

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2003, 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, Alspach, Bandstra, Berghoef, Carter, Cron, Conati, Dakkuri, Dickinson, Drake, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hanna, Hattiarachchy, Jakubowski, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, Konrad, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Parks, Parry, Sanderson, Schmidt, Stein, Stern, Thapa, Tymes, Vermeer, Watson, Wilson

Senators Absent: none

Guests: Laurie Chesley, Heather Kchodl, Michelle Johnston, David Eisler, Joanne Gerst, Matt Klein, David Nicol, William Potter, Roberta Teahan, Susan Chandler, Don Flickenger, Carol Quigley, Ellen Haneline, Susan Morris, Kimn Carlton-Smith, Leslie Harrison

III. **Approval of the Minutes of April 29, 2003 – Motion by Senator Thapa, with support from Senator Konrad,** to approve the minutes with the following correction: Add Dakkuri to the 11 a.m. session, add Vermeer to the 10 a.m. session, remove Carter from present list. Motion carried.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Griffin suggested a different seating arrangement for meetings, allowing all Senators to be seated at the table. **President Papo** asked that those who speak to step to the podium to address the Senate.

Senator Hanna asked for the Senate to be provided with a final tally of personnel reductions and staff buyouts. Names are not being requested, only affiliations, such as management units or faculty units.

Senator Parry reminded Senator of the Relay for Life on September 20 and 21, 2003.

Lesley Harrison, Associated Student Government representative to the Senate was introduced.

V. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee – Chuck Drake, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee,** presented to the Senate with a short report (See Attachment A of these minutes for details).

B. **University-wide Committee – Adnan Dakkuri, Senate Vice President,** advised Senators to return the preference form to the Senate Office, CSS 208A, by Friday, September 5, 2003. Committee assignments will be made on September 10 for the upcoming academic year. If you are already serving on a major campus committee, please advise the Senate Office so that an exemption can be made.

C. **General Education Task Force – Marcy Parry, Chair,** advised Senators of the next meeting of the General Education Task Force, on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in FLITE 304. A notice has been sent campus-wide; all interested are urged to attend. Since the retreat, all documents have been forwarded to all faculty members.

Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Griffin, moved that upon completion of the General Education Task Force's report, the report will be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for review. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Konrad** called the question, with support from **Senator Ferdowski.** Question carried with one nay. **Senator Ferdowski** requests a show of hands vote. Show of hands (division of the house) vote indicates: 20 yeas, 10 nays, and 2 abstentions, main motion carried.

VI. New Business

- A. History Education Major/Minor for Secondary Education – Senator Drake, with support from Senator Johnson**, moved to approve the new major/minor. Don Flickinger, Humanities Department Head and Susanne Chandler, Director, College of Education and Human Services, were present to respond questions regarding the proposal. Motion carried.
- B. Environmental Health and Safety Management Curriculum Revision – Senator Drake, with support from Senator Konrad**, moved to approve the revisions. Ellen Haneline, Department Head, was available to respond to concerns regarding a minor reduction in credit hours required. Following a short discussion, **Senator Parry** called the question, question carried, and main motion carried.
- C. Charter Revisions – Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Cron**, moves to accept the Academic Senate Charter as written and forward to faculty for approval. **Senator Dakkuri, with support from Senator Conati** offered the friendly amendment to change the word “accept” to “adopt” in the main motion. The motion reads as follows: **Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Cron, moves to adopt the Academic Senate Charter as written and forward to faculty for approval.** **Senator Parks** called the question on the original motion. **Senator Nagel** calls for a division of the house on the question. Question carried, 26 yeas, 6 nays. Main motion fails, 14 yeas, 18 nays.

Motion by Senator Carter, with support from Senator Dakkuri to hold a special Senate meeting for the purpose of Charter adoption on September 25 at 11:00 a.m. if a room is available. Motion carried.

Motion by Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Stern, that all comments and changes must arrive prior to September 12, 2003. Motion carried.

Motion by Senator Loesch, with support from Senator Sanderson, to distribute to faculty the memo the Senate received from Dr.'s Morris and Chesley, entitled “Requested General Education Information” dated November 25, 2002. **Senator Griffin** called the question, question carried. Main motion carried.

VII. Announcements

President Eisler advised the Senate that the search for the Vice President of Academic Affairs is moving ahead. James Appleberry will be the consultant for the search, and a search committee will be announced in the coming week or so. There will be some demonstrations of software in the next month. Please try to attend these demonstrations, as it will change the way business is done at the University. Dr. Eisler is seeking input on the planning process. He will be meeting with faculty in small groups over the next several months. September 7 is Helen Ferris' 150th birthday. There will be a small celebration on September 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Helen Ferris Hall. Enrollment is up 6.5% overall. Thank you for your extra work for our students. It is much appreciated.

Senator Dickinson reports that beginning Wednesday, September 03, 2003, a display on Helen Ferris will be on the main floor of FLITE and visitors are welcome.

Asst. Vice President Chesley announced that the Director of Grants has left the University. Any questions should be forward to the attention of Dr. Chesley. She also reported that the Human Subjects Review Committee is going to be chaired this academic year by Dr. Connie Meinhold of the Social Science department. **Dr.'s Oldfield and Chesley** are working on streamlining the Academic Plan, in conjunction with the Dean's and colleges. In addition, the Distance Education Task Force continues its work.

President Pappo advised Senators that they will be notified via email of the details of the September 25 Senate meeting. Please mark your calendars of the evening meeting for Academic Program Review. If the information on the roster is incorrect, please advise Paula at the Senate Office.

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VIII. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Robert Loesch, Secretary

William Papo, President,