

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, November 5, 2002  
President's Room, Rankin Center**

**I. Call to Order: President Papo called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.**

**II. Attendance**

**Senators Present:** Aiken, Bandstra, Berghoef, Conati, Carter, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Ek, Hall, Hanna, Jakubowski, Johnson, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Lovsted, McCarthy, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parry, Reed, Ryan, Sanderson, Stein, Stern, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Wilson, Zobeck

**Senators Absent:** Abbasabadi (excused), Ferdowski (excused), Griffin (excused), Kantar, Liszewski (excused)

**Guests:** William Sederburg, Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, Dave Nicol, Heather Kchold, Amy McElmurray, Lon Green, Ed Muccio, Tom Hollen, Weilin Chang

**III. Approval of September 3 and October 1, 2002 minutes.**

**Motion by Senator Conati, with support from Senator Aiken, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carries.**

**IV. Open Forum**

**Senator Parry** reminded Senators to vote.

**V. Committee Reports**

**A. University Curriculum Committee – Chuck Drake, UCC Chair,** advised Senators of curriculum items being reviewed and answered questions regarding proposals passed. See Attachment A for complete report.

**B. Athletic Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Lon Green,** Co-Chair of Athletic Advisory Committee, offered the Senate some background on the proposed Excused Absence Policy (See Attachment B) distributed to Senators. The committee will seek the input of the Academic Policy and Standards Committee and return to the Senate at a later meeting.

**C. Student Life Committee Proposal – Tom Hollen, Chair,** presented some background information regarding the Student Life Committee proposal dealing with housing for international students during breaks (See Attachment C). **Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Stein, moves to support the proposal.** Following a discussion, **Senator Conati** calls the question. Question passes. Main motion carries.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Deletion of English Major for Elementary Education – Senator Konrad, with support from Senator Stern, moves to approve the deletion.** Following a short discussion, **motion carries.**

- B. FSU Student Government Resolution #02-02-01 – Motion by Senator Kowalkoski, with support from Senator Loesch, to accept the honors change from the grade point average distinction to a Latin grade point average distinction system (See Attachment D). Following a short discussion, Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Parry, moves to table the item. Motion to table carries.**

**VII. Discussion Item – Senate Structure**

**President Papo** advised the Senate that Drs. Sederburg and Chapman had approached the Senate Executive Board with an idea of restructuring for the Academic Senate. This restructure would involve academic administrators being a part of the Senate. **President Papo** explained that this is a lengthy process and suggested that the Senate Charter should be reviewed for changes also. Following comments by Drs. Sederburg and Chapman, **Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Reed**, moved that the Senate Executive Board begin to form an ad hoc committee to examine the charter and bring changes forward. **Senator Parry** added the friendly amendment that the group be called “**task force**”. **Senator Hanna** added the friendly amendment that **members of the committee be recognized at the Senate prior to beginning deliberations. Motion carries.**

**VIII. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg** reminded Senators vote today. We are expecting a 5% budget cut from the state. A proposal for apartment-style housing is being rewritten, financed by private sector dollars. A proposal for a limited number of condominiums for temporary and part-time faculty housing is being written. We have refinanced bonds, saving 2 million dollars by doing so. The savings will be used to repair the air conditioning in the Allied Health building and improve the energy systems in Business and Pharmacy. A search committee for the Vice President of Academic Affairs will be formed in December. He also advised Senators that the new trustee for the Board is Jim Haveman. **See Attachment E for complete details.**
- B. Vice President Chapman** updated the Senate on current searches, and advised Senators that input is being sought for the three-year academic plan. **See Attachment F for complete report.**
- C. President Papo** again reminded Senators to vote and requested those interested in serving on the VP Search committee or the Charter revision committee to contact the Senate Office. He also has information on MEA Scholarship.

**VIII. Open Forum**

**IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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William Papo, President