

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
November 1, 1988*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Anderson, Bandstra, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Devlin, Doneth, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Hanson, Hardman, Henry, Janzen, Johnson, Johnston, Linta, Lovsted, Maas, Matrosic, McNabb, Murray, Oldfield, Payton, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Spagnuolo, Sichelsteel, Stich, Valas.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Groner (excused), Nerbonne (excused), Pearson, Ravell (excused), Russell (excused), Shansky (excused).

1.3. *Guests.* K. Manley, K. McClellan (ASG), R. Moffett, G. Nash, R. Tiede, B. Warden.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Oldfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the October 4 meeting were approved as presented.

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. Bethel asked for a clarification of section 12.1 of the October 4 minutes and Oldfield reported that the admissions/open-door question will be incorporated into the work of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim President Tiede

5.1. Tiede announced that the Senate Executive Committee met at 7:00 a.m. with Vice President Nash, Professor Ferguson and himself to discuss the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. Tiede plans to move forward with the committee's mission and he asked for the support of the Senate and the faculty.

5.2. Tiede announced the formation of a Conference Center Advisory Committee which will discuss policy and equipment needs, particularly to ensure that there be no duplication of services between the Conference Center and departments on campus.

5.3. The Board of Control will meet on November 19th, with the approval of the B.S. in Facilities Management and the Academic Calendar as two of the items on its agenda.

5.4. Tiede attended the President's Council of the state universities at which he learned of Senator Sederburg's proposal to form a Michigan Planning Commission for Higher Education; however, the proposal calls for only a single representative--one university president--from the state's insitutions of higher education. A number of controversial issues were suggested by Sederburg as possible topics for consideration for this proposed commission.

Senate President Oldfield

6.1. Oldfield reported that the Senate Executive Committee met with GILL representatives, Cook, Cross, and Jacobs, and held a frank discussion over a number of faculty concerns. It was suggested that GILL prepare an explanatory brochure for the faculty to clear up some misperceptions many hold about GILL's operation.

6.2. Oldfield announced that the faculty representatives to the Presidential Search Committee have been selected and await the approval of the Board of Control.

6.3. Oldfield reported that he has been appointed to the Conference Center Advisory Committee which will oversee the expenditure of about \$300,000 for furniture and equipment. He invited suggestions from the faculty and noted that a draft of a proposed Conference Center policy is available and will be distributed to all Senators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

7.1. Pomnichowski reported that two proposals are currently being considered by the Undergraduate Council.

7.2. In other items, Pomnichowski announced that all outgoing members of the Councils have been replaced, the Graduate/Professional Council is making progress in its activity credit questionnaire, procedural changes are still being considered by the UCC.

7.3. Pomnichowski expressed a need for the UCC to address Lab Credit and Co-op Policy.

Other Committees

8.1. Oldfield announced that the Academic Disciplinary Committee and the Faculty Evaluation for Development Committee have begun meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Curriculum Report from Office of Academic Affairs

9.1. Pomnichowski moved that the Senate approve the proposal requesting the Office of Academic Affairs to report annually to the Senate on the approved curricular changes that have not been implemented, with an explanation as to why the changes have not occurred. Bethel supported. Motion carried.

Time Limitations for Curricular Implementation

10.1. Pomnichowski moved that the Senate approve the proposal that any curricular change not implemented within four years of its approval be required to repeat the curricular approval process. Linta supported. Motion carried.

Long-range Senate Goals

11.1. Following a brief discussion of the proposal from the previous meeting to form a task force to gather data on such academic conditions as class size, "normal" teaching loads, overloads, and numbers of class preparations per faculty member, Cook moved to postpone the matter until the next meeting. Bethel supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12.1. Linta moved that the Senate establish an ad hoc committee on student/staff substance abuse with the following charge: 1) to investigate and evaluate the extent of alcohol and drug abuse by students and staff and whether or not in-house counselling is appropriately staffed to meet the problem, and 2) to identify policies and mechanisms that take a therapeutic rather than a disciplinary approach to solving individual problems. Lovsted supported.

12.2. Hanson moved to amend section 2) as follows: to identify policies and mechanisms that allow the utilization of approaches to solving substance abuse problems which are systemically based as well as individually based. Linta and Lovsted agreed to the amendment.

12.3. Motion failed.

12.4. Oldfield agreed to ask Interim President Tiede, at his next meeting with the Senate Executive Committee, to address the problem of dealing with substance abuse on the campus. Oldfield will report back to the Senate at the December meeting.

Charter Revision

13.1. Bethel moved that the Senate extend first-reading acceptance to the proposed revision of the Academic Senate Charter, Article III, Section 1D, which currently reads:

Part-time Instructional Faculty--shall consist of all non-Board appointed instructional personnel, excluding those individuals whose primary responsibility is administrative or supervisory. The members of this unit shall organize and elect, utilizing procedures adopted by their organization, two Senators to represent them on the Senate. These Senate positions shall be non-voting.

If revised, the Section will read:

Part-time Instructional Faculty--shall consist of all non-Board appointed instructional personnel, excluding those individuals whose primary responsibility is administrative or supervisory. The members of this unit shall organize and elect, utilizing procedures adopted by their organization, two Senators to represent them on the Senate.

Gillette supported. Motion carried.

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13.2. Valas suggested that the Senate meet with Professor Cron, chair of the original committee that wrote the charter, to learn what rationale was used in denying the vote to the part-time faculty Senate representatives. Oldfield directed Valas to contact Cron.

NEXT MEETING

14.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 1988, in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keitha Breault

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Secretary *pro tempore*

Approved:
