

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
July 18, 1989*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Bandstra, Beetley, Bethel, Breault, Burtch, Carey, Devlin, Doneth, Etienne, Gillette, Henry, Janzen, Johnston, Lewis, Linta, Lovsted, Matrosic, McNabb, Mullet, Oldfield, Pearson, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Thapa, Uniacke, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Anderson (excused), Baker, Chaffin, Cook, (excused), Ferdowski, Frank (excused), Groner, Hardman, Johnson, Peterson (excused), Sickelsteel.

1.3. *Guests.* General Counsel Baird, L. Gogolin, Dean Hammersmith, C. Hurt, R. Krueger, M. Murnik, Vice President Nash, P. Powell, L. Schible, Interim President Tiede.

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 2 meeting were approved as presented.

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. There were no faculty/staff concerns presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim President Tiede

5.1. Tiede announced that a special Board of Control meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, July 22 at 11:00 a.m. The principal business of the meeting will be to establish 1989-90 tuition rates and to approve the 1989-90 operating budget.

Senate President Oldfield

6.1. Oldfield expressed his thanks on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee to Interim President Tiede for his openness and candor in his dealings with the Senate during the past year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

7.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following curricular items were deemed minor changes and forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs:

- a. *Manufacturing Engineering Technology* (Course name change for MFG 422 from Computer-Aided Process Planning to Advanced Process Planning);
- b. *Pharmacy* (Shift of one credit hour from Pharmacy Administration 340, Pharmacy Management Systems, to PHA 506, Sociopharmacy);
- c. *Industrial Department* (Changes in Welding Engineering Technology);
- d. *Allied Health* (Changes in Medical Technology Laboratory);
- e. *Arts and Sciences* (Addition of course in Semantics; Addition of course in Linguistics).

Senate Appointments Committee

8.1. Matrosic reported that letters to new campus-wide committee appointees will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Ad hoc Committee on Summer Quarter Study

9.1. Devlin announced that a final report from the committee may be expected by the beginning of Fall Quarter.

Conference Center Team Meeting

10.1. Bethel, who substituted for President Oldfield at the Conference Center Team Meeting, apprised the Senate of the current progress being made on the Conference Center construction and operations planning.

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Disciplinary Review Recommendations

11.1. Henry moved to table the recommendations from the Academic Disciplinary Review Committee. Janzen supported. Motion carried.

Substance Abuse Task Force Recommendations

12.1 Devlin moved to extend first-reading acceptance to the recommendations from the Substance Abuse Task Force. Uniacke supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Affirmative Action Plan

13.1. Affirmative Action Officer Phyllis Powell introduced to the Senate the proposed Affirmative Action Plan, noting that it was essentially an update of the 1972 Affirmative Action Plan.

13.2. General Counsel Ted Baird informed the Senate that because of recent Supreme Court decisions, the entire issue of Affirmative Action is in a state of flux and that the present proposed plan may be dramatically changed before it is finally presented to the Board of Control later this fall.

13.3. Among the Senate concerns raised over the proposed plan were the following:

- (1) the plan appeared cumbersome and seemed to multiply paperwork, which many feared would inhibit search processes;
- (2) the plan seemed to deprive individual departments of much of their authority in hiring personnel;
- (3) the plan appeared to be designed to protect the University from litigation rather than to actually correct the problem of underutilization of women and minorities.

13.4. Powell invited faculty and staff to submit their comments and suggestions on the proposal in writing to the Affirmative Action Office.

Substance Abuse Task Force

14.1. Pearson moved that the Senate extend first-reading acceptance to the formation of a campus-wide committee on substance abuse. Uniacke supported. Motion was withdrawn.

Library Operations

15.1. Pearson moved the the Senate extend first-reading acceptance to the formation of a fact-finding committee charged with evaluating the following items as they relate to the University Library: (1) the administrative methods and procedures employed in the acquisition of books and serial publications; (2) the decision-making process as it relates to the manipulation of current holdings; (3) the funding needs of the library in relationship to the level of funding support. Nerbonne supported. Motion carried.

Historical/Archival Committee Recommendations

16.1. Matrosic moved that the Senate extend first-reading acceptance to the proposal from the Historical/Archival Committe to name Room 305 in the Library the "Goldie T. Nott Room" and to restore the name "Ferris Historical Room" to Room 309. Gillette supported. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

17.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, September 5, 1989, and will immediately follow the Senate retreat held on that day.

ADJOURNMENT

18.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

