

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 07, 2003, 10:00 a.m.
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order:** President Papo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Bandstra, Carter, Conati, Cron, Dakkuri, Dickinson, Drake, Ferdowski, Hanna, Hettiarachchy, Jakubowski, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, Konrad, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Parks, Parry, Sanderson, Schmidt, Stern, Stein, Thapa, Tymes, Watson, Vermeer, Wilson

Senators Absent: Berghoef (excused), Griffin (excused)

Guests: Interim VP Tom Oldfield, Asst. VP for Academic Affairs Laurie Chesley, Dean Richard Cochran, President David Eisler, Joanne Gerst, Dean Jacqueline Hooper, Interim Dean Matt Klein, Interim Dean Chuck Matrosic, Dean William Potter, Dean Roberta Teahan, Lesley Harrison, Heather Kchodl, Assistant Dean Rosalyn Templeton, Susan Morris, Susan Hastings-Bishop, Don Flickinger, Rich Goosen, Carol Quigley, Carl Shangraw

III. **Approval of September 9, and September 18, 2003 Minutes** – Motion to approved with a change in the date header of the September 18, 2003 to reflect correct date. **Motion carried.**

IV. **Open Forum**

Sen. Loesch requested that two people be recognized with applause: President David Eisler, on his inauguration and Senate President William Papo for his participation in the event.

Sen. Nagel expressed a concern regarding parking on campus. Problems with parking continue to grow in the downtown Grand Rapids area, with the addition of a new medical facility, Grand Rapids Community College and Kendall. What is the status quo here at Ferris State University in terms of parking on campus and what are the plans for the Grand Rapids area? Adequate parking should be provided for both faculty and staff and there should be a good neighbor policy both here and in Grand Rapids. Please provide the Senate with a parking status report at the November Senate meeting.

Sen. Hanna repeated his request of last academic year for a tally of buyouts by academic unit. **Interim Vice President Oldfield** reported that this information was given to the Dean's earlier, and that it would be sent electronically to all Senators in a day or so.

Sen. Liszewski reported that the Counseling Center is sponsoring National Depression Screening Day on November 9, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Atrium at Rankin Center, or the screening is available through the Counseling Center web page.

V. **Committee Reports**

Sen. Drake, University Curriculum Committee Chair, reported that the committee has met four times since the last Senate meeting. The Physical Education and Teaching Minor is on today's agenda. **See Attachment A** of this document for complete details on proposals reviewed. Capstone courses have been a topic of discussion, however, little information is available to the UCC. Only broad definitions can be found. Sen. Drake reminded Senators that 12 copies of any proposal for review should be sent to the Academic Senate Office for disbursement to the committee. If they are received by Monday morning, they should arrive in time to begin review the following Monday. Two new members have been placed on the committee: Greg Gogolin, College of Business, and Judy Monson, College of Allied Health Sciences.

Sen. Dakkuri, Senate Vice President, reported that all committees are nearly complete. Representatives are needed from the College of Optometry for most of the committees, two Pharmacy representatives are needed, and three from Allied Health Sciences. Two representatives are needed from the Librarian/Counselor unit also. The Academic Program Review Council needs a representative from Technology. Encourage your colleagues to contact Dr. Dakkuri at Ext. 2240 for committee assignments. Persons from other colleges are not going to be assigned to vacant seats.

VI. Unfinished Business – Announcement and Approval of Election Committee

President Papo announced that **Sen. Raymond Dickinson** has agreed to serve as Chair of the Senate Elections Committee. A committee roster will be sent electronically to Senators. **Motion by Sen. Konrad**, with support from Sen. Parks to approve the roster. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

- A. Substance Abuse Committee Name Change - Sen. Parks**, with support from Sen. Liszewski, moved to change the name of the Senate Substance Abuse Committee to the "Senate Substance Abuse and Health Promotion Committee".

Sen. Dakkuri, with support from Sen. Thapa, moved to table the discussion until the November Senate meeting. Following a short discussion, **Sen. Dakkuri**, with support from Sen. Nagel, called the question. Question failed.

Sen. Bandstra, with support from Sen. Schmidt, added the friendly amendment to change name from "Senate Substance Abuse Committee" to "Senate Health Promotions Committee. Main motion carried.

- B. Sen. Johnson**, with support from Sen. Parks, moved to approve the Physical Education Teaching Minor. Dean Michelle Johnston and Professor Susan Hastings-Bishop were available to respond to questions and concerns. Sen. Schmidt requested that the statement "consent of instructor" be inserted on check sheet under prerequisites for PHED 329. **President Papo** called the question. Main motion carried.

Sen. Loesch, with support from Sen. Alspach, moved to amend the agenda for the meeting today by striking item D under New Business from the agenda. Motion carried.

- C. General Education Task Force – Sen. Parry**, with support from Sen. Hanna moved that the report, (**See Attachment B**) including proposed changes, of the Senate's Task Force on General Education be approved for consideration for implementation.

Sen. Nagel rose to a point of order: a motion passed at the September 9, 2003 Senate meeting stated that upon completion of the Task Force Report it would be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. **President Papo** overruled and stated that the forward would occur no matter what action takes place at this meeting.

Sen. Nagel rose to a point of order: Page 332 of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* states that motions are improper when they present practically the same question as a motion previously decided at a session. Overruled.

Sen. Alspach, with support from Sen. Sanderson, moved to change the word "approved" in the motion to "accepted". **Sen. Konrad** called the question on the amendment. Show of hands indicated fifteen (15) ayes and thirteen (13) noes. **President Papo** called the question on the main motion. Balloting was requested. Motion carried, twenty-three (23) ayes, nine (9) noes.

Sen. Konrad, with support from **Sen. Schmidt**, moved to approve the report including changes made at this meeting.

Sen. Loesch rose to a point of order: the motion contradicts the previous motion by Parry. Overruled.

Sen. Schmidt moved to vote by ballot, with support from Sen. Loesch. Motion carried, eighteen (18) ayes, fourteen (14) noes.

Sen. Stern, with support from Sen. Jewett, moved to thank the Ad Hoc General Education Task Force for its dedicated work and discharge it of its duties. Motion carried.

VIII. Announcements

President Eisler announced that the search for the Vice President for Academic Affairs is underway. He urged Senators to nominate colleagues for the position. Applications will be accepted until mid-November. He stated that he would begin meeting with small groups of faculty (20 or less). We have implemented a non-binding letter of intent with SCT, the makers of Banner software, with a decision to come in February 2004. Dr. Eisler thanked the Senators for their support at his recent inauguration and for their continuing support.

Interim Vice President Oldfield announced that the Distance Education Task Force would be holding open forums on October 15, and 16, 2003. The UAP process is being examined, with streamlining the ultimate goal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Robert Loesch, Secretary

William Papo, President,