

Ferris State University
Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
January 11, 1994

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Bartholome, Breault, Caskey, Dakkuri, Doyle, Gillard, Hagstrom, Hastings-Bishop, Horn, Jablonski, Kebler, Key, Keys, Kosanovich, Palmer, Pomnichowski, Rumpf, Rupe, Russell, Ryan, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Totten, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. Billings, Bradt, Brown, Conati (excused), Griffin (excused), King, Muccio (excused), Nagel (excused), Peterson, Stolarek, Teferra.

1.3 Guests. T. Behler, J. Nagelbush, H. Popovich.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Approval of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the December 7, 1993, meeting were approved.

Open Forum

4.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

Announcements

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich made no announcements.

President Breault

6.1 President Breault announced that she had sent a letter to Vice President Abebe by January 3, 1994, as requested, on the topic of retrenchment as proposed in the Fiscal Restructuring Plan. Breault contended that there is not a fiscal crisis and, therefore, there is no need for retrenchment.

6.2 Breault reported that she had read the parts of the draft of the North Central Accreditation study which discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Senate and had noted criticisms and recommendations. More attention will be focused on this report as it continues to be drafted.

6.3 Breault reported that Gerald Slywka will represent the Senate on the Tuition Task Force and Tom Oldfield will remain on the Tuition Task Force as a representative of the faculty.

6.4 Breault noted that Election Committee Chairman Al Uniacke has made changes in the dates of the Senate election to fit the process to the semester calendar. The election committee has been announced and nominating petitions can be submitted until March 2. Candidates will be announced by March 9. The election will be on April 6 and a special organizational meeting of the Senate will be held on April 26. The election will proceed under the current organizational structure of the university. If colleges are combined as proposed by the Fiscal Restructuring Plan, another election will be held.

6.5 Breault reported that she had appeared in court as a witness in the Ferris Faculty Association's suit against the university's Fiscal Restructuring Plan. She was questioned about the relationship between the Board of Control and the Academic Senate.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairman von der Osten had no report from the University Curriculum Committee.

Athletic Advisory Committee

8.1 Chairman Rupe reported the Athletic Advisory Committee has approved schedules for athletes, requested that the university resume the search for an Athletic Director, developed a policy on players' eligibility and practicing, and monitored the Title IX Report.

Old Business

Human Development Minor

9.1 *Keys moved that the Senate approve the proposed Human Development Minor. Uniacke supported. The motion carried.*

Open Forum

10.1 Jim Gillard noted that the removal of snow from sidewalks by the Business Building is not adequate. Of special concern is making the building accessible to the handicapped.

11.1 Leon Keys suggested that the Senate discuss the matter of a student repeating a class and taking the same instructor. Should a different instructor be required?

12.1 Robert von der Osten reminded the Senate of the resolution passed at the June 15, 1993, meeting, requesting that the administration, in order to improve the quality of services offered students, ...establish a commission responsible for facilitating significant improvements in the accuracy, promptness, and courtesy with which administrative offices such as Financial Aid, the Business Office, and Housing perform their functions. He noted continuing student problems with Business Services, particularly the Financial Aid Office. von der Osten recommended that the university study how it can more effectively deliver services to students.

Next Meeting

13.1 The next Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1, 1994, at 10:05 a.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Adjournment

14.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved:

