

FERRIS STATE COLLEGE

ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting

July 15, 1987

Official

ATTENDANCE

1.1. Members Present. Bandstra, Beetley, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Cooper, Gillette, Henry, Hynes, Murray, Oldfield, Pomnichowski, Russell, Shansky, Slywka, Strohkirch, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2. Guests. President Wenrich, Vice President Nash, Dean Hansen, ASG Representative Nicki Cassidy, Janet Jirak (Pharmacy), Jeff Nagelbush (Arts & Sciences).

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Gillette called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in 325 VFS Allied Health and, noting the lack of a quorum for the conduct of business, informed the Senate that this would be an informational meeting.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President

3.1. Gillette thanked the Beetleys for hosting the Senate's spring party.

3.2. Gillette announced that Senator Ingrid Dudek is currently hospitalized and that Mary Jane Cook has assumed the duties of Information Officer in the interim.

3.3. Gillette reported on concerns expressed by faculty that President Wenrich failed to consult any faculty on the appointment of Nash as new Vice President for Academic Affairs. She further reported that she addressed these concerns to the Board of Control, although the Board nevertheless supported the actions of President Wenrich.

3.4. Gillette noted that she has declined to appoint any faculty member to the search committee for the new Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs for Curriculum and Faculty Development because there was some question concerning the spirit of good faith and the openness of the search procedure on the part of the administration.

Vice President

4.1. Oldfield announced the membership of the new Senate Appointments Committee: Bandstra (Business), Cocn (Allied Health), Payton (Technology), and Slywka (Pharmacy).

4.2. Oldfield reported that an all-day retreat was being planned for the Senate to be held at the Charwood on September 8. Senators were invited to offer suggestions for the program.

Secretary

5.1. Russell read a note of thanks written to President Gillette and the Senate from Rose Ann Swartz for her selection as Distinguished Teacher.

5.2. Russell asked that, whenever possible, Senators submit Senate motions in writing to the Secretary of the Senate in advance of the meeting at which they are to be introduced.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee on College-wide Committees

6.1. Oldfield presented a proposal to alter the terms of office for Committee members of the Distinguished Teacher Award Committee and the MAGB Award Committee from 1-, 2- and 3-year terms to 1- and 2-year terms.

6.2. Oldfield presented a proposal to add the President and the Treasurer of Entertainment Unlimited as ex-officio members of the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee, noting that these officers had been inadvertently omitted.

Senate Appointments Committee

7.1. The Senate Appointments Committee has completed its work and members of all College-wide Committees will be notified of their appointments by mail.

7.2. Oldfield noted that Vic Malinovsky will be the faculty representative to the Athletic Advisory Committee.

College Curriculum Committee

8.1. Pomnichowski announced the members of the College Curriculum Committee: Keitha Breault (2 years); Julia Chaffin (1 year); Robert Krueger, Chair of Academic Review Council (3 years); William Lackey (1 year); Kitty Manley, Chair of the Professional and Graduate Council (3 years); Alex Pomnichowski, Chair of the College Curriculum Committee; Mike Ryan, Chair of the Undergraduate Council (3 years).

8.2. The CCC has taken action on the following:

8.2.1. Approved addition of 3-credit hour, 300-level course in Management Department, called "Underwriting."

8.2.2. Referred addition of proposed minor in insurance to the Undergraduate Council.

8.2.3. Approved addition of D-P 205, "Microcomputer Programming and Applications," to requirements for the 2-year/4-year majors in Management and Business Administration.

8.2.4. Approved changes in course numbers to CIS/O-A prefix courses.

8.2.5. Approved course number change from 400-level to 200-level in Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

8.2.6. Referred to Undergraduate Council request for increase in credit hours for music performance activities from 1 to 2 credits and from 2 to 3 credits from School of Arts and Sciences.

8.2.7. Reviewed requested name change of "Ophthalmic Dispensing Program" to "Optician," which had been approved by the Academic Review Reorganization Subcommittee but had not been discussed with the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The matter will be pursued.

8.3. Pomnichowski noted that the speech and mathematics minors will be implemented this fall and that the proposals for the B.S. degrees in Training and Development, Visual Communications, and Bio-Technology must be presented to the State Academic Officers Council in August.

8.4. Gillette noted a proposed change in the Curriculum Procedures Chart (p. 13) of the CCC Report, by which the dean of the appropriate school would receive the proposed curricular change after the school faculty vote. This is a simple procedural matter, since the proposal must technically come from the office of the dean.

8.5. Gillette noted concerns over the proposed time-lines and proposed the addition of the following paragraph to p. 12:

3. Any curricular proposal referred to the dean after the school, department, or committee vote should be forwarded to the College Curriculum Committee within fourteen days, excluding College vacation days.

Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee

9.1. Gillette noted changes, proposed by the Academic Affairs Vice President, in the membership of the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee, adding the Budget Officer and the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs in charge of Administration and Planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Founder's Day Committee

10.1. Gillette reported that the Senate has been invited to send a representative to the Founder's Day Committee.

Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee

11.1. Gillette invited nominations of faculty members who may be interested in serving on the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee.

Presidential Appointments

12.1. Slywka urged that the Academic Senate take a firm stand on the Administration's conduct of College affairs, noting particularly that the faculty's rights were abnegated by the recent Presidential appointments of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs in Charge of Administration and Planning, both appointments having been made without faculty input.

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

13.1. President Wenrich acknowledged to the Senate that the Academic Affairs appointments were judgment calls and defended his position by explaining that the decisions were important for the continuity of College business.

13.2. The Michigan House of Representatives has approved the College name change to University. The State Senate will act on the matter this fall.

13.3. The budget has been passed by the State legislature, giving the College an increase, but restricting the use of a large share of the increase to equipment. A resolution is being sought which would release some of the increased funds for other College needs.

13.4. The College is appealing the 7-year accreditation decision, hoping to have the accreditation period extended to 10 years.

13.5. Direct inward dialing is being installed on the campus, giving the College a 592 telephone exchange.

13.5. Administrative-Technical employees are being moved to the Administrative group for business policies purposes.

13.7. Dr. Sue Hammersmith has been appointed new Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

13.8. The search for a new Dean of Instructional Services and the Library has not yet been completed.

13.9. Evaluation procedures for part-time faculty have been place in order and will begin in the fall.

13.10. Academic Affairs Vice President Nash pledged to work openly with the Senate on all matters of faculty concern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1. Gillette announced the Elections Committee members for 1987-88: Co-chairs Fred Wilson (Arts and Sciences) and Phil Stich (Arts and Sciences), Julie Coon (Allied Health), Keith Cripe (Technology), Larry Hanson (Arts and Sciences), Elsie Lovsted (Pharmacy), Mike Shansky (Optometry), Keitha Breault (Library Professional), Steve Voorhees (Professional Staff), John Valas (Business). All terms expire in 1989, except for those of Voorhees and Wilson.

OLD BUSINESS

15.1. Slywka requested information concerning the proposed Pharmacy Doctorate.

15.2. Slywka suggested that the Senate acknowledge the services of Senator Mel Brown who will be retiring on August 31.

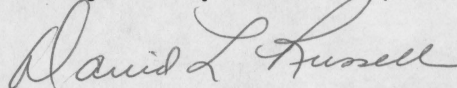
NEXT MEETING

16.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at the fall retreat, Tuesday, September 9, 1987, at the Charwood.

ADJOURNMENT

17.1. President Gillette declared the meeting adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

Sept. 8, 1987

David L. Russell