

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. Call to Order: President Papo called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Bandstra, Carter, Conati, Cron, Dakkuri, Dickinson, Drake, Ferdowsi, Griffin, Hanna, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, Konrad, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Martin, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Parks, Parry, Sanderson, Stern, Tymes, Wilson

Senators Absent: Alspach, Ferdowsi (excused), Jakubowski, Marine (excused), Schmidt, Stein (excused), Thapa (excused), Vermeer, Watson,

Guests: Interim VP Tom Oldfield, Asst. VP for Academic Affairs Laurie Chesley, President David Eisler, Interim Dean Chuck Matrosic, Heather Kchodl, Roxanne Cullen, Dean David Nicol, Dean Jacqueline Hooper, Ellen Haneline, Brenda Brown, Dave Zobeck

III. Approval of November 25, and December 2, 2003 Minutes – Motion to approve as amended by **Senator Conati**, with support from **Senator Nelson**. Motion carried.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Drake announced that the faculty soccer team is in need of members for a tournament later this month. Please contact him at Ext. 2788 if interested.

President Papo advised Senators that the CEO of the government printing office will be on campus Thursday, January 29, 2004. The presentation will be in IRC, please mark your calendars and try to attend.

V. Committee Reports

Senator Drake, University Curriculum Committee Chair, submitted a written report (Attachment A) of the activities of the University Curriculum Committee. He briefly reviewed all items examined by the Committee.

Senator Dakkuri, Senate Vice President, reported that only five vacancies remain on Senate committees. If you or one of your colleagues is interested in serving, please contact Dr. Dakkuri at Ext. 2240.

Heather Kchold, Student Government representative, told Senators that she would be attending Senate meetings this semester, since Leslie Harris, has a class conflict. She invited Senators to attend a Student Government get-together on January 21, from 4-7 pm in Rankin 121.

VI. Unfinished Business

Academic Program Review Motion – **Senator Bandstra, with support from Senator Dakkuri**, moved that the Academic Senate of Ferris State University create an ad hoc committee with the following charge:

1. Study all recommendations for change written by the 2003-2004 Academic Program Review Committee.
2. Inquire as it sees fit into any practice or procedure of the Academic Program Review Committee.
3. Report and make a recommendation to the Academic Senate on April 6, 2003.

The Committee will be chaired by Senator James Bandstra

Members will include: Senator Michael Cron, Senator Michael Berghoef, three senators nominated from the Senate floor, and one administrative representative from the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office.

Senator Bandstra moved to amend the motion, removing the sentence "The Committee will be chaired by Senator James Bandstra. Amendment carried; main motion carried.

Senator Papo called for nominations for committee members: Tom Liszewski (accept), Ray Dickinson (accept), John Schmidt (not in attendance, will be notified). Committee members were appointed by acclamation. Senator Dickinson will arrange the first meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. Creative Writing Minor - Senator Drake, with support from Senator Konrad, moved to support the new minor.** Following a brief discussion, motion carried.
- B. Respiratory Care Curriculum Revision – Senator Drake, with support from Senator Konrad, moved to support the revision.** Motion carried.

VIII. Announcements

President Eisler advised Senators that a Vice President for Academic Affairs candidates are on campus and urged Senators to attend one of the many scheduled meeting. He reported that sub committees of the Board of Trustees will be meeting on January 14, and the Senate Charter will be on the agenda. On budget issues he is asking Vice President's to cut 5% from next years budget. He is hopeful that layoffs can be avoided through buy-outs and attrition.

He had 24 faculty visits last semester; however, for anyone not able to attend, there are sessions scheduled for January 21 at 1:30 p.m. and January 23 at 3 p.m. He thanked Senators for a successful semester.

Interim Vice President Oldfield reported that the University has made application and been accepted into the American Democracy Project and that recent Sabbatical Committee recommendations would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

President Papo reminded Senators of the 11:00 a.m. meeting in BUS 111 to meet Vice President for Academic Affairs candidate Dr. Michael Gault.

IX. Open Forum – No items at this time.

X. Adjournment – President Papo adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Robert Loesch, Secretary

William Papo, President,