

Ferris State University
1994-1995 Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
November 1, 1994

Attendance:

Members Present: Anderson, Breault, Carey, Conati, Dakkuri, Griffin, Hagstrom, Hastings-Bishop, Jablonski, Kebler, Kelson, Key, Keys, Maas, Nagel, Oldfield, Palmer, Pomnichowski, Slywka, Smith, Stolarek, Sytsma, Thapa, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Wheeler, Winchell.

Members Excused: Bradt, Lewis, Patten, Totten.

Members Absent: Huff, Noren, Rumpf, Rupe, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Winger.

Guests Present: Carril Mathis, Noboy Emmanuel, Paul Schnepf, John Alexander, Vinder Parhar, Aaron Karns, Bill Sederburg, Alan Lewis, Jeff Cross, Teshome Abebe.

Call to Order

1.1. President Uniacke called the meeting to order at 10:08 in the Presidents' Room at Rankin Center. The minutes from the September 7 and October 4 meetings were approved as presented. von der Osten notified the Senate of a change in agenda to discuss the TVP program.

Open Forum

2.1 Margaret Averid, the new Director of Public Relations, told the Senate her goal is to try to create an external image for the university that will make the job of admissions easier. She asked the senators for their help.

Announcements

3.1 Neither Bill Sederburn nor Teshome Abebe had announcements.

3.2 Noboy Emmanuel requested a pool of faculty to serve on the Student Judicial Committee.

3.3. President Uniacke explained the academic affairs policy letters included in the senators' meeting packet were placed there to promote discussion. He mentioned the possibility of establishing an Academic Affairs Committee.

Committee Reports

4.1 UCC--Palmer notified the Senate of current UCC business: discussion of 290, 490, and 690 experimental course proposals; PHCH 425 and 426 replaced with PHCH 510; some changes to the CIS proposal; PLTS 110 prereq. change discussed and passed. He presented the English minor for a first reading.

4.2 Senate Elections Committee--Slywka said the committee is just getting started.

Special Reports

5.1 Bob Bopp discussed FSU's financial aid program and default rates, and the TIP program. Bill Sederburg mentioned that current research shows FSU students responsible for a disproportionately low share of crime in the area.

Old Business

6.1 von der Osten discussed a difference in understanding between the administration and Senate members of the conference committee concerning disposition of the TVP B.S. program. Nagel suggested a Committee of the Whole be assembled immediately to resolve this issue. Hastings-Bishop seconded. The motion carried. The committee left the meeting and returned in a few minutes with a resolution, read by von der Osten, to maintain the program with two faculty members. The motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Jablonski moved to bring forward the English minor for a first reading. Smith seconded. The motion carried. Valas moved to return the minor to Languages/Literature for further discussion and revision. Dakkuri seconded. The motion carried.

New Business

7.1 Dakkuri discussed the possibility of changing Senate meeting times to evenings. He will conduct a survey to determine the senators' preference.

7.2 Teshome Abebe thanked the Senate for its work on restructuring.

8.1 von der Osten moved to adjourn the meeting. Stolarek seconded. The motion passed, and President Uniacke adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved:
