

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
March 7, 1989*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Anderson, Bandstra, Carey, Chaffin, Ferdowsi, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Hanson, Hardman, Henry, Janzen, Johnson, Johnston, Lovsted, Matrosic, Murray, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Payton, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Russell, Shansky, Sichelsteel, Stich, Valas.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Bethel (excused), Breault (excused), Cook, Coon (excused), Devlin (excused), Doneth, Linta (excused), Maas, McNabb, Ravell (excused), Spagnuolo.

1.3. *Guests.* Professor Adnan Dakkuri, Interim Vice President Duffett, Professor Robert Ferguson, Dean Sue Hammersmith, Assistant Vice President Manley.

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 February 7 meeting were approved as presented.

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. There were no faculty/staff concerns presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate President Oldfield

5.1. Oldfield announced that the Board of Control policy on affirmative action is currently being reviewed with faculty input being provided through the Affirmative Action Council.

5.2. Oldfield, as directed by the Senate, sent a letter to the Board of Control requesting the establishment of a procedure for faculty/staff evaluation of the presidential candidates. Oldfield reported that a procedure has been created to allow for such an evaluation. Pomnichowski pointed out that the administration and the Board of Control have failed to communicate to the faculty any information regarding the search process in general, and that what information the faculty has received has been through either the FFA or the press.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

6.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following curricular item was deemed a minor change and forwarded to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

School of Arts and Sciences: Spanish 331, Culture and Society of Spain, 4 credits (new course)

6.2. Pomnichowski further noted that the following two items have been forwarded to the Undergraduate Council for consideration:

- a. Proposed combination of Audiovisual Production and Television Production programs,
- b. Proposed academic minor in Spanish.

Academic Disciplinary Review Committee

7.1. Hanson reported that a document from the Academic Disciplinary Review Committee is expected by the April Senate meeting.

Elections Committee

8.1. Stich reminded the Senate that the petitions deadline for Senatorial candidates is March 15 and that the elections will be April 19. Also on April 19 the faculty will vote on the proposed Senate Charter amendment.

OLD BUSINESS

Conference Center/Hotel Resolution

9.1. Russell moved to take the Conference Center/Hotel Complex Resolution from the table. Gillette supported. Motion carried.

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

Be it resolved that the Academic Senate inform the Board of Control that the Senate is philosophically opposed to the expenditure of General Fund or Auxiliary Fund monies not generated by the Conference Center/Hotel Complex to disburse the debt incurred by the construction and operation of that complex.

Carey supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Double-paced Summer Courses

10.1. Gillette noted that Vice President Nash was to have addressed the Senate at this meeting on the issue of double-paced summer course offerings. Oldfield agreed to pursue the matter further.

NEW BUSINESS

Off-Campus Credit Programs

11.1. Oldfield informed the Senate of an initiative by Board of Control members, Clyne and Kingery, to expand the university's course offerings throughout the southeastern part of the state. At its February meeting the Board tabled a motion that would authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 to establish a pilot program in this area by next Fall term. The Senate informally discussed some of the ramifications of this proposal.

11.2. Valas noted that off-campus programs were not among those open to review in the Academic Program Review Process, and further explained that reviewing those on-campus programs to which the off-campus programs are attached does not necessarily constitute an effective review of off-campus programs.

11.3. Several senators commented on the questionable wisdom of expanding off-campus programs at a time when there are so many pressing needs to be addressed on campus--the library, laboratory and classroom space, office space, computer needs, and so on.

11.4. Others expressed a concern over the difficulty of maintaining the quality and integrity of off-campus programs, particularly in regard to personnel staffing those programs.

11.5. Oldfield reported that the Board of Control assured him that any curricular proposal for off-campus programming resulting from this Board initiative would undergo the appropriate Senate procedures for curricular proposals.

11.6. In response to these concerns, many of which were raised by the GILL Off-Campus Credit Programs document of January 21, 1989, received by the Senators earlier, Pomnichowski moved the the Senate review the GILL Off-Campus Credit Programs document of January 21, 1989, and that individual senators submit their comments to the Senate office by March 17. Janzen supported. Motion carried.

Institutional Focus Subcommittee's Summary Report

12.1. Adnan Dakkuri addressed the Senate on the preliminary Summary Report of the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee's Institutional Focus Subcommittee. The Report outlines the specific institutional goals for the next five years. Oldfield asked that comments from senators on this report be forwarded to either Professor Dakkuri or Professor Robert Ferguson.

Proposed Changes in Senate Officers' Elections

13.1. Carey moved that the Senate Elections Committee be empowered to prepare a slate of candidates for the Senate Executive Committee to be submitted at the time of the election of officers. Peterson supported.

13.2. Matrosic moved to amend the motion to require the Senate Elections Committee to publish its slate of candidates prior to the meeting at which the elections would take place.

13.3. Action on either the motion or the amendment was postponed because of the lack of a quorum.

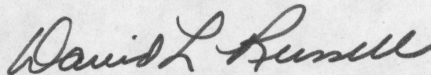
NEXT MEETING

14.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 1989, in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

April 4, 1989

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