

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 1999 - 11:00 a.m.
Centennial Dining Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order: President Key** called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Anderson, Bandstra, Bonning, Conati, Daugherty, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Green, Griffin, Hanna, Hancock, Hastings-Bishop, Johnson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nista, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Ryan, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stern, Westman, Winger

Senators Absent. Hartman (excused), Westhoven (excused).

Guests. Barbara Chapman, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, Tom Oldfield,

III. **Open Forum**

Senators Conati and Bonning expressed concerns about the procedures used to elect the Senate Executive Board members. The concerns included no advance notice of who was running for office and no discussion by the candidates about their qualifications for office.

IV. **New Business**

Election of the Senate Executive board. All voting, unless otherwise indicated, was by written ballot. Senator Ferdowski, with assistance from Senators Kane, Lindsey, and Pilgrim, counted the ballots.

Senators Nagel and Konrad were nominated for President. Each gave a brief presentation of their qualifications. **Senator Konrad** was elected **President**.

Senators Papo and Nagel were nominated for Vice-President. After a brief presentation of their qualifications, **Senator Papo** was elected **Vice-President**.

Senator Kane was nominated for Secretary. Motion by Senator Ferdowski with support from Senator Nista, to close nominations and elect by unanimous ballot. Motion passes by voice vote and **Senator Kane** is elected **Secretary**.

Senator Klope was nominated for Information Officer. Motion by Senator Ryan, second by Senator Hanna to close nominations and elect by unanimous ballot. Motion passes by voice vote and **Senator Klope** is elected **Information Officer**.

Senators Anderson, Ferdowski, Hastings-Bishop, and Lovsted were nominated for At-Large representative. Each gave a brief presentation of their qualifications. **Senator Ferdowski** was elected as **At-Large representative**.

Senators Nagel, Lovsted, Hastings-Bishop and Anderson were nominated for the second At-Large representative position. A tie on the first ballot necessitated a run-off election between Senators Nagel and Hastings-Bishop, with **Senator Nagel** being elected as **At-Large representative**.

V. **Open Forum**

Senator Stern expressed concern about the low voter turnout for the Student Government elections. **Senator Hastings-Bishop** said she knows of students who could not vote in the election because the polls closed early. **Keith Kern, Student Government Senator**, said the turnout was higher than usual. He also indicated the students were preparing to address the credit card issue with the Ferris Board of Trustees.

Senator Ryan expressed concern that the Senate's failure to take up curriculum issues regarding Psychology and Integrated Studies would delay these programs another year. He suggested the Senate consider summer meetings.

Vice President Chapman thanked outgoing **Senate President Greg Key** for his work as President the past two years and presented him with a plaque commemorating his service.

Senator Key thanked the Senators for allowing him to serve as President and commended the Senate for their work during the past two years.

VI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Cindy Konrad, President