

Ferris State University

Academic Senate

Minutes of the Meeting

October 5, 1993

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Billings, Bradt, Breault, Brown, Caskey, Conati, Cook, Dakkuri, Griffin, Hagstrom, Hastings-Bishop, Horn, Jablonski, Kebler, Key, Keys, King, Kosanovich, Muccio, Nagel, Palmer, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Rumpf, Rupe, Russell, Ryan, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Stolarek, Teferra, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. Bartholome (excused).

1.3 Guests. T. Abebe, T. Agbeh, I. Barnes, C. Burcham, M. Cron, N. Emanuel, R. Hult, B. Jacobs, W. Luecke, L. Lunsted, R. Moffett, T. Oldfield, H. Popovich, B. Shefferly, V. Stevens, C. Wolgamott.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Approval of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the August 24, 1993, meeting were approved.

Open Forum

4.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

Announcements

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich announced that she and the Vice Presidents have scheduled a second open hearing on the Fiscal Restructuring Plan for faculty for Monday, October 11, from 5:00-6:30 p.m., in the Pharmacy Auditorium. The open hearing scheduled for 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 6, in the Rankin Center Dome Room is primarily for students.

President Breault

6.1 President Breault announced that the chairman of this year's election committee will be Allyn Uniacke. Each college and unit needs to have a member on the committee; that member is one whose term does not end this year. Volunteers should contact Allyn Uniacke at extension 2184.

6.2 Breault urged Senators to write letters to the Board of Control regarding the proposed Fiscal Restructuring Plan and attend Board of Control meetings on October 8 and November 13 at which the plan will be considered.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairman von der Osten reported that the University Curriculum Committee has completed committee assignments to the Undergraduate Council, the Graduate/Professional Council, and the Academic Program Review Council.

7.2 von der Osten announced that the University Curriculum Committee has approved changes in mathematics requirements for some two-year programs and has approved three certificate programs. Approval of three minors is coming up.

New Business

Ad hoc Committee to Study the Senate Charter

8.1 Dakkuri moved that the Academic Senate establish an ad hoc committee to study the Senate Charter. This committee shall consist of five Senators and will make its recommendation to the Senate at the January 11, 1994, meeting. Peterson supported.

8.2 Russell moved to amend the motion by changing January 11, 1994, to May 1, 1994. von der Osten supported. The motion to amend carried.

8.3 The main motion carried.

Special Report

Fiscal Advisory Committee

9.1 Dean Isabel Barnes and Dr. Russell Moffet, Co-chairs of the Fiscal Advisory Committee, solicited input and answered questions regarding the Fiscal Restructuring Plan.

9.2 Russell moved the following resolution. von der Osten supported.

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WHEREAS, the development of the Plan and the established review process have (1) disregarded the Senate's established curricular policies and procedures, (2) violated any semblance of collegial governance at the University, and (3) established an unreasonable timetable for Senate reaction;

RESOLVED, that, given these various constraints, the Academic Senate find it impossible either to provide an informed and intelligent response to the Plan or to endorse the Plan in its present form.

9.3 Nagel moved the following amendment. Keys supported.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate request that the President extend the restructuring process by 90 days and that the President make her final recommendations to the Board of Control in February of 1994. The Senate will be provided with all requested information and make a recommendation to the President on January 10, 1994.

The motion to amend carried.

9.4 The main motion carried. The amended resolution reads as follows:

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9.6 Valas moved to table the motion. von der Osten supported. The motion carried.

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10.1 Meredith Rupe reported that the Athletic Advisory Committee has met. Topics of discussion included President's Awards given to students, scheduling, Title IX and the Athletic Code of Conduct.

10.2 Linda Travis and Mary Jane Cook resigned from the Senate.

Next Meeting

14.1 The next Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2, at 10:05 a.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Adjournment

15.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved:

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