

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting
February 6, 1990

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Anderson, Bandstra, Bethel, Breault, Burtch, Carey, Cartwright (ASG), Cook, Devlin, Doneth, Etienne, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Hardman, Henry, Janzen, Johnson, Lewis, Lovsted, Matrosic, McNabb, Mullet, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Thapa, Uniacke, Vasicek.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Beetley (excused), Chaffin (excused), Johnston, Sickelsteel (excused), Totten (excused), Valas.

1.3. *Guests.* J. Alexander, A. Dakkuri, L. Lunsted, G. Nash, President Popovich, M. Puerta, P. Schnepf.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Oldfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the President's Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the January 23 meeting were approved as presented.

OPEN FORUM

4.1. ASG Representative Cartwright presented a resolution from ASG requesting Senate support for the formation of a committee to study the possibility of adding a finals week to the academic calendar.

4.2. L. Lunsted, Emeritus Faculty, urged a change in the academic calendar eliminating the fragmentation of the Winter Quarter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1. President Popovich announced that she will request the Board of Control to establish the position of Vice President for Student Affairs.

5.2. In the Spring Term, President Popovich will address the campus community on her vision of the future goals of the institution.

President Oldfield

6.1. President Oldfield announced that the Executive Committee met with administration officials to discuss several matters relating to the University's contract with the University College of Belize. More information is still being solicited by the Executive Committee.

6.2. Candidates are being interviewed for the new position of Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations and a decision will be forthcoming.

SPECIAL REPORT

Public Safety

7.1. Director of Public Safety, Stan Dinius, reported to the Senate on campus parking and security matters. He solicited faculty/staff suggestions for improvements. He is also available for informational sessions on crime prevention. Questions were raised regarding faculty liability in the transportation of injured students. Oldfield will attempt to get the issue clarified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

8.1. Pomnichowski noted that a proposal from the Mathematics Department for a C- F/W policy has been reviewed and is being forwarded to the Senate for approval. *Consideration*

8.2. The following proposals have been approved and forwarded to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

- a. BIO 204, Human Anatomy and Physiology 1
- b. BIO 205, Human Anatomy and Physiology 2
- c. Revision to the Opticianry Program

International Education Committee

9.1. Ferdowski moved that the Senate endorse the recommendation from the International Education Committee instituting two foreign language channels on the Ferris Cable system. Bethel supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Academic Affairs Council

Academic Warning Policy

10.1. Doneth moved that the Senate accept the Academic Warning Policy as recommended by the Student Academic Affairs Council. Devlin supported. Motion carried.

Academic Probation and Dismissal Policy

11.1. Etienne moved that the Senate accept the Academic Probation and Dismissal Policy as recommended by the Student Academic Affairs Council. Thapa supported. Motion carried, 20-9.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Voter Eligibility List

12.1. Gillette moved that the Senate accept the Voter Eligibility List as presented by the Senate Elections Committee. Thapa supported. Motion carried.

Faculty Evaluation for Development

13.1. Pearson moved that the Senate structure an *ad hoc* committee composed of Senate members and a representative from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to consider the mechanisms outlined in the Academic Senate Report on Faculty Evaluation with the following objectives:

- (1) identify a mechanism by which an academic unit can establish a variance in evaluation procedure,**
- (2) develop a method or methods for streamlining the process of evaluation,**
- (3) edit the document as appropriate.**

Any revisions or edits should be presented to the Academic Senate at the March meeting. Devlin supported. Motion failed.

Administrative Evaluation

14.1. Pomnichowski moved that the Senate request the University administration to provide the faculty/staff with the opportunity to participate in an administrative evaluation during the Spring Term. Ferdowski supported. Motion carried.

ASG Finals Week Study Resolution

15.1. Pearson moved that the Senate endorse the ASG Resolution recommending the formation of a committee to study the advisability of adding a finals week to the academic calendar. Peterson supported.

15.2. Cook moved to postpone action until the next regular Senate meeting. Gillette supported. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

No concerns were presented at this time.

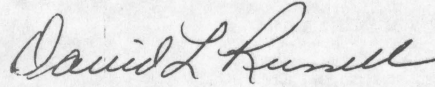
NEXT MEETING

16.1. The next regular meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, March 6, 1990, at 10:00 a.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

17.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

