

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
January 4, 1988*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. Members Present. A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Cooper, Frank, Gillette, Hankes, Hanson, Helsing, Henry, Hynes, Lackey, Lovsted, Maas, Moffett, Murray, Oldfield, Payton, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Shansky, Slywka, Stich, Totten, Travis, Valas, Westendorp, Wilson.

1.2. Members Absent. Dudek (excused), Spagnuolo (excused), Strohkirch, Voorhees.

1.3. Guests. R. Cross, O. Dickens, R. Fortune, J. Galloway, S. Hammersmith, A. Khoury, V. Konecny, R. Kosanovich, M. Lofquist, K. Manley, G. Nash, P. Prinz, R. Shepler, T. Walsh, President Wenrich.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Gillette called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the December 1 meeting were approved with the addition of Bethel and Spagnuolo to the list of members of the ad hoc committee to study the University's admissions/open-door policy.

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. There were no concerns presented by the faculty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee

5.1. Valas reported that the Tuition Policy Subcommittee has been added to the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee.

Election Committee

6.1. Stich reported that the School of Optometry re-elected Shansky to his previously-vacated seat in the Senate.

6.2. Stich announced that the School of Technology will hold a special election on January 12 to fill the seat vacated by Cripe.

6.3. Wilson addressed the problem presented by a possible misinterpretation of the Senate Charter, Article VII, Section 1, referring to the Senate attendance policy. President Gillette noted that the Executive Committee recognized the problem and that proposed amendments to the Charter would be forthcoming.

College Curriculum Committee

7.1. Pomnichowski reported that the CCC would be considering two new proposals at its next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

B.S. in Product Design Engineering Technology

8.1. WESTENDORP MOVED THAT THE SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PRODUCT DESIGN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE. HENRY SUPPORTED.

8.2. Discussion followed concerning what some Senators felt to be an excessive number of credit hours required by the proposed degree program. Senators' concerns in this area were addressed by the program's proposers.

8.3. POMNICHOWSKI MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION, ADDING THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS, PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO BY THE PROPOSERS AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES, TO THE PROPOSAL:

- A. PDT 326 INCLUDE A PHY 212 PREREQUISITE;
- B. A FACULTY MEMBER FROM THE PHYSICS GROUP ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THREE COURSES, PDT 326, 336, AND 450;
- C. EXPLORATION OF A "JOINT LISTING" BE CONSIDERED UPON COMPLETION OF COURSE DEVELOPMENT; THIS MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE THE USE OF FACULTY FROM BOTH DEPARTMENTS FOR COURSE INSTRUCTION; AND
- D. EXISTING PHYSICS COURSES BE EXAMINED TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE INTERFACING WITH THE PROPOSED COURSES.

COOK SUPPORTED. AMENDMENT CARRIED.

8.4. MAIN MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

School of Business Transfer Policy Statement

9.1. VALAS MOVED THAT THE SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSED TRANSFER POLICY STATEMENT FROM THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE. MAAS SUPPORTED.

9.2. Otis Dickens informed the Senate that the proposed policy is intended to maintain and/or strengthen academic standards in the School of Business degree programs.

9.3. MOTION CARRIED.

University-wide Committee on International Education

10.1. OLDFIELD MOVED THAT THE SENATE APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TO THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES UNDER SENATE PURVIEW. HELSING SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Membership Changes

11.1. Oldfield presented proposals from the Academic Honors Convocation Committee and the Arts and Lectures Committee to increase their memberships. The proposals will be acted on at the next Senate meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1. Gillette announced that the Fall Orientation Committee was being formed and invited volunteers to serve on that committee.

12.2. Gillette announced that Helsing has been appointed as the Senate's representative to the Recreation Sports Advisory Committee.

12.3. Gillette reported that over 350 faculty/staff responses have been received to the surveys on semester feasibility and the academic calendar.

12.4. Gillette announced that Kathleen LeClaire has been hired as the Senate office secretary. Her office hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office telephone extensions are 2691 and 2418.

12.5. In a general inquiry, Slywka asked if the Senate were not wrong in refusing to conduct the confidence/no-confidence vote in the University President. A brief debate followed as to whether the matter was FFA business or Senate responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS (CONCLUDED)

Minor in Computer Science

13.1. WILSON MOVED THAT THE SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSED MINOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE FROM THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE. WESTENDORP SUPPORTED.

13.2. HENRY MOVED THAT THE CREDIT HOURS FOR THE PROPOSED MINOR BE REDUCED FROM 36 TO 32. HANKES SUPPORTED.

13.3. The amendment was withdrawn when the Mathematics Department agreed to re-examine the required number of hours at a later date.

13.4. Pomnichowski raised the issue of possible duplication of courses in the Mathematics and Computer Information Systems Departments.

13.5. VALAS MOVED TO TABLE THE MOTION. COOK SUPPORTED. MOTION FAILED.

13.6. MAIN MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

14.1. President Wenrich reported that the State Legislature reduced the University's funding by 3/4 of one percent.

14.2. Wenrich announced that University budget hearings would be held on January 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Education 101.

14.3. Wenrich announced that the Grand Rapids Symphony would open the University's thirtieth annual Festival of the Arts with a concert on January 8.

14.4. When asked if the faculty would be given passes to use the Rankin Center parking lot once the barricades are in place, Wenrich said the issue had not been resolved.

14.5. Wenrich responded in the negative when asked if he believed his remarks published in the December 18 *Grand Rapids Press*, regarding the faculty's no-confidence vote, might have been in poor taste.

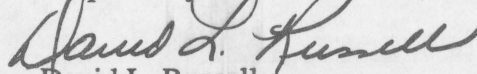
NEXT MEETING

15.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 19, 1988, in 325 VFS Allied Health.

ADJOURNMENT

16.1.. President Gillette declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

