

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Friday, February 4, 2005
West Campus Community Center
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, February 4, 2005 in rooms 201 VW of the Timme Center for Student Services, Ferris State University campus, Big Rapids, Michigan. Chair James K. Haveman called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. In addition to Chair Haveman, the following individuals were present: Trustee and Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee member Gregory L. Patera, and Trustees R. Thomas Cook, George J. Menoutes, and Ronald E. Snead; University Vice Presidents Scott P. Hill-Kennedy; Daniel L. Burcham, Richard P. Duffett, and Michael Harris; Vice Chancellors Oliver H. Evans and Sandra A. Davison-Wilson; Board Counsel Fredric N. Goldberg; Recording Secretary to the Board Karen K. Paine; and members of the University community. Trustee and Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee member Olga G. Dazzo was absent with prior notification. Trustee and Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee member Arthur L. Tebo joined the meeting via teleconference at 2:50 p.m.

2. Hearing of the Public

Chair Haveman welcomed the University's two recently-appointed trustees, George J. Menoutes and Ronald E. Snead.

Trustee Patera reported that, beginning after today's Committee meetings, Trustee Menoutes will serve on the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Snead will serve on the Finance Committee, and Trustee Patera will move from the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee to the Finance Committee.

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

Motion to Amend

It was moved by Trustee Patera and supported by Chair Haveman that the Committee amend today's agenda by the following:

Add new item 7. Executive Session

3a. Consent Calendar

Director of Charter Schools Jimmie Rodgers provided additional information regarding the appointments and reappointments to the charter school academy boards, including procedures for appointments.

It was then moved by Trustee Patera and supported by Chair Haveman that the following items contained in the consent calendar be endorsed for full Board approval on February 26, 2005:

a. Consent Calendar

- 1. Appointments to the Boards of Directors of FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies*
- 2. Reappointments to FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies' Board of Directors*

3b. New Degrees

Vice Chancellor Oliver Evans provided additional information regarding the proposed new degree programs for Kendall College of Art and Design. Discussion included expected enrollments in the programs.

It was then moved by Trustee Patera and supported by Chair Haveman that the Committee endorse the administration's recommended Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting degree, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography degree, and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture and Functional Art degree, at Kendall College of Art and Design, for full Board approval on February 26, 2005.

3c. Honorary Doctorate Candidates

President Eisler provided additional information on the process of selecting the Honorary Doctorate candidates. He also provided a brief background and overview of each of the candidates.

It was then moved by Trustee Patera and supported by Chair Haveman that the Committee endorse the administration's recommended Honorary Doctorate Candidates: Paul Boyer, Roger and Debra Card, Speaker Rick Johnson, and Richard Sauve, for full Board approval on February 26, 2005.

4a. Program and Degree Changes – Visual Communications Program, Kendall
College of Art and Design

Vice Chancellor Evans provided an overview of name changes to the Visual Communications Program. These changes are described in an Executive Summary, which is located in the official file for this meeting.

4b. Sabbatical Leave Requests

Vice President Harris provided information on the Sabbatical Leave Requests. He reported that the goal for the future is to enhance the program so more faculty will apply for the program.

4c. Voluntary Resignation Incentive Program Requests

Vice President Harris provided additional information regarding the qualifications for the Voluntary Resignation Incentive Program.

4d. Campus Master Plans

Ken Neumann, University Architect of Record, provided a brief overview of the highlights of the master plans for the Big Rapids and Grand Rapids campuses. He noted the initiative for the academic core, separating it from residential development; the new test case for student housing and partnerships; the development of work for the Michigan College of Optometry; a future linear campus in Grand Rapids; and parking issues.

4e. Freedom to Learn Project

Vice President Harris provided additional information regarding this item, including the transfer of the program from the Michigan Virtual University.

4f. Retention Report

Vice President Burcham distributed three reports relative to student retention. Copies of these reports are located in the official file for this meeting. He introduced Kristen Salomonson, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services. Discussion included areas affecting student retention, such as scholarship changes, admission standards, top reasons for not returning (taking employment and moving closer to home), benchmarks, and dollars invested per student versus other universities. The Committee requested the administration provide the Board of Trustees with the university's goals on student retention.

4g. New Appointments

Vice President Harris reported that Matthew Klein is the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Roxanne Cullen is the new Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Nancy Peterson-Klein is the new Associate Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry. Dean Klein reported that Kevin Miller will serve as an administrative intern this year in his office.

5. Hearing of the Public

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

6. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2005 in Big Rapids.

7. Executive Session

It was moved by Trustee Patera that the Committee go into closed session for the following purpose:

To consider the purchase or lease of real property.

On a roll call vote of (3) "yes," the motion carried unanimously and the Trustees proceeded into closed session at 2:56 p.m.

8. Adjournment

At 3:37 p.m., after returning to open session, it was moved by Trustee Patera, supported by Chair Haveman, and unanimously carried that the Committee adjourn.

Approved by



James K. Haveman
Chair

Submitted by

Karen K. Paine
Recording Secretary to the
Board of Trustees