the Senate Charter, Article 7, Section 2. Some of those Senators are from colleges that have vacant seats on committees. Senator Jewett encouraged Senators who are not on committees to do so.

Secretary Ngoh had no report at this time.

VI. **Committee Reports**

University Curriculum Committee – UCC Chair Leonard Johnson reported that there is one proposal on the agenda today for Senate approval. A complete report of the Curriculum Committee’s activities from the past month are Attachment B of these minutes. He reminded Senators that all proposals are always posted on the UCC webpage for review by all.

VII. Old Business

A. Graduate Council Membership Change – Senator Haneline, with support from Senator Carter, moved to re-open the discussion of the Graduate Council membership change. Senator Haneline stated that he and Senator Carter worked with Chair Hogan to craft language that would give the UGPC the membership that it wanted and be in conformity with the Academic Senate Charter. Their motion is as follows: following motion: **Moved by Senator Haneline, supported by Senator Carter**, that the Academic Senate approve the following changes regarding the University Graduate and Professional Council (UGPC) membership:

Currently, the membership reads:

1. One faculty representative from each college and the Library. Preferably, the faculty representative will be engaged in planning and the delivery of graduate and professional education.
2. Ex-Officio members from Office of Academic Affairs, FSU-GR, and Extended Learning.

We respectfully request that the language be changed to read:

1. One member from each graduate and professional program, one FLITE librarian, and two members drawn from the colleges without graduate programs (UC, CAS, COT, COPTS).
2. Ex-Officio members from Office of Academic Affairs, FSU-GR, and Extended Learning.

Nancy Hogan, Chair, University Graduate and Professional Council was present to respond to comments and questions.

After further discussions, Senator Hansen offered the following friendly amendment for Item 1 regarding membership: *One member drawn from each graduate and professional program, one FLITE librarian, and a member drawn from each college without graduate programs (UC, CAS, COT, COPTS).* Friendly amendment accepted by original motion makers.

Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo** called the question, with support from **Senator Danley**. Question carried, main motion carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Manufacturing Tooling Technology Program Redirection – Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Alspach, moved to approve the proposal. Dean Krager, program faculty member was available to respond to concerns and questions. Following a lengthy discussion, motion carried.

B. Policy for Use of Copyright Material – Senator McMartin, with support from Senator Haneline, moved to accept the Copyright Material Policy. Julia Burk, Digital Resources Librarian, was present to respond to concerns and questions. Following discussion, **Senator Haneline** called the question, with support from **Senator Papo**. Motion carried.

IX. Announcements

Interim Vice President Oldfield urged Senators to attend a stakeholders meeting if possible as it is your opportunity to have input into the vision statement and mission statement of the University. A Unit Planning Process Committee has been formed and also needs your input. Please send your ideas to Dr. Oldfield. The Academic Advising Taskforce Report is available on the Academic Affairs webpage, please review and send your comments to Dr. Oldfield. The Higher Learning Commission Self Study Planning group is being formed (chairs are in place), and subcommittees will be forming. Please consider volunteering. Enid Carlson-Nagel is now working in the VPAA's Office, coordinating grants with Gretchen Spedowske. As

funding from the state decreases we must find resources for funding. Doug Zentz and others from the College of Technology met with the Dean's Council regarding an Energy Conference planned for next spring. This will be a regional/national conference and cross-college involvement is wanted and needed. If you have an interest in participating, please contact the VPAA's Office.

President Griffin reminded Senators of the November 13 evening meeting, at which the recommendations of the Academic Program Review Council will be presented. President Griffin stressed the importance of attending this meeting. **Senator Haneline** added that the reports represent the work of over 100 faculty members, and that for the first time the process includes minor and non-degree entities. He stated that this process is the oldest continuous assessment process on campus.

X. Open Forum – Senator Papo urged Senators to participate in one of the stakeholders meetings taking place on campus. He told Senators that their input is vital and that this is the first time that all faculty suggestions are being discussed and considered. Senator Papo called on Senators to encourage their colleagues to participate. He said the process is more faculty driven than ever before.

XI. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 11:03 a.m.

Lucy Ngoh, Secretary

Richard Griffin, President