

**Ferris State University**  
**1994-1995 Academic Senate**  
*Minutes of the Meeting*  
*January 10, 1995*

**Attendance:**

Members Present: Anderson, Bradt, Carey, Conati, Dakkuri, Griffin, Hagstrom, Hastings-Bishop, Huff, Jablonski, Kebler, Key, Keys, Lewis, Maas, Nagel, Oldfield, Palmer, Patten, Pomnichowski, Rumpf, Rupe, Saladin, Shepler, Slywka, Smith, Stolarek, Sytsma, Thapa, Totten, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Wheeler, Williams, Winchell, Wininger.

Members Excused: Breault.

Members Absent: Kelson.

Guests Present: Bill Sederburg, Teshome Abebe, Maureen Watson.

**Call to Order**

1.1 President Uniacke called the meeting to order at 10:05 in the Presidents' Room at Rankin Center. The minutes from the December 6 meeting were approved.

**Open Forum**

2.1 Keys voiced his concern about off-campus trip problems causing difficulties in scheduling examinations. This further substantiates the need for a senate academic policies and affairs committee.

**Announcements**

3.1 Bill Sederburg stated that at the Board meeting this week he expects the Board to change its name to the Board of Trustees and to ratify the CT contract. He announced that the president of the Academic Senate will sit in on cabinet meetings in the future. He stated the following as priorities: the NCA visit at the end of January, step-up of marketing/recruitment; FFA negotiations.

3.2 Teshome Abebe announced that on-campus enrollment is currently 8900 and off-campus is 935. A pattern of enrollment based on semesters is being established. He stated that President Sederburg wants to establish collaboration with other institutions; currently FSU is working at establishing ties with Davenport College, MSU and CMU. FSU's involvement in the Midwest Student Exchange Program is progressing. A program information data base on program requirements for degrees is being established. Abebe will ask the Board to relax some policies on international students.

3.3 Oldfield announced that the Executive Summary for the NCA self-study has been drafted. The NCA visit will be Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1 and they will determine the agenda.

3.4 President Uniacke introduced new senator Vickie Williams who will serve out Dan Noren's remaining term. He announced a teleconference Jan. 19 in which Bill Weinrich will participate. He also announced that the executive committee has reviewed changes to the catalog update.

### **Committee Reports**

4.1 UCC--Palmer announced the following business: Anth 385 and 386 were approved; two Engl 490 courses were discussed; Heavy Equipment 101 and Welding 146 were discussed and changed; Arch 285 was discussed; the B.S. program in Construction will require Math 132 instead of Math 216; Arch 109 changes were passed; Welding 113 was discussed and passed.

4.2 Senate Appointments--Key announced that materials for mission statements and policies have been delivered to committees. Committees are currently working on committee structure.

4.3 Senate Elections--Slywka announced the committee was ready to roll. The eligibility list for Jan. is being compiled and Mar. 2 is the nomination deadline.

### **Old Business**

5.1 Senate Strategic Plan: Teshome Abebe stated that the deans feel very comfortable with the direction the senate plan takes. Nagel moved we bring the plan back to the table for a vote to ratify. von der Osten seconded. Motion carried.

5.2 von der Osten moved to accept the Academic Policy on Space Management. Keys seconded. The senate examined the flow chart and voted. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

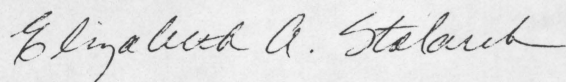
6.1 Patten moved to adopt the plan to establish an ISM MS program an Enschede, Netherlands. Saladin seconded. Motion carried.

6.2 Maureen Watson spoke to the need to change the amounts of grants from the Professional Development Committee from \$2000 to \$3000 in an effort to encourage more and better grants and to draw better speakers. Key moved to do so. Dakkuri seconded. Nagel suggested no limit on the amount of funds would be preferable. Key withdrew his motion. von der Osten moved to remove the maximum limit entirely. Totten seconded. Motion carried.

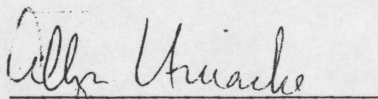
6.3 Key moved to accept the policy change excluding committee members from receiving grants from the Professional Development committee. Keys seconded. von der Osten offered a friendly amendment to add exclusion of spouses of committee members. Motion carried.

6.4 The next meeting will be Feb. 7 at 10:05. Keys moved to adjourn the meeting; Key seconded. Motion carried. President Uniacke adjourned the meeting at 11:29.

Respectfully submitted,



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