

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Friday, October 14, 2005
Timme Center for Student Services
Big Rapids, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Friday, October 14, 2005 in room 201 V-W of the Timme Center for Student Services, Ferris State University campus, Big Rapids, Michigan. Chair James K. Haveman, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. In addition to Chair Haveman, the following individuals were present: Trustee and Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee member George J. Menoutes; Trustees R. Thomas Cook and Gregory L. Patera; University President David L. Eisler; University Vice Presidents Daniel L. Burcham, Richard P. Duffett, and Michael Harris; Vice Chancellor Sandra A. Davison-Wilson; University General Counsel Miles J. Postema; Board Counsel Fredric N. Goldberg; Recording Secretary to the Board Karen K. Paine; and members of the University community. Trustees Arthur L. Tebo and Olga G. Dazzo were absent with prior notification.

2. Hearing of the Public

No one responded to Chair Haveman's invitation to address the Committee.

3a. Charter Schools Board Appointments

Jimmie Rodgers provided an overview of the recommended appointments to FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies.

It was then moved by Trustee Menoutes and supported by Trustee Haveman that the Committee endorse the Administration's recommendations for the new appointments to Creative Technologies Academy and New Bedford Academy Boards of Directors, for full Board approval on November 11, 2005.

3b. Military Veteran Scholarship Program

Vice President Burcham provided an overview of Ferris State University's current efforts for military veterans. President Eisler reported on the University's history relative to veterans and the rationale for this scholarship program. Additional discussion included promotion of the scholarship and its introduction at the Nov. 11, 2005 Board meeting.

Vice President Burcham extended his appreciation for the work of Troy Tissue, Senior Recruiting Officer and Coordinator of Admissions Counselors, who put the proposal together. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Patera, President Eisler confirmed that this will be an ongoing program as funding allows and does not exclude the veterans from any other scholarships.

It was then moved by Trustee Menoutes and supported by Trustee Haveman that the Committee endorse the administration's recommended Military Veteran Scholarship Program, as presented on this date, effective Winter Semester 2006, for full Board approval on November 11, 2005.

4a. Lease Agreement with TLC Michigan, LLC

This informational item was brought before and endorsed by the Finance Committee earlier this morning.

General Counsel Postema introduced Bob Buckingham, Director of Clinics for the Michigan College of Optometry, who provided additional detail on the benefits of this agreement. He reported that TLC will do most of the marketing, including the Michigan College of Optometry and FSU, and they will leave the equipment here, allowing our students to use the equipment and expand their ability to do post-operative care.

4b. Update on International Agreements

Vice President Harris provided an overview of his report on International Education. A copy of this report is located in the official file for this meeting.

Dean David Nicol of the College of Business provided a brief update on activities with Troyes, France and Fachhochschule Liechtenstein.

4c. Academic Update

Vice President Harris distributed and provided an overview of his Academic Update report. A copy of this report is located in the official file for this meeting. Roxanne Cullen, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided an overview of the classroom renovations. Mike Hughes, director of the Physical Plant, reported that this project was part of a task force, and they are very much interested in the assessment portion of the project to see how they are doing. President Eisler reported that he is pleased with the classroom renovation project. Surveys will be developed to seek feedback from faculty and students on these efforts.

4d. Update on Contract with Voyageur Academy

Director of Charter Schools Jimmie Rodgers provided an update on the University's contract with Voyageur Academy. Mr. Rodgers reported that in the time since the Board had approved the academy's request to add an additional site for a middle school for grades 6-8 on July 15, 2005, negotiations regarding the site itself broke down. Therefore, the academy will NOT be establishing that additional site at this time.

5. Hearing of the Public

No one responded to Chair Haveman's second invitation to address the Committee.

Chair Haveman extended his appreciation to the University for their proactive efforts in the Torch for providing campus information on dealing with depression and preventing potential suicidal behaviors.

6. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2006 in Big Rapids.

7. Adjournment

At 2:10 p.m., Chair Haveman adjourned the Committee.

Approved by



James K. Haveman
Chair

Submitted by

Karen K. Paine
Recording Secretary to the
Board of Trustees