

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Regular Meeting
April 25, 2006 – 11:25 a.m.
West Campus Community Center**

I. **Call to Order:** **President Griffin** called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Officers Present: President Richard Griffin, Secretary William Papo, Vice-President Khagendra Thapa

Officers Absent: None

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Bandstra, A., Beistle, Berghoef, Borst, Carter, Cline, Cron, Danley, Ding, Drake, Goosen, Hancock, Haneline, Hanna, Hansen, Hardman, Jewett, Kavanaugh, Klatt, Kouider, Liszewski, McMartin, Morcom, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Potter, Purvis, Sanderson, Sun, Van De Mark, Watson, Weemaes

Senators Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: President David Eisler, Libby Schmidt

Ex-Officio Members Absent: VPAA Michael Harris

Guests: Leonard Johnson, Pat Klarecki, Richard Cochran

III. **Open Forum – President Griffin**

IV. **New Business**

A. **Election of Officers for the 2007-2008 Academic Year**

Senate Election Chair Liszewski opened nominations for **President**. Senator Sun nominated Senator Griffin. Senator Klatt nominated Senator Watson. **Senator Griffin** was elected as Academic Senate President 2007-2008.

Senate Election Chair Liszewski opened nominations for **Vice President**. Senator Jewett was nominated. Senator Thapa was nominated. **Senator Thapa** was elected as Academic Senate Vice President 2007-2008.

Senate Election Chair Liszewski opened nominations for **Secretary**. Senator Papo was nominated. Senator Ngoh was nominated. **Senator Ngoh** was elected as Academic Senate Secretary 2007-2008.

Senate Election Chair Liszewski opened nominations for **Members at Large**. Senators nominated for Member at Large were:

Senator Hancock *
Senator Jewett *
Senator Nagel
Senator Watson *

Senators Hancock, Jewett, and Watson were elected as At-Large members of the Senate Executive Committee.

B. **Senate Retreat Presentations/Activities Discussion** - A brief discussion following the election resulted in the following suggestions for Academic Senate Retreat to be held during faculty week in August 2007.

- Hold the retreat off-campus
- Examine FSUS 100
- Continue Emeriti Office Space discussion
- Student Mental Health and safety
- Review MACRO and transfer
- Define Academic Freedom

- Dean's response to motion regarding advising practices

V. Open Forum

Senator Sun asked if the sound for Senate meetings could be improved upon for next year. Paula will contact Media Distribution for suggestions.

Senator Potter volunteered to be Parliamentarian of the Senate for Academic year 2007-2008.

V. **Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Senator Schmidt, with support from Senator Sanderson, 11:04 a.m.**

Lucy Ngho, Secretary

Richard Griffin, President