

FERRIS STATE COLLEGE

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
October 20, 1987*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. Members Present. A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Cooper, Dudek, Frank, Gillette, Hankes, Hanson, Helsing, Hynes, Lovsted, Maas, Murray, Oldfield, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Shansky, Slywka, Spagnuolo, Stich, Strohkirch, Travis, Valas, Voorhees.

1.2. Members Absent. Cripe, Henry (excused), Lackey, Moffett (excused), Payton, Westendorp, Wilson.

1.3. Guests. Isabel Barnes, Tom Bingham, John Caserta, Abdi Ferdowsi, Richard Hansen, Gary Nash, Jeff Nagelbush, John G. Pearson, Richard Pisacrita, Paul Schnepf, Monica Stedman (for ASG), Chris Towner.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:05 p. m. in 325 VFS Allied Health.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1.- The minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1. President Gillette announced the membership of the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee as follows: Mike Cron (Opt), Adnan Dakkuri (Pharmacy), Ray Dickinson (Lib/Counsellors), Mike Ells (A-H), Bob Ferguson (A & S), Kenneth Kuk (Tech), Carol Turner (Educ), John Valas (Bus).

4.2. Gillette announced that the Senate Office telephone numbers are 2418 and 2691.

4.3. The Election Committee will conduct a special election on October 30 to replace the Senate seat vacated by the retirement of Mel Brown.

4.4. Gillette reported that an ad hoc committee will be appointed to follow up on the report of the Committee on Faculty Evaluation for Development and that the ad hoc committee will make such revisions as it deems necessary and report back to the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Evaluation for Professional Development Committee

5.1. Professors Jeff Nagelbush and Chris Towner provided a general outline of final report of the Committee on Faculty Evaluation for Professional Development. Emphasized were the facts that tenure-track faculty members must be evaluated by themselves, their peers, supervisors and students; and that the recommended evaluation instruments are intended to improve faculty performance and are not designed for the purposes of promotion, merit or tenure.

5.2. Discussion followed which raised two particular issues: 1) the amount of time individual faculty members would have to spend in the evaluation process recommended by the report; 2) the methods of resolving faculty/supervisor disagreements over faculty objectives.

5.3. President Gillette reported that faculty hearings on the report are being scheduled for the Winter Quarter and that specific times and places will be announced later.

Ad Hoc Committee on Distinguished Teacher Selection Process

6.1. Carey reported that a revision of the rules and guidelines for the Distinguished Teacher Selection Process will be presented at the next meeting.

Founder's Day Committee

7.1. Bethel reported that Founder's Day will be observed on February 11, 1988, and nominations from the faculty are being requested for the Founder's Day Award. Speaking on Founder's Day will be Helen Thomas of the Washington Press Corps.

College Curriculum Committee

8.1. Pomnichowski reported on the following action from the College Curriculum Committee.

8.2. The proposed Transfer Policy from the School of Business was deemed a major proposal and referred to the Undergraduate and the Graduate/Professional Councils.

8.3. The proposed English Teaching Minor was deemed a major proposal and referred to the Undergraduate Council.

8.4. The proposed Social Work Curriculum was deemed a major proposal and referred to the Undergraduate Council.

8.5. Steps are being taken to address the problem of curriculum proposals submitted during the summer. Other colleges and universities are being canvassed for their procedures.

8.6. Academic review procedures are being taken under consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Calendar

9.1. Oldfield presented several sample academic calendar revisions addressing three concerns: 1) Beginning all academic quarters on Mondays, 2) Eliminating the Holiday Break in the Winter Quarter, 3) Adding a finals week.

9.2. Discussion followed concerning the ramifications of these changes and there was general agreement that a more thorough study was necessary before significant changes could be recommended.

9.3. A vote will be taken on suggested modifications of the 1988-89 calendar at the next meeting.

Confidence/No Confidence Issue

10.1. HANSON MOVED THAT THE FERRIS STATE COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE SEEK, BY SECRET BALLOT, THE WILL OF THE FACULTY SENATE ELECTORATE IN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE/NO CONFIDENCE IN J. WILLIAM WENRICH, PRESIDENT OF FERRIS STATE COLLEGE. SAID VOTE SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AND REPORTED TO THE FACULTY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20, 1987. STICH SUPPORTED.

10.2. Following discussion focused on the need for such a vote and on the responsibility of the Senate for conducting such a vote, CAREY MOVED THAT THE SENATE PROCEED WITH THE VOTING. DUDEK SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

10.3. GILLETTE MOVED THAT THERE BE A ROLL CALL VOTE. MAAS SUPPORTED. MOTION FAILED.

10.4. MAIN MOTION FAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Helsing informed the Senate that to date no Intramurals Campus Recreation Committee has been formed. The matter will be pursued.

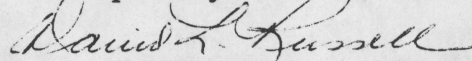
NEXT MEETING

12. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 10:00 a.m., November 3, 1987, in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADOURNMENT

13.1. President Gillette declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

