

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, December 3, 2002, 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, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Ek, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hall, Hanna, Jakubowski, Johnson, Kantar, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parry, Ryan, Reed, McCarthy, Sanderson, Stern, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Wilson, Zobeck  
**Senators Absent:** Carter (excused), Liszewski (excused), Parks (excused), Stein  
**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Laurie Chesley, Chuck Matrosic, Roberta Teahen, Jacqueline Hooper, Joanne Gerst, David Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Heather Kchodl, Susan Morris, David Frank, Debra Thalner
- III. **Approval of November 5, 2002 minutes – Motion by Senator Nelson, with support from Senator Parry** to accept the minutes as written. Motion carries.
- IV. **Open Forum**  
**Past President Konrad** introduced the new Dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences Jacqueline Hooper
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake** reported that the UCC report would be emailed to Senators upon Paula's return to work.
  - B. **Student Government Poll – H. Kchodl** – See Attachment A for details of the poll taken regarding the changing of the honors designations. This item will be voted on later in today's meeting
  - C. **Senate Election Committee – President Papo** informed the Senators that Senator Abbasabadi has agreed to chair the Senate election committee. One person from each college whose term is not expiring will be chosen the election representative for that college.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Academic Program Review Recommendations – President Papo** opened for discussion the recommendations brought to the Senate.  
**Senator Konrad** voiced concerns regarding two of the recommendations made by the APRC. **Senator Konrad moves to** change the recommendation for the Radiography Program to **Enhance, with support from Senator Ryan**. Following discussion, **Senator Griffin calls the question. Question carries. Main motion carries.**  
**Senator Parry moves to** change the Respiratory Care Program recommendation to **"Continue with monitoring", with support from Senator Konrad**. Following discussion, **Senator Ferdowski calls the question. Question carries. Main motion carries.**

**Motion by Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Griffin, to accept the balance of the Academic Program Review Council recommendations as written and accept the committee's general recommendations.** Hearing no discussion on the motion, **President Papo** calls the question. Question carries, main motion carries.

- B. Academic Policy and Standards Committee – Senator Kowalkoski moves, with support from Senator Aiken, to open for discussion and approval the tabled item “Student Government Resolution regarding Honors Recommendations”. Senator Kowalkoski** reported that this committee voted with 6 of 10 members of the committee present, in favor (5 to 1) of supporting the resolution, with implementation to being Fall 2003.

Following discussion, **Senator Nelson moves, with support from Senator Kowalkoski, to amend the motion, changing the date of implementation to the graduating class of May 2005, and striking “entering”, replacing it with “graduating”.**

After passing the gavel to **Vice President Johnson, Senator Papo** calls the question on the amendment to the main motion. Question carries. Motion to amend is defeated.

**Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Griffin, moves to amend the motion to “allow current students the option of choosing the Latin system or the current system, the word *transfer* includes students making program changes internally as well as external students and students who are absent more than one semester, excluding summer”.**

**Senator Konrad moves to table the amendment to the main motion, with support from Senator Stern. Motion carries, 14 yeas, 8 nays.**

**Senator Thapa calls the question on the amendment, with support from Senator Griffin. Question carries. Motion for amendment carries unanimously.**

**Senator Ek, with support from Senator Konrad moves to table the motion. Motion to table fails, 11 yeas, 19 nays.**

**Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Griffin, calls the question. Question carries.**

**Voting on the main motion, “implementing the proposed change as Associated Student Government recommended with the incoming class of Fall 2003 and transfer students (including students who change programs within the University or those who are gone from the University for more than one semester excluding Summer). Current students will have the option of choosing with honor point system they want to fall under”. Main motion carries, 23 yeas, 4 nays.**

- C. General Education Committee Report – Dr. Laurie Chesley and Dr. Susan Morris**

**Senator Stern, with support from Senator Griffin, moved to table the discussion until the January 14, 2003 Senate meeting. Motion carries.**

## **VII. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg** updated the Senators on campus happenings. He mentioned that Dr. Thomas Oldfield would be Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. Search committee members will be announced very soon, with Dr. Daniel Burcham acting as

Chair. Mr. Al Granger of Granger Construction has donated \$1,000,000 to the university for the HVACR Building. See Attachment B for a full report.

B. **Vice President Chapman** updated Senators on several searches and asked that input or the Academic Plan be forwarded to her no later than December 9, 2002. See Attachment C for details. She thanked the Senators for their commitment to the University, as this was her last Senate meeting.

C. **President Papo** presented Dr. Chapman with a certificate from the Academic Senate honoring her retirement.

VIII. **Open Forum – Remember to attend the Gala at Williams Auditorium on Sunday, December 8, 2002.**

IX. **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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William Papo, President

