

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 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., Berghoef, Borst, Carter, Cline, Cron, Dakkuri Danley, Drake, Haneline, Hanna, Jewett, Karafa, Kavanaugh, Klatt, Klope, Kouider, Liszewski, McMartin, Nagel, Nelson, Schmidt, Sun, Taylor, Thomas, Tymes, Van De Mark, Watson, Weemaes

Senators Absent: Beistle, Hancock, Hettiarachchy, Potter, Purvis (excused), Sanderson

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

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Elizabeth Schmidt

Guests: Leonard Johnson, Tom Oldfield, David Nicol, Roberta Teahan, Pat Klarecki, Helen Woodman, Greg Gogolin, Mike Cooper

III. **Approval of the February 6, 2007 Minutes** – Motion by **Senator Klope**, with support from **Senator Tymes**, to approve the minutes as written.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Sun requested that office space for emeriti be considered, with one office per college being offered. **Senator McMartin** added that there is office space in the Prakken building designated for emeriti use. An ad hoc committee was formed, volunteers are: **Senator Sun, Senator Watson, Senator Klatt, Senator Thapa** and **Senator Carter**. They will report their findings to the Senate.

V. **Reports**

President Griffin had no report

Dr. Thapa, Senate Vice President, had no report

Senator Liszewski, Senate Election Chair, reminded Senators of the election on **March 27 & 28, 2007**. All voting will be electronic. Voting instructions will be mailed to all faculty.

President Eisler reported to the Senate regarding state appropriations. Supporting documents are Attachment A of these minutes. At this point there are three deficits within the state budget: 1) an estimated \$850 million in the General fund, 2) the deficit in next year's budget of approximately the same amount, and 3) no longer a single business tax causing a deficit of approximately \$2.9 million. Our full year student count has increased by more than 15% in the previous five year span. FSU was the second fastest growing university in the state during that time period. In that same time frame, our funds have seen a decline of nearly 28%. There must be a changed in state funding that takes into account enrollment growth.

VI. **Committee Reports**

University Curriculum Committee – UCC Chair Leonard Johnson advised the Senate of the proposals reviewed since the last meeting. His report is Attachment B of these minutes.

VII. **New Business**

A. Motion to Approach Registrar to Effect a Change in the Recording of Grades of “Incomplete” – **Senator Schmidt, with support from Senator Jewett, moved to** accept the motion (Attachment C of these minutes) submitted by the Academic Policies and Standards Committee allowing a committee member to approach the Banner Administrative Group regarding the recording of “I”. Committee Chair Helen Woodman was present to respond to questions, following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo** called the question, question carried, main motion carried.

B. Information Security and Intelligence Degree – Senator Tymes, with support from Senator Thapa, moved to accept the new degree. Greg Gogolin, College of Business faculty member, was available to respond to questions. A lengthy discussion regarding whether this was a Grand Rapids offering or a College of Business offering, concluded that it is an FSU Big Rapids offering from the College of Business. **Senator Abbasabadi** called the question, question carried, main motion carried, one nay recorded.

C. Quantitative Business Minor to Research Methods & Applications Minor – Senator Thapa, with support from Senator Tymes, moved to accept the redirection of the program. Mike Cooper, College of Business faculty member, was available to answer questions regarding the redirection. **Senator Papo** called the question, question carried, main motion carried.

VII. Announcements

FSU President David Eisler reminded Senators that an open forum with Dr. McFarland is scheduled for Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Rankin Center. He will return to campus later in April to present his ideas and findings. Our ladies basketball team ended a great season with 23 wins, the most in FSU history.

VPAA Harris reminded Senators that nominations are being sought for: Academic Excellence, Distinguished Service, and the Diversity Enhancement Award. The deadline for all of these awards is March 26, 2007. The Faculty Recognition Dinner will be held April 19, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Divisional planning presentations will begin at 8:30 on March 15, 2007 in the West Campus Community Center. Another Commencement Breakfast and Lunch will be sponsored by the VP's Office. There is still time to sign up for the training for Ferris Connect.

President Griffin reminded Executive Committee members of a meeting beginning at 4:30 today with Dr. McFarland in Rankin Center, Room 155.

VIII. Open Forum

Senator Dakkuri spoke to the resignation of Senators. He advised that if any nominee is running for election and knows they will be absent in the fall should not run for the Senate election.

Dr. Cochran reminded Senators to go to the Library website to participate in the online survey.

IX. Adjournment – 11:37 a.m.

William Papo, Secretary

Richard Griffin, President