

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
July 12, 1988*

ATTENDANCE

- 1.1. Members Present. Bandstra, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Devlin, Doneth, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Hanson, Hardman, Henry, Johnson, Maas, McNabb, McNamara (Adjunct Faculty Alternate), Murray, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Russell, Spagnuolo, Valas.
- 1.2. Members Absent. Anderson, Bethel (excused), Ferdowski (excused), Janzen, Johnston, Lovsted, Matrosic (excused), Payton, Pearson, Ravell, Shansky, Sichelsteel, Stich.
- 1.3. Guests. I. Barnes, J. Bonkowski, G. Coe (ASG), R. Dickinson, D. Hansen, M. Kline, F. Leone, G. Nash, G. Parker.

CALL TO ORDER

- 2.1. President Oldfield called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1. The minutes of the May 17 meeting were approved with the names of Senators Frank and Nerbonne moved to the list of Members Present.

FACULTY FORUM

- 4.1. There were no concerns presented by the faculty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5.1. President Oldfield announced that the Senate's Fall Retreat would be held at Winter's Creek on September 6, with further information to follow.
- 5.2. Oldfield noted that committee assignments would be made in the fall to the following Senate committees: Faculty Evaluation for Development, Open Door Policy, Elections, Senate Appointments, Semester Feasibility, and Faculty Orientation.
- 5.3. Oldfield reported that the Executive Committee has discussed with Vice President Nash faculty concerns regarding credit courses offered through GILL and an appeals procedure for students with grade concerns.
- 5.4. The Board of Control will hold a special meeting on July 22 to discuss procedures for forming a Presidential Search Committee. Oldfield solicited opinions from the Senate as to how possible Senate representatives to a Search Committee, should they be invited, would be selected.
- 5.5. Valas moved that the Senate empower the Executive Committee to appoint members to a Presidential Search Committee if the Senate is so invited. Chaffin supported. Motion carried.

5.6. Oldfield announced that a joint meeting of the University Curriculum Committee and the Executive Committee has resulted in a plan to reduce duplication costs for major curriculum proposals. In the future, brief abstracts of all major proposals will be submitted to each Senator and copies of the complete proposals will be placed in every dean's office as well as the library and the Senate office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

6.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following items have been deemed minor curriculum changes and have been forwarded to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

6.2. The School of Business:

- revision of B.S. in Finance
- grading change for OA 470, Internship

6.3. The School of Education:

- revision of General Science Teaching Minor
- title change for Education 573, Reading Instruction in Secondary Content Areas
- revision to English Teaching Minor
- revision to Marketing/DE Teaching Minor
- revision to Accounting Teaching Minor
- revision to Business Education checksheet
- revision to Marketing/DE Teaching Major
- revision to General Business Teaching Minor
- revision to Accounting Teaching Major

6.3. Oldfield commended the UCC members for the additional time they spent meeting during the summer and noted that, in the future, proposals received after the announced deadlines will not be acted upon until the following academic year.

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Calendar

7.1. Gillette moved that the Senate approve the academic calendar proposal for academic year 1989-90 as presented by the administration. Murray supported.

7.2. Following discussion which focused on the limited advantages to and the complications presented by the Senate's proposed calendar, in which every quarter began on a Monday, Gillette moved to call for the question. Motion carried.

7.3. Main motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Academic Affairs Council

8.1. Oldfield introduced Vice President Nash's proposal for a Student Academic Affairs Council with the following mission:

The Student Academic Affairs Council will review academic procedures and make recommendations on relevant academic procedural changes. All recommendations will be reported to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and to the President of the Senate. The Council may also be requested to review and make recommendations on academic policy. All recommendations addressing academic policy shall be referred to the Academic Senate for action. The agenda for the Council will be determined by agreement of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President of the Academic Senate. The Council membership will include two faculty appointed by the Academic Senate, one ASG representative, the Registrar, the Associate Dean of Admissions (GILL), the Assistant Dean for Student Academic Affairs, and one representative from the dean's office of each school/college.

8.2. Pomnichowski moved that the Senate approve the replacement of the Transfer Policy Committee formerly established by the Senate with the newly-proposed Student Academic Affairs Council. Peterson supported. Motion carried.

Academic Program Review

9.1. Oldfield introduced the first draft of the Academic Program Review Council's manual for program review along with a cover from Council Chair Krueger.

9.2. Council member Ray Dickinson briefly summarized the Council's work and expressed the Council's hope that the final review process be a joint effort by the faculty and the administration.

9.3. Carey moved that the Senate President convene a joint committee comprised of representatives from the university administration, the Undergraduate Council, the Graduate Council, the Academic Program Review Council, the University Curriculum Committee, the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate as a whole, and that the committee be instructed to prepare an academic program review proposal to be presented to the Senate in the fall. Gillette supported. Motion carried.

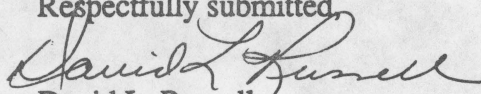
NEXT MEETING

10.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, September 6, 1988.

ADJOURNMENT

11.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

