

# FERRIS STATE COLLEGE

## ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting  
November 3, 1987*

### ATTENDANCE

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

1.2. Members Absent. Cripe, Lackey (excused), Shanksy, Travis, Westendorp.

1.3. Guests. Mel Brown, Tom Cressy, Richard Duffett, Kitty Manley, Gary Nash.

### CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Gillette 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 20 meeting were approved with the addition of an inadvertently omitted unsuccessful motion made by Carey and supported by Slywka calling for a secret ballot following Section 10.2.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1. President Gillette presented retired Senator Mel Brown with a plaque acknowledging his service to the first Academic Senate of Ferris State College.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Gillette announced the election of Joan Totten as the replacement for the Senate seat vacated by the retirement of Mel Brown.

5.2. Gillette informed the Senate that Governor Blanchard would sign into law the necessary legislation to effect the College's name change to University. The signing is expected to take place on November 4, 1987.

5.3. Nash reported that State Senator Sederburg will be on campus on December 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. All interested faculty are encouraged to meet him during that time.

5.4. Gillette announced the formation of a Senate ad hoc committee for the study of the admissions/open door policy. Murray will serve on the committee and interested Senators are invited to volunteer.

5.5. Gillette reported that Bev Warden has been named chair of the Graduate/Professional Council.

5.6. Gillette announced the membership of the Senate ad hoc committee to study semester feasibility as follows: Chair Bruce Beetley, Jim Carey, David Frank, Harold Hankes, Jill Hersinger, Lowell LeClair, and Kitty Manley. The committee will submit its report in April 1988.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Revisions in the Distinguished Teacher Selection Process

6.1. Carey reviewed the major revisions proposed in the Distinguished Teacher Selection Process, which included: 1) increasing the length of tenure for eligibility from 6 terms to 3 years; 2) expanding the nominators to include administrators up through the dean level; 3) expanding the eligibility to include members of the counsellor/librarian unit; 4) eliminating the need for approval of the selection by either the Senate or the College President; 5) lengthening the period of time during which the award money must be spent to 3 years; and 6) requiring that a recipient's plan for spending the award money be approved only by the Distinguished Teacher Selection Committee.

6.2. In response to a question concerning the eligibility of part-timers, Carey explained that the intent of the revisions was not to include part-time faculty or staff.

6.3. MOFFETT MOVED TO REVISE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN SECTION IV, A AND B, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY TENURED FACULTY AND STAFF BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD. CAREY SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

6.4. RAVELL MOVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD COMMITTEE BE MADE UP OF EIGHT (8) VOTING MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE SENATE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE, WITH ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE SIX SCHOOLS, THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, AND THE LIBRARIAN/COUNSELLOR UNIT. CHAFFIN SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

6.5. HANKES MOVED TO ELIMINATE SECTION V, B, WHICH PERMITS NOMINATIONS BY ADMINISTRATORS. HENRY SUPPORTED. MOTION FAILED.

6.6. MOFFETT MOVED TO ADD EMERITI TO THE LIST OF NOMINATORS IN SECTION V, B. HELSING SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

6.7. HELSING MOVED THAT THE SENATE ACCEPT THE REPORT AS AMENDED. MOFFETT SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

6.8. Carey recommended that the Distinguished Teacher Selection Committee be charged with preparing and displaying, in a public place, a plaque recognizing all past recipients of the Distinguished Teacher Award.

## SPECIAL REPORT

7.1. Rick Duffett reported to the Senate on the nature of the College's liability insurance, explaining that the insurance is provided by a consortium of nine colleges and universities, allowing for fuller coverage at lower premiums than had been available commercially. Duffett pointed out that faculty and staff are covered not only in classrooms and laboratories, but also in their capacities as club and activity advisors. He explained that careful laboratory supervision is advisable, at least until established safety procedures are in place. He further felt it unnecessary for faculty or staff members to purchase their own personal liability insurance.

7.2. Faculty are encouraged to direct any concerns regarding liability coverage to Rick Duffett.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### College Curriculum Committee

- 8.1. Pomnichowski reported on the following actions from the College Curriculum Committee.
- 8.2. A proposed Transfer Policy Statement from the School of Business was deemed a major proposal and sent to the Undergraduate Council.
- 8.3. A proposed Insurance Minor was returned to the proposers for additional information.
- 8.4. A proposed English Teaching Minor has been approved by the Undergraduate Council is being sent to the Senate for action.
- 8.5. Proposed changes in the Social Work Curriculum have been approved by the Undergraduate Council and are being sent to the Senate for action.
- 8.6. A proposed Doctorate of Pharmacy has been approved by the Graduate/Professional Council and is being sent to the Senate for action.
- 8.7. A proposed B.S. in Product Design Engineering Technology from the School of Technology has been deemed a major proposal and referred to the Undergraduate Council.
- 8.8. A proposed Computer Science Minor from the School of Arts and Sciences has been deemed a major proposal and referred to the Undergraduate Council.
- 8.9. Pomnichowski reported that the Academic Review Council has met and is deliberating on the matter of its review procedures.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Academic Calendar

- 9.1. Oldfield presented an academic calendar revision for 1988-89, which would provide that every academic quarter begin on a Monday and which would eliminate Good Friday as a school holiday. Oldfield noted that more dramatic changes in the academic calendar would require a more intensive study.
- 9.2. Discussion ensued concerning the potential problems posed by late registration, which is normally held on the first Monday of the quarter, and by not allowing students adequate vacation time during the Easter holiday.
- 9.3. RAVELL MOVED THAT THE SENATE SUPPORT THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR CALENDAR AS PROPOSED BY OLDFIELD AND THAT THE PROPOSAL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF CONTROL. FRANK SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution of September 8, 1987

10.1. MAAS MOVED THAT THE SENATE RECOGNIZE ITS MISTAKE AND RESCIND THE RESOLUTION INVOLVING THE COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1987. BANDSTRA SUPPORTED.

10.2. STROHKIRCH MOVED TO POSTPONE THE MOTION UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. VOORHEES SUPORTED. MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING

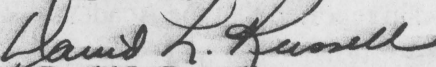
11.1. DUDEK MOVED TO CHANGE THE NEXT SENATE MEETING DATE FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 16. BEETLEY SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED.

11.2. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 7:00 p.m., November 16, 1987, in 325 V.F.S. Allied Health.

ADOURNMENT

12.1.. President Gillette declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
David L. Russell  
Secretary

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