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Ferris State University
1994-1995 Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
February 7, 1995

Attendance:

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

Members Excused: von der Osten.

Members Absent: Carey, Wheeler, Wininger.

Guests Present: Bill Sederburg, Roy Tiede, Richard Duffet, Raymond Gant.

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 January 10 meeting were approved.

Announcements

2.1 President Sederburg distributed a sheet listing current initiatives, current activities, and future issues and actions.

2.2 At a briefing with the governor and other university presidents, Sederburg learned that FSU can expect a 3% increase based on the governor's recommendation. He added that Senator Schwartz wishes to expand this amount. \$500,000 has been appropriated to CMU for establishing charter schools, and the two new board appointments will be strong advocates of charter schools. Sederburg supports FSU involvement in establishing charter schools if they are not a financial liability to FSU and are compatible with our mission. At the meeting with the governor he requested new capital outlay for library improvement. He also stated the Presidents' Council is currently interested in technology and in university implications of the Public Employees' Relations Act.

2.3 Uniacke announced that the executive committee met to discuss curriculum development and academic program review in light of the NCA visit. He publicly commended Tom Oldfield for his work on NCA.

2.4 Uniacke announced that the next senate meeting will be 3/15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Centennial Dining Room. The senate will discuss committee restructuring, academic program review, and curriculum development at that time.

2.5 Uniacke announced he was hosting a luncheon 4/6 from noon to 1:30 at Ferris Cafe to honor senators for their work this year.

2.6 Uniacke distributed planning assumptions for the budget. He attended a Board of Control Finance Planning Committee meeting at which student room and board was the major topic. Students who wish access to the FSU mainframe will be assessed a \$50.00 data connectivity fee.

2.7 Uniacke stated that FSU has no official policy on student absences. The Board Academic Affairs policy goes back to 1978. Dakkuri asked whether differential tuition were still being considered, and Oldfield stated the Task Force was still discussing it.

2.8 Uniacke stated that TVP, Leisure Studies, Ornamental Horticulture, and Food Services/Hospitality Management have submitted proposals to VP Abebe concerning fiscal restructuring.

Committee Reports

3.1 UCC--Palmer stated an EET 322 course has been added to the Electrical Engineering B.S. Music management and a B.S. in Electrical Computer Science were passed.

Pomnichowski objected to the committee's consideration of the Netherlands program as a minor change.

3.2 Senate Appointments--Key distributed a committee restructuring plan and requested written proposals suggesting changes. His committee wants input on their plan.

3.3 Senate Elections--Slywka stated that ballots should have been received in the mail. Nominating petitions may be filed no later than 5:00 3/2.

Old Business

4.1 Nagel moved to bring the Adjunct Faculty Approval Procedures document from the table. Key seconded. Motion carried. Dakkuri moved to accept a revised version of the document. Thapa seconded. Motion failed 14-16. Keys moved to modify the document to include the words "and procedures" and "respective" in the third paragraph. Rumpf seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

5.1 Uniacke stated that President Sederburg and VP Abebe have asked to sit at the table during senate meetings. The charter gives them the right to discuss any issue. Key moved to invite them to do so. Huff seconded. Motion carried.

Special Reports

6.1 Roy Tiede, VP for Business Affairs, applauded the senate for all the work they do. He stated that Business Affairs prepares goals and procedures and writes action plans for each year. They have recently been involved in the SIS project for semester conversion and in consolidating the billing system. They are currently involved in enhancing technology in student labs and offices. The University Technology Committee wants representation across campus to help formulate a direction. The Business Office is also dealing with student complaints by grouping new and returning students during registration, by assigning personnel to talk to students in lines during registration, and by implementing the Stanford Loan Program, which will change to direct lending next fall. The Accounting Process Review Committee is trying to eliminate redundant bookkeeping, and the office functions under the principle of TQM.

6.2 Richard Duffet, VP for University Advancement, stated that goals and objectives for the office are now established. He distributed a sheet delineating the office staffing and mission statements.

6.3 Raymond Gant reported on the racial climate on campus. He stated that race relations become more strained when budgetary limitations are imposed. He suggested that this issue must be addressed directly by examining individual biases, and offered a 5-point strategy to overcome individual biases:

- *identify misinformation about different groups
- *identify and express pride in groups to which we belong
- *learn how other groups experience mistreatment
- *learn the impact of specific incidents of discrimination
- *learn how to interrupt prejudicial jokes and slurs

6.4 Uniacke adjourned the meeting at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved:
