

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, March 4, 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, Aiken, Bandstra, Berghoef, Carter, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Ek, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hall, Jakubowski, Johnson, Kantar, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Ngoh, Papo, Parks, Parry, Ryan, Reed, McCarthy, Sanderson, Stern, Thapa, Vermeer, Zobeck  
**Senators Absent:** Hall, Stein (excused), Tomczyk (excused), Wilson (excused)  
**Guests:** Laurie Chesley, Don Flickinger, Roberta Teahan, Weilin Chang, Tom Oldfield, William Potter, Heather Kchodl, William Sederburg, Dan Hurley, William Boras, Jason Granger, David Frank, Kitty Manley
- III. **Approval of February 4, 2003 minutes – Motion** to accept the minutes as written. Motion carries.
- IV. **Open Forum**  
**Senator Konrad** questioned the announced Kendall College purchasing and renovating the Old Federal Courthouse in Grand Rapids during the current budget crises. President Sederburg responded that it indeed has been purchased for a minimal amount and will be remodeled over several years. Any costs would be four-five years down the road.  
**Senator Stern** expressed a concern regarding the recently implemented Course Drop Fee. **Senator Loesch** announced that Student Government agreed with the decision and in fact, recommended a higher fee than was decided upon. A member of the Student Fee Committee will be invited to the April Senate meeting for discussion.
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake** provided Senators with a written report (see Attachment A) of items sent to the University Curriculum committee for review. He advised the Senate that he had received a memo from the Department Head of Languages and Literature regarding the resolution passed by the senate regarding recording of faculty votes on the UCC manuals' Form F. That department will not be following the procedure approved by the Senate.
  - B. **Senate Election Committee – Senator Ferdowski** reminded all present that elections would be held March 18 and 19 and provided Senators with a list of those nominated for vacant positions (See Attachment B).
  - C. **Student Government Report – Heather Kchodl** – Associated Student Government is working on ways to remind students to clear for graduations. They may be publishing reminders in the October and April issues of the Torch and would like the Senators' help in advising their students to see their advisors for graduation clearance. They are working on resolutions regarding the Student Assessment of Instruction, student syllabi, and office hours. She reports that a way of making it easier has been agreed upon and will be publicized soon.
  - D. **Charter Review Committee – Senator Konrad** met and looked at clean-up issues and conflicts. They will be meeting weekly to continue the review. **President Papo** reminded Senators that changes to the Charter would need to be presented to the Academic Senate by the April 1 meeting due to timelines outlined for voting on changes.
  - E. **Presidential Budget Update – President Sederburg** gave the Senate an update on budget issues. See Attachment C for details. **Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Griffin**, moves that the

Executive Board of the Academic Senate shall participate directly and as fully as possible in the budget decision process (FY 04). Motion carries.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Modifications to the MS ISM Program – Motion by Senator Drake, with support from Senator Ferdowsi, to support the modifications. Following a discussion, Senator Konrad calls the question, question carries. Motion carries.**
- B. Curriculum Clean-up of IT Component of Revised MSCTE – Motion by Senator Drake, with support from Senator Johnson, that the Senate approve the proposal that the College of Business create four new courses and delete fourteen CISM courses (which have been used in the concentration in the past) for the Instructional Technology Concentration in the MS in Career and Technical Education. Motion carries.**
- C. Curriculum Clean-up of Educational Technology Concentration Leading to NP Endorsement In MS in Career and Technical Education – Motion by Senator Drake, with support from Senator Johnson, that the Senate approve the proposal that the College of Education and Human Services add the four courses referenced in Item B above to the subject concentration and remove the CISM courses from the concentration. Motion carries.**

**VII. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg** announced that the presidential Search Committee would like to have the pool of candidate narrowed to 7-8 individuals to invite for campus visits in April.
- B. Interim Vice President Oldfield** advised the Senate that a moratorium had been placed on the General Education courses for a one-year term. The Distance Education Committee has been meeting and will be reporting to the Senate at its retreat in August. The President's Council has approved the MBA recently approved by the Academic Senate. He also announced that there would be no catalog printed.
- C. President Papo**

**VIII. Open Forum**

**Senator Ryan** advised Senators to expect in the next 18 months a higher education bill with new guidelines for Perkins Loans (expected to be moved to the Department of Labor) and the No Child Left Behind Part II initiative.

**IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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William Papo, President