

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
April 19, 1988*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. Members Present. A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Cooper, Dudek, Frank, Gillette, Hanson, Helsing, Henry, Hynes, Lovsted, Maas, Matrosic, Moffett, Murray, Oldfield, Payton, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Shansky, Stich, Totten, Valas, Voorhees, Wilson.

1.2. Members Absent. Beetley (excused), Hankes (excused), Hanson (excused), Lackey, Slywka, Spagnuolo, Travis, Westendorp (excused).

1.3. Guests. R. Dickinson (Library), D. Hansen (Business), J. Howard (*Torch*), G. Nash (Academic Affairs), S. Sytsma (Academic Affairs).

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in 321 V.F.S. Allied Health.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the April 5 meeting were approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1. President Gillette announced that Chaffin and Pomnichowski will represent the Senate on the newly-formed Transfer Policy Task Force.

4.2. *Senator Matrosic and Doug Fonner (Biology) have been appointed to serve on an advisory committee studying campus parking and security problems. The committee will be chaired by Bill Buckingham and will report to Vice President for Business Affairs Tiede.*

4.3. Senator Dudek will chair a committee to review the report from the Committee for Faculty Evaluation for Development. Faculty interested in serving should contact President Gillette or Senator Dudek.

4.4. An ad hoc Senate Committee for Academic Disciplinary Review has been appointed and charged with reviewing current academic disciplinary policies and recommending guidelines. The committee will consist of Larry Hanson (Chair), Roger Peterson (Hearing Officer), Robert Friar (A&S), John Gahrs (Tech), Jeff Gnagey (Ed), Paula Hagstrom (A-H), Glen Hynes (Consultant), Irvin Kahn (A&S), Sara Krumins (Lib/Counsellors), Elsie Lovsted (Pharm), Mike Shansky (Opt), and John Vermeer (Bus). The Committee is to report its recommendations to the Senate in the fall of 1988.

4.5. Volunteers are being sought for a joint College/Community Task Force to consider the problems of housing for fraternities. Interested parties should contact President Gillette.

4.6. Senate Executive Committee meetings with President Wenrich have included discussions on effective means of communicating faculty/staff concerns to the Board of Control (particularly on

the issue of the Tuition Task Force proposal). The Executive Committee feels that academic issues are not being adequately addressed by the Board of Control. Other issues briefly discussed with the President were the issues of the advisability of permitting faculty to teach overloads and of the Deans' Position Paper on Instructional Program Evaluation Procedures.

4.7. Vice President Nash announced the imminent merging of the Academic Computing Office with Media Production and Media Distribution. As of July 1, these services will be part of the new Instructional Services Office, which will report to the Dean of the Library and Instructional Services.

4.8. Nash reviewed the Deans' Position Paper #2--Instructional Program Evaluation Procedure--explaining how strategic planning, program evaluation and the Senate's program review procedures are all linked. He pointed out that the time guidelines indicated in the Position Paper may have to be extended. Pomnichowski noted concern about the lack of effective Senate input in the procedure. Matrosic noted that the Position Paper indicated that the Senate was to make its recommendations to the University President, whereas the Senate Charter clearly provides that the Senate make its recommendations on major program changes directly to the Board of Control. In response to a query by Gillette, Nash agreed that the results of the evaluation procedure could indeed result in a program's enhancement, not simply in program elimination. The Senate's concern would be taken under advisement, Nash assured, although as a purely administrative document it requires no approval by the faculty.

4.9. Senator Maas presented a report on the activities of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Faculties, indicating that over the year several representatives from the State government have met with the group and discussed issues pertinent to higher education.

COMMITTEE REPORT

University Curriculum Committee

5.1. Pomnichowski reported that the University Curriculum Committee has deemed the following to be minor curriculum changes and have forwarded them to the Vice President's office.

5.2. The School of Arts and Sciences New Courses--Lit 327, Adolescent Literature; Chm 364, Biochemistry (replacing Opt 319).

5.3. The School of Business--changes in Food Service/Hospitality Management.

5.4. Pomnichowski reported that several proposals were still being processed.

5.5. Pomnichowski further noted some concerns of the UCC, including the question as to how long an approved program should remain unfunded before it should be required to undergo the approval process; the need for a review of the CIS/OA merger in the School of Business; the need for a review of the transfer of the Child Development program to the School of Education.

5.6. The UCC is in the process of evaluating its existing procedures and Pomnichowski invited suggestions for any improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

Semester Feasibility Study

6.1. In Chair Beetley's absence, Senator Dudek presented the final report of the Semester Feasibility Study Committee. The results of the faculty survey were deemed inconclusive by the committee.

6.2. Carey moved to table the report until the next meeting. Moffett supported. Motion carried.

Mission and Role Statement

7.1. Dudek outlined the major changes in the proposed Role and Mission Statement as follows:

7.2. All references to "open-door" admission have been deleted.

7.3. More emphasis on faculty and staff support has been included.

7.4. A recognition of the need for international and transfer students has been included.

7.5. A recognition of the increase in the numbers of minority and women students has been included.

7.6. A recognition of the importance of off-campus programming has been included.

7.7. Valas moved the Senate accept the revisions of the Role and Mission Statement as presented by the Role and Mission Statement Revision Subcommittee. Murray supported.

7.8. Matrosic moved to table the motion until a final draft is received by the Senate. Dudek supported. Motion to table carried.

Open-door Admissions Policy Study

8.1. Murray summarized the report of the Open-door Admissions Policy Committee, noting that Ferris is, in fact, a "liberal admissions" institution, and not an open-door institution. He noted that approximately 10% of all students admitted in the fall of 1987 had ACT scores averaging below 10, and that it has been established that nationwide ACT scores are reliable indicators of college success. However, the data for determining a student's success or failure in relationship to his or her ACT scores is not available for most Ferris students and the committee was hesitant to make solid recommendations for major policy changes in the absence of more concrete data. The committee recommended the following:

8.2. The formation of a new committee to further study the matter over a two-year period.

8.3. A data base must be established for determining the profiles of students and the factors correlating with their success and/or failure in college.

8.4. The Collegiate Skills Program must be reviewed to determine if it is being used to greatest advantage across the entire campus.

8.5. Any changes in admissions policy must be widely publicized--particularly to high school guidance counsellors--in order to insure that prospective Ferris students have ample time to prepare themselves for any new requirements.

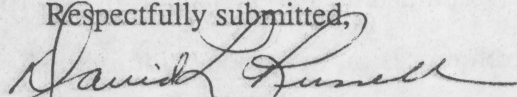
NEXT MEETING

14.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 10:00 a.m., May 3, 1988, in The President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

15.1. President Gillette declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

