

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
February 7, 1988⁹*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Anderson, Bandstra, Bethel, Breault, Cook, Coon, Devlin, Doneth, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Hanson, Hardman, Henry, Janzen, Johnson, Linta, Lovsted, Matrosic, McNabb, Murray, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Payton, Pearson, Peterson, Pommichowski, Ravell, Russell, Shansky, Sichelsteel, Spagnuolo, Stich, Valas.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Carey, Chaffin (excused), Johnston (excused), Maas (excused).

1.3. *Guests.* Greg Coe (ASG), Assistant Vice President Manley, Vice President Nash, Interim President Tiede.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Oldfield 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 January 10 meeting were approved with the correction of Paragraph 10.1, "first-reading acceptance" should read "final approval."

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. There were no faculty/staff concerns presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim President Tiede

5.1. Tiede speculated that the Governor's educational proposals would result in a budget increase for Ferris of only 2-3% over last year.

5.2. The Board of Control subcommittee on board policy met during the past weekend with the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee to discuss that committee's proposal to delete the words "open-door" from the Mission and Role Statement. The subcommittee met in other sessions to consider contractual policies, the implementation of new programs, and the deletion of old programs. Pommichowski insisted that in regard to curricular matters the established procedures be faithfully followed, and Tiede assured the Senate that the Board has no intention of by-passing Senate approval for any curricular changes.

5.3. Tiede announced that the Presidential Search Committee will interview eight or nine candidates in the coming weekend and narrow the field to three or four finalists who will be brought to campus during March and April for open meetings with the faculty and staff. Breault pointed out that only the names of the finalists will be disclosed to the public and that standard procedure required the committee to keep the names of all other applicants confidential to protect the privacy of those applicants.

Senate President Oldfield

6.1. Oldfield reported that the Executive Conference Center Committee has to date received little input from the faculty on the operational guidelines for the conference center.

6.2. Oldfield read a letter to the Senate from Board of Control Chair Arthur Clyne requesting the Senate to reconsider its position regarding the revision of the Mission and Role Statement; essentially Mr. Clyne wishes the Senate to approve the status quo, continuing to define Ferris as an "open-door" admissions institution. Gillette responded that another Board member had informed her that Mr. Clyne's remarks in this letter were his personal opinions and were not to be interpreted as reflecting the official position of the Board of Control.

Past President Gillette

7.1. Gillette reported further on the weekend meeting between the Board of Control and the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee, noting that she felt the meeting was candid and open and that a greater understanding of the "open-door" issue was achieved by both parties. Nash stated to the Senate his position that a complete "open-door" admissions policy would necessarily force the institution to channel more funds into remedial programs to the detriment of all other educational programs, since it seemed clear to him that no infusion of new monies was forthcoming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

8.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following curricular items were deemed minor changes and forwarded to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

- a. School of Pharmacy
PHR 516, Product Development II, changed from 2 to 3 lecture hours and course description change.
- b. School of Technology
 - (1) Changes in Mechanical Engineering Technology Math courses: MTH 161 replacing MTH 124; MTH 162 replacing MTH 132; MTH 263 replacing MTH 213.
 - (2) Changes in Architectural Technology, Building Construction Technology, and Construction Engineering Technology: drop CSC 140 and add DP 205.
 - (3) Changes in Construction Technology, B.S. in Energy Management: Credit hour changes in EM 320 from 3 to 4, and in EM 321 from 5 to 4.
- c. School of Business
Changes in Court and Freelance Reporting: CFR 211 from 2 lecture and 1 lab to 3 lecture and description change; CFR 311 from 2 lecture and 1 lab to 3 lecture and description change.

Substance Abuse Task Force

9.1. Chair Pearson announced that the Task Force includes the following members: Senators Bethel, Ferdowski, Linta, Ravell, and Sichelsteel, and Lennie Shible will serve in an ex officio capacity. A report is expected at the next Senate meeting.

Student Academic Affairs Council

10.1. Doneth reported that the Council met on January 16, identified four areas of study, and formed the following subcommittees: Transfer Policy, Drop/Add Policy, Internship Hours, Probation/Readmission.

OLD BUSINESS

11.1. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Voter Eligibility List

12.1. Stich moved that the Senate approve the Voter Eligibility List as submitted by the Senate Elections Committee with the following amendments: the addition of George Nagel to A & S, and the addition of Joyce Hawkins to Librarians/Counsellors. Hanson supported. Motion carried.

Conference Center/Hotel Resolution

13.1. Russell moved that the Senate adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Academic Senate articulate to the Board of Control that the Board's decision to assume the financial obligation incurred by the construction and operation of the conference center was undertaken without the general consensus of the Senate:

Be it further resolved that, since the aforementioned decision has been made and is apparently irrevocable, the Senate shall, in a spirit of cooperation for the good of the University, work for the success of the conference center, so long as the conference center's construction and operation do not result in the expenditures of monies from the general fund and thus hamper the University's instructional programs.

Ravell supported.

13.2. Discussion followed that focused on several matters. Some Senators felt the resolution akin to closing the barn after the horse has escaped, others saw a need for the Senate to take a philosophical stand, while still recognizing the right of the Board of Control to make the decision. Still others felt that the resolution did not go far enough, that the Auxiliary Fund should be included in the wording, considering the possibility that student fees might be used to pay off the bonds should the venture prove unprofitable. Interim President Tiede pointed out that an open meeting was held for the faculty; but several Senators countered that the decision was made hastily and that the Board of Control's meeting in Lansing during the middle of the week made it very difficult for faculty and staff to be present to express their concerns.

13.3. Henry moved to table the resolution until the next meeting. Russell supported. Motion to table carried.

Presidential Search

14.1. Peterson moved that the Academic Senate request that the Board of Control establish a procedure by which all members of the Ferris academic community will have an opportunity to interview the presidential candidates and then submit their evaluations, which would be considered in making the final selection of Ferris's next president. Pearson supported.

14.2. Matrosic moved to amend the motion to request the presence of the Board of Control members at the proposed open meetings between the candidates and the faculty that the Board might observe faculty/candidate interaction. Peterson supported. Amendment failed.

14.3. Main motion carried.

FACULTY FORUM

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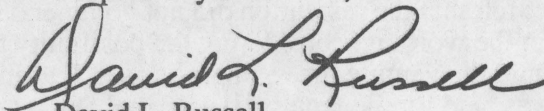
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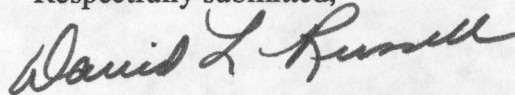
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