

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2004, 10:00 a.m.  
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order: President Papo** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

**Senators Present:** Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Berghoef, Carter, Cron, Dakkuri, Dickinson, Drake, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hanna, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, Konrad, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Parks, Sanderson, Schmidt, Thapa, Tymes, Watson, Wilson.

**Senators Absent:** Conati, Jakubowski, Marine, Martin, Parry (excused), Stein, Vermeer (excused).

**Guests:** William Potter, Nancy Hogan, Julie Doyle, Chuck Matrosic, Michelle Johnston, Roxanne Cullen, Bill Smith, Bill Boras, David Eisler, Roberta Teahen, Jacqueline Hooper, Laurie Chesley, Joe Weber, Dave Nicol, Doug Haneline, Don Flickinger

III. **Approval of the February 3, 2004 Minutes** – were approved with one correction. On the last page the posters referred to are "Social Norming" posters.

IV. **Open Forum**

In response to recent comments from several senators, **Secretary Loesch** reminded senators that if they believe the Senate has been hasty about a decision that any senator can make the motion *to postpone to a future date*. The motion requires a second, can be debated and amended. By contrast, the *motion to table* cannot be debated or amended; moreover, the main motion dies if at the next meeting there is no motion *to take from the table*. A main motion is usually tabled as courtesy and taken from the table at the same meeting

**Senator Schmidt** attended the recent writing competition conducted by the Honors Program. He complimented Maude Bigford and her staff for a job well done.

**Senator Ferdowski** reminded the Senate and the campus that there is still no synchronization among clocks on our campus.

**Senator Drake** reported that the Mechanical Engineering Technology Program recently competed in the Rube Goldberg competition in E. Lansing. The team's project was well accepted, and the team will compete at the national level. Their project can be seen today between 3 and 6pm in the Swan building.

V. **Committee Reports**

**Senator Drake, University Curriculum Committee Chair**, presented a list of recent actions taken. See Attachment A.

There was a brief discussion of UCC procedures and the expected rush to approve program changes as the academic year ends.

**Vice President Dakkuri**, reported that committee seats are effectively filled. The committee roster distributed March 1, 2004 is accurate.

**Heather Khold, Student Government representative**, reported that Student Government's elections are in progress. Urge students to vote. She presented three resolutions (04-01-05, 04-01-06, and 04-01-07). See Attachment B.

**Senator Stern** moved (second: **Senator Sanderson**) to adopt Resolution 04-01-05 that places text copies in the library. A friendly amendment proposed by V. P. Dakkuri to change "ask" in the second to the last line to "encourage" was accepted. **Senator Hanna** moved to postpone consideration to April 6 meeting. Subsidiary Motion carried.

**Senator Stern** moved (second: **Senator Sanderson**) to adopt resolution 01-04-06 that specifies a listing of adopted textbooks 30 days prior to the beginning of a semester. **Senator Dakkuri** offered a friendly amendment to remove "suggested" and "course packs" and leave the word, "required." Amendment accepted. **Senator Konrad** called the question. Question carried. Main motion carried.

**Senator Stern** moved (second: **Senator Sanderson**) to adopt resolution 04-01-07. Motion ruled out of order by the presiding officer, since it approaches the FAA contract provisions for Post Tenure Review.

**Senator Dickinson, Senate Elections Committee Chair**, announced that nominations have been collected, and all is in order for balloting.

## VI. New Business

### A. University Graduate and Professional Committee

1. Moved by **Secretary Loesch** (second **Senator Carter**) on behalf of the University Graduate and Professional Committee (UGPC) to rescind the 1998 "Guidelines for Developing Graduate Programs." Motion carried.
2. Moved by **Secretary Loesch** (second: **Senator Carter**) on behalf of the UGPC to adopt and recommend to the Vice President for Academic Affairs as University policy the new document, "Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis." Committee Chair, Nancy Hogan, was available for questions. Motion carried.
3. Moved by **Secretary Loesch** (second: **Senator Carter**) on behalf of the UCPC to adopt and recommend to the Vice President for Academic Affairs as University policy the new document, "University Guidelines for Developing Graduate Programs." Chair Nancy Hogan was available for questions. Discussion failed to resolve matters of fact about NCA guidelines and the Ferris Faculty Association contract provisions. Moved by **Senator Konrad** to postpone until April 6. Subsidiary motion carried.

**B. Curriculum Redirection – Restaurant and Food Industry Management and Hotel Management -** Moved by **Senator Drake** (second: **Senator Johnson**) to adopt the recommendation, "Enhancements for Restaurant and Food Industry Management and Hotel Management." Motion carried

**C. Curriculum Redirection – Program Enhancements for Resort Management -** Moved by **Senator Drake** (second: **Senator Johnson**) to adopt the recommendation, "Program Enhancement for Resort Management." Motion carried.

**D. New Major – BS in Hotel Management without an Associate Degree -** Moved by **Senator Drake** (second: **Senator Johnson**) to adopt the recommendation, "B.S. in Hotel Management Without an Associate Degree." Motion carried.

**E. New Minor and Certificate – Club Management -** Moved by **Senator Drake** (second: **Senator Johnson**) to adopt the recommendation, "Minor in Club Management." Motion carried.

**F. Revised Academic Affairs Policy Letters -** Moved by **Vice President Dakkuri** (second: **Senator Stern**) to adopt the recommended revisions of three Academic Affairs Policy Letters: "Developmental Courses," "FSU Seminar (FSUS) 100," "Competency/Placement in Reading, English and Mathematics." See Attachment D. Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Chesley, substituting for Chair Jablonski, was available for questions. Moved by **Senator Sanderson** (second: **Senator Carter**) to postpone to April 6 meeting. Subsidiary motion carried.

- G. Student Life Committee Resolutions** - Moved by **Senator Jewett** to adopt a series of options for further Senate consideration that adjusts the University Calendar for Thanksgiving Break and Easter Break. See attachment E. Chair Douglas Haneline was available for questions. Moved by **Senator Griffin** (second: **Senator Aiken**) to object to consideration of the motion. Incidental motion failed. Moved by **Vice President Dakkuri** (second: **Senator Dickinson**) to postpone until April 6. Subsidiary motion carried.

#### VII. Announcements

**President Eisler** - Budget restraint recommendations are holding, although there is some consideration of a proposed tuition tax credit. The Governor's recommendation of a \$1500 scholarship for engineering and technology scholarship does not apply to FSU, U of M or Michigan Tech. at this time. He will learn more from the Senate Appropriations Committee. FSU will be involved, through Montcalm Community College, in the Greenville/Electrolux educational programs. The Senate will be informed as information becomes available. There is much to do for enlightenment and entertainment on our campus: four great activities through this week.

**Assistant Vice President Chesley** - Faculty Recognition Dinner will be Thursday, April 22. All will soon receive a "white paper" about student evaluation of instruction.

**President Papo** - Plan for the probability of a special meeting on April 8 to clear the unfinished business.

#### VIII. Additional Business

**Senator Aiken** moved (second: **Senator Schmidt**) that the Faculty Research Committee and the Faculty Development Committee present their "decision-making" criteria for grant awards to the Senate for discussion and approval as an agenda item at the April 6 meeting. **Senator Schmidt** called the question. Question carried. Main motion failed by division of the house (rising vote) 11 to 13.

- IX. Adjournment** – President Papo adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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Robert Loesch, Secretary

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William Papo, President,