

Ferris State University
1994-95 Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
September 7, 1994

Attendance

Members Present: Anderson, Bradt, Breault, Conati, Dakkuri, Hagstrom, Hastings-Bishop, Huff, Jablonski, Kebler, Kelson, Key, Keys, Lewis, Nagel, Oldfield, Palmer, Patten, Pomnichowski, Rupe, Saladin, Shepler, Slywka, Smith, Stolarek, Sytsma, Totten, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Wheeler, Winchell, Wininger.

Members Absent: Griffin, Noren, Rumpf.

Call to Order

President Uniacke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Plastics 110.

Open Forum

President Uniacke invited response to the Senate Task Force on University Planning Report. Linda Travis objected to the plan to cut the OA and Freelance Reporting programs, citing FSU support, the recent update of both programs, good placement, FSU's function as a community college, the programs' function as feeder programs, service courses, and discrimination to females. Jennifer Parks objected to the cuts in the Health and Physical Education program because of the inclusion of wellness in the strategic plan, the importance of water safety in Michigan, student demand, retention/recruitment, and revenue generation. Pat Klarecki spoke against combining Graphic Arts with Product Design, citing enrollment and retention increases in the Graphic Arts program. Edward Cory spoke against combining the College of Education with CAS. John Hampton supported the continuation of the Applied Math program, citing cost effectiveness and good placement. John Vanderploeg criticized the reduction of faculty in the Ornamental Horticulture program, speaking of increased enrollment, uniqueness of the program, and the need for fewer FTE's than stated. William Johns complained of no proven fiscal crisis and problems with funding in the library and in the College of Business.

Announcements

T. Abebe had no announcements.

President Uniacke announced the upcoming visit of a faculty governance group, scheduled for around Oct. 14. He announced the resignation of the Senate secretary, asking senators to suggest possible replacements and asking for understanding for clerical problems caused by this situation. He reminded senators of additional meetings Thursday night and Saturday morning to provide an opportunity for full discussion of the Task Force plan.

Oldfield distributed copies of the Self Study report to senators, asking them to review as much as possible of the massive document.

Pomnichowski asked about placement of new senators from the College of Education. Hastings-Bishop said that the full college had not yet made a recommendation.

The UCC has not yet met.

New Business

Discussion of the Task Force plan, following the stated discussion order, commenced.

von der Osten moved that we accept the document, pending discussion. Valas seconded.

The charge of and process employed 1-2

Keys moved to make the following amendment: "We fully recognize the need to maintain the integrity of Ferris with the the clear implication that we cannot expect all programs to become self-supporting, nor should we keep programs only because they make money." Totten seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Long-term goals 4-5

Pomnichowski moved to make the following amendment: "The institution should encourage inter-departmental and inter-college communication for the purpose of encouraging cross-college programs." Slywka seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Sytsma proposed adding a long-term goal addressing procuring of additional funding from outside sources. He will write the amendment.

The financial condition of the university 9-10

No amendments.

Reasons fro these problems 10-11

No amendments.

Actions needed 11-18

Totten moved to add the words "and retention" after the word "recruitment" in #9 section 7.3. Lewis seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Conati moved to add a #11--"Lack of adequate development of viable new programs." Nagel seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Nagel moved to add a #12--"Negative socio-emotional environment on campus." Pomnichowski seconded. The amendment carried.

Sytsma moved to to add the words "and general fund expenditures on financial aid" to #3 section 7.3. Breault seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Wininger moved to strike "printed" from section 8. von der Osten seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Keys will write a statement for section 10.3 addressing the need for additional funding from the state.

Rupe moved to add "Methods of retention should be assessed" at the end of section 11.1. Bradt seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Sytsma moved to add an amendment stressing the need of a tracking system. Nagel seconded. Sytsma withdrew the motion.

Dakkuri moved to recess after completion of section 12. Wheeler seconded. Dakkuri withdrew the motion.

Rupe moved to add "A special effort needs to be made to increase funding for minority students" to section 11.1 #4. Huff seconded. Wheeler called for the question. Huff seconded. A division of the house was requested. The amendment carried 18 to 9.

Nagel moved to add "Enhance the personal counseling services" to section 11.3. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Huff moved to add "such as sensitivity workshops" after the word "activities" in section 12.2. Keys seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dakkuri moved to recess until Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. von der Osten (among many) seconded. President Uniacke declared the meeting recessed at 10:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting (continued)
September 8, 1994

Attendance

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Members Excused: Conati.

Members Absent: Griffin, Noren, Rumpf.