

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2002
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. Call to Order: President Papo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Berghoef, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hanna, Jakubowski, Johnson, Kantar, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nelson, Papo, Parry, Ryan, Sanderson, Stein, Stern, Thapa, Wilson, Zobeck

Senators Absent: Carter(excused), Ek(excused), Hall, Liszewski(excused), Nagel(excused), Nelson(excused), Ngoh(excused), Tomczyk(excused),

Guests: William Sederburg, Barbara Chapman, Laurie Chesley, Tom Oldfield, Susan Morris, Don Flickinger, Mary Murnik, Brian Reed, Robert vanderOsten, Daniel Burcham, Darrell Allgaier, Dave Nicol, Joan Rider

III. Approval of May 9, 2002 Minutes

Motion by Senator Stern, with support from Senator Thapa, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carries.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Parry advised the Senate that Ferris has a new IST person, Bob Wood. He can be reached at Ext. 5439.

Senator Konrad expressed a concern regarding the Sunset Policy and asked that Senators be informed on this issue.

Senator Dickinson informed the Senate of the death of Dr. Ron Jacoby, College of Pharmacy. A moment of silence was observed.

V. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – Chuck Drake, UCC Chair, advised Senators of curriculum items reviewed by the committee. See Attachment A for complete report.

President Papo commented on the University Graduate and Professional Council mission statement. The statement was approved by the Senate during the last academic year.

B. Senate Governance Committee – Senator Johnson met on September 12 to make appointment to the university-wide committees. Forms are still arriving in the campus mail. For many committees there were many more volunteers than seats. Final appointments are being made this week.

- VI. **Campus Reports – Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Burcham** thanked the Senators for their hard work in many areas on campus. For the first time since Dr. Burcham has been in Student Services, there has been a significant change in the adjudicated cases at Student Judicial Services. There has been an 11% decrease in overall cases, and nearly a 22% decrease in alcohol and other drug offenses. See Attachment B for complete details.

VII. **New Business**

- A. **General Education – Senator Parry** provided the Senators with a document citing her concerns regarding General Education. See Attachment C.

Senator Parry moved, with support from Senator Aiken, to create an ad-hoc committee to study various facets of General Education. This committee is to consist of one Senator from each college, Dr. Laurie Chesley, and a former member of the GenEd Committee, to be chosen by the committee. The charge is to consider questions brought forth by the Senate and to provide a recommendation of support, modification or reformation to the Senate by our December 2002 meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion of General Education at Ferris State University, with a general history from Dr. Robert VonderOsten, **Senator Parry withdrew her motion, with support from Senator Aiken.**

Senator Konrad moved, with support from Senator Aiken, that the questions brought forward during this discussion be answered by the General Education Committee.

President Papo explained that a motion is not needed, and directed Senate **Secretary Aiken** to forward questions raised to the General Education Committee with a response due by the December 3 Senate meeting.

Several Senators expressed a need for an appeals process for courses denied approval by the General Education Committee.


Senator Parry, with support from Senator Griffin, moved that the academic Senate create a list of courses to be considered, or reconsidered for inclusion as Global Consciousness, Race/Ethnicity/Gender and other categories deemed pertinent with a request for written support in the event of denial.

Following a lengthy discussion, Senator Parry withdraws motion, with support from Senator Griffin.

- B. **New Courses for PharmD. Program – Four Elective Clerkship – Senator Konrad moved to approve** the elective clerkship, with support from **Senator Kowalkoski**. Following a short discussion, **Senator Ferdowski** calls the question. Question carries. Motion carries.

VIII. **Announcements**

- A. **President Sederburg** reminded Senators of the dedication of the Center for Student Services on October 11, 2002, and Homecoming week begins on October 12. As the state budget continues to deteriorate, we are planning on a 5% cut in state funding. New marketing strategies are underway. Clerical/technical contract negotiations are ongoing.

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- B. **Vice President Chapman** provided a list of college and department incentive earnings. For a complete list of items discussed, see **Attachment C**.
 - C. **President Papo** announced that Brian Reed and Brendalee McCarthy had won the Part-time Senate representative election.
- IX. **Open Forum**
- X. **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

David Aiken, Secretary

William Papo, President

