

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 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 William Papo, Vice-President Khagendra Thapa

Officers Absent: None

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Bandstra, A., Bandstra, J., Beistle, Berghoef, Borst, Carter, Cline, Cron, Dakkuri Danley, Drake, Hancock, Haneline, Hanna, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Karafa, Klatt, Klope, Kouider, Liszewski, McMartin, Nagel, Nelson, Potter, Purvis, Sanderson, Schmidt, Sun, Taylor, Tymes, Van De Mark, Watson, Weemaes

Senators Absent: Kavanaugh (excused), Thomas (excused), Tymes

Ex-Officio Members Present: President David Eisler, VPAA Michael Harris, Elizabeth Schmidt

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Guests: Leonard Johnson, David Nicol, Roberta Teahan, Pat Klarecki, Richard Cochran, Ellen Haneline, Robert Krueger, Patrick Bishop, Sally Depew, Michelle Johnston

III. **Approval of the March 13, 2007 Minutes** – Motion by **Senator Thapa**, with support from **Senator Sun**, to approve the minutes as written.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Watson distributed information regarding Emeriti status from the Emeriti website (Attachment A) and thanked other member of the Senate for their assistance: Paul Klatt, Kent Sun, and Robert Carter. He asked to have the committee continue. Several photographs of the Emeriti Office were shown. President Eisler asked permission to meet with the President of the Emeriti Association for discussion on the situation.

V. **Reports**

President Griffin reviewed the Senate elections. A tally sheet is Attachment B. The recent election will be an agenda item at the next Senate Executive Committee meeting. A runoff election is being held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week for the one year term in the College of Business.

Dr. Thapa, Senate Vice President, thanked the Election Committee and Senator Liszewski for their work. He announced that the International Education Committee has finalized their deliberations, with an announcement coming from them soon. He also stated that he will be revising the Senate Committee Form before it is distributed for the next academic year.

Senator Liszewski, Senate Election Chair, thanked those who took part in the recent Senate election. He asked Senators to advise their colleagues to contact him with any concerns. All concerns registered will be followed up by the Senate Executive Committee.

VI. **Presentation**

Sally DePew, Director of Budgetary Planning and Analysis, gave members of the Senate a brief PowerPoint presentation on the budget process at Ferris State University, as a result of meeting with the Senate Executive Committee at an earlier date with Rick Christner and Ms. DePew. She detailed the kinds of funds we have, what contributions are made to each of those funds and how each is to be used. She also explained tuition recommendations and the budget reductions for 2007. The complete presentation will be sent to Senate

VII. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee – UCC Chair Leonard Johnson** advised the Senate of the proposals reviewed since the last meeting. One item will be voted on today.

His report is Attachment C of these minutes.

- B. Academic Program Review Council – Chair Haneline** reported that one representative is needed from the College of Business. He asked the Senate Executive Committee to make that appointment during Spring semester, as the committee begins their work very early in the academic year. He indicated that Senator Bandstra is willing to continue in that seat if there were no other volunteers. He reported that programs being reviewed will turn in the first draft of their reports in June 2007, with final reports due in August 2007.
- C. Senate Health Promotions and Substance Abuse Education Committee – Committee member Tom Liszewski** reported that committee has a new webpage up and running. That webpage may become part of the parent orientation process at Ferris State University. Please review the webpage and send comments or suggestions for additional information to Jim VanTreese.

