

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 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, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hall, Hanna, Jakubowski, Johnson, Kantar, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parks, Parry, Ryan, Reed, McCarthy, Sanderson, Stein, Stern, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Wilson, Zobeck  
  
**Senators Absent:** Ek, Lovsted (excused), Thapa (excused)  
  
**Guests:** Laurie Chesley, Chuck Matrosic, Roberta Teahen, David Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Heather Kchodl, Susan Morris, David Frank, Debra Thalner, Michelle Johnston, Weilin Chang, Don Flickinger, Lisa Ing, Kimn Carlton-Smith, Ellen Haneline, Susanne Chandler, Genevieve West
- III. **Approval of November 21, and December 3, 2002, minutes – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Kowalkoski** to accept the minutes with the following changes: Senator Parks (present) and Senator Ferdowski has agreed to Chair the Senate Election Committee. Motion carries.
- IV. **Open Forum**  
  
**Senator Stern** distributed copies of an article from the Grand Rapids Press regarding our association with Grand Rapids Community College and the elementary education bachelor's degree being offered there. See **Attachment A**
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake** provided Senators with a brief written report (see Attachment B) and answered questions from Senators regarding the recording of votes taken at college curriculum meetings.  
  
As a result of those questions, **Senator Hanna, with support from Senator Ryan** moved that Form A of the University Curriculum Manual be modified to amend the UCC policy in order to allow the Academic Senate to see the Program Faculty and College Curriculum Committee actual vote count tally written on Form A. Omission of this vote count renders Form A incomplete and forces it to be returned to the Curriculum Committee.  
  
Following a brief discussion, Senator Parry calls the question. Question carries, main motion carries.
  - B. **Senate Election Committee – Senator Ferdowski** distributed information regarding the upcoming election. Allied Health Sciences and Arts and Sciences will both lose a Senator based on the number of faculty employed in their respective colleges.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **General Education Committee Report – Dr. Laurie Chesley and Dr. Susan Morris** presented Senators with a written report on the history and status of General Education on this campus. Dr. Chesley advised the Senate that the GenEd website would be revised and linked to the online catalogue and both responded to questions from the Senate.

**Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Parks,** moved that the President of the Academic Senate appoint a broad-based task force to assess the appropriateness of each of the existing General Education categories, assess the criteria that have been established within each category, and suggest changes in either, if appropriate. Following a brief discussion, **Senator Abbasabadi** calls the question, question carries. **Senator Conati** requests that secret ballots be cast. Motion carries, 31 yeas, 4 nays.

**Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Parks,** moved that the Academic Senate recommend that the Vice President for Academic Affairs place a moratorium on any new changes to General Education until the work of the task force has been completed. This would not preclude any courses being added to the General Education list. Following discussion, **Senator Ryan** calls the question, questions carries. Motion carries.

**VII. New Business**

**Senator Reed, with support from Senator Nagel,** moved to table the first three items under new business. **Senator Parry** asks to have motion amended to reflect "items A and D be tabled, friendly amendment denied. **Senator Abbasabadi** asks to have motion amended so as each item is voted on individually, friendly amendment denied. Following a short discussion, motion fails.

- A. Special Needs Education Proposal – Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Parks,** moves to support the Special Needs Education proposal. Dr.'s Ing and Chandler from the College of Education and Human Services answered questions. Following a short discussion, **Senator Parks** calls the question, question carries. Motion carries.
- B. African American Studies Minor – Senator Drake, with support from Senator Sanderson,** moves to support the African American Studies minor. Dr., Morris, Carlton-Smith and Department Head Flickinger answered questions regarding the proposal. **President Papo** calls the question. Question carries, main motion carries.
- C. Health Care Systems Administration Curriculum Revision – Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Aiken,** moves to support the revision to the program. Department Chair Ellen Haneline was present to answer questions. Following a brief discussion, **Senator Ryan** calls the question, question carries, main motion carries.

**Due to time constraints, remaining agenda items will be moved to the February 4, 2003 meeting of the Academic Senate.**

**VIII. 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