VII. New Business

- A. Integrated Marketing Techniques Minor – Senator Papo, with support from Senator Haneline, moved to support the new minor. Patrick Bishop,** College of Business faculty member, was present to respond to questions. Following a very brief discussion, main motion carried.
- B. Library/Archival/Historical Committee Recommendation – Vice President Thapa, with support from Senator Sun, moved** that the committee recommendations to release funding for the conservation of Woodbridge Ferris artifacts as outlined in Attachment D be approved. **Committee Chair Robert Krueger** was present to respond to questions and concerns regarding the release of \$94,000 to finish a room to be used for display of historical memorabilia. Many of the items from the old Timme Library Historical Room are still in crates and boxes in the basement of the Alumni Building. The 125th Anniversary of the University is fast approaching (2009) and the committee would like this room to be ready for that celebration, as well as establish office space for those who work there. **Senator McMartin** stated that the space has been reviewed by a Michigan State Archivist, and although the area is not ideal, it is certainly workable. A lengthy discussion followed regarding whether the funding sufficient, and is there another area suitable on campus, **Senator Thapa, with support from Senator Papo, moved to table the motion for further investigation, motion failed.** Following further discussion, **Senator Abbasabadi called the question, question carried, main motion carried.**
- C. Student Life Committee Recommendations – Vice President Thapa, with support from Senator Sun, moved to that the two recommendations made by the Student Life Committee be implemented.** Recommendations are: 1) Provide additional training for advisors on campus on what Banner offers and how to approach students with issues on a personal level, with sessions being offered during faculty week, and 2) review the structure of tuition offered to students, offering the same price for 12-14 credits, as well as reviewing fees for students.

Student Government President Libby Schmidt spoke of an advising program that is used at some universities; this new program would need a full time person as well as software and software updates and support staff as needed.

Senator Dakkuri stated that this should be two motions, **VP Thapa agreed.**

Senator Haneline moved that the motion be tabled until the Senate is presented with appropriate information and text for the recommendations. **Senator Dakkuri supported the motion to table. Motion carried, Student Life Committee recommendations tabled.**

- D. Senator Watson, with support from Senator Jewett, moved** to allow the Ad Hoc Emeriti Committee to continue its research into an office for Alumni to use. President Eisler expressed that he would like to work with the Committee also. **Senator Dakkuri** expressed a desire to have motions before the Senate presented to Senators prior to the meeting for clarification purposes. **President Eisler** expressed a desire to participate on the committee during the summer so that something can be finalized by fall semester. **Senator Jewett** offered the friendly amendment to allow Dr. Eisler to work

with the ad hoc committee and present a report at the Academic Senate Retreat in August. Original maker of the motion accepted the friendly amendment. **Motion carried.**

VIII. Announcements

FSU President David Eisler reported that our Technology students won the National Rube Goldberg Competition, the team will be appearing on the Jimmy Kimmel Show on April 20, 2007. Technology faculty member and advisor Tom Hollen has submitted their entry to the Guinness Book of World Records. This past weekend, a student organized Diversity Conference was held. Unit Action Plans will be presented on Thursday and Friday this week. Legislative Day in Lansing was very successful, with our Optometry staff and students giving eye exams to state politicians. The state is considering allowing some community colleges to offer Bachelor's degree in Nursing. This proposal must be defeated. Financial aid checks were released on Monday; this is the earliest these funds have ever been released at Ferris.

VPAA Harris told Senators that planning processes have been completed; several searches are being conducted at this time and progressing nicely. He reminded Senator of the Faculty Recognition Dinner will be held on April 19 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. The VPAA's Office will be sponsoring a Commencement Breakfast & Lunch again this year.

President Griffin told Senators that he traveled with a group of students to the Capital Building in Lansing. Legislators met with our students in all areas of the Capital Building.

IX. Open Forum

Senator Hanna requested that the Senate Executive Committee present a draft agenda of the Senate Retreat to Senators for review. **Senator Papo** suggested that the Retreat Agenda should be discussed by the newly elected Senate Officer's. **Senator Hanna** then suggested that time be allocated after the election of officer's for discussion regarding the Academic Senate Retreat.

Dr. Cochran thanked those that participated in the on-line Library Survey, over 1400 responses were received. He reported that **Senator Carter** won one of the prizes offered.

Senator Drake stated that the Senate passed a resolution on October 3, 2006, that established a faculty focal group to review On-line Learning issues. He inquired about the status of that committee.

X. Adjournment – 12:05 p.m.

William Papo, Secretary

Richard Griffin, President