

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
December 5, 1989*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Bandstra, Beetley, Bethel, Burtch, R. Cartwright (ASG), Chaffin, Cook, Doneth, Etienne, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Henry, Janzen, Johnston, Lewis, Linta, Lovsted, Matrosic, Mullet, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Sichelsteel, Thapa, Uniacke, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Anderson, Breault (excused), Carey (excused), Devlin (excused), Hardman, Johnson, McNabb.

1.3. *Guests.* A. Dakkuri, L. Lunsted, M. Ryan.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the November 7 meeting were approved as corrected. (*Section 4.3. was changed to read: Senator Janzen expressed his belief that the Senate should endorse the policy of making tenure evaluations the responsibility of departments, and pursue the development of the Timme Center as a planning, funding and coordinating center for faculty development.*)

OPEN FORUM

4.1. Bethel announced that he would take any questions from faculty and staff to Senator Sederburg, who would be addressing the Association of Michigan Collegiate Faculties on Thursday, December 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Oldfield

5.1. President Popovich has assured President Oldfield that the Arts & Sciences remodelling and the Library expansion remain the first two capital funding priorities, and that the suggested addition to the Plastics Technology building ranks third after them.

5.2. The Executive Committee met with Dean McCrank to discuss various issues relating to the University Library.

5.3. The Executive Committee sent a memo to President Popovich expressing the various concerns of the Senate concerning the proposed Conference Center pricing structure presented at the Senate's November meeting. President Popovich acted promptly to the Senate's concerns and the result was a restructuring of the Conference Center's pricing list to better accommodate the limited budgets of University departments and offices.

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5.4. Faculty volunteers are being sought for the Semester Feasibility Task Force.

5.5. No students were present at the most recent Student Academic Affairs Council meeting, and, consequently, the Council decided to defer discussion of the proposed withdrawal policy.

5.6. The Board of Control has emphasized that it intends to review the newly-adopted Affirmative Action Policy one year after its implementation.

5.7. President Oldfield acknowledged the retirement of Senator Ed Linta, effective at the end of 1989, and expressed, on behalf of the entire Senate, gratitude for his many years of faithful service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

6.1. Pomnichowski reported that there were numerous proposals for new courses currently being processed.

6.2. Pomnichowski noted that the UCC is exploring the nature of the relationship between the Gerholz Institute for Lifelong Learning and the University's academic programs.

6.3. Pomnichowski announced that the guidelines for the development of Master's degree programs, approved by the Senate last spring, have now been put into place.

6.4. Mike Ryan, Chair of the Undergraduate Council, highlighted some of the concerns of the Council regarding the proposed "Designing Your Future" Document, which is expected to be adopted statewide. The document may have considerable impact on Ferris's present admission policies, on the two-year programs, and on the laddering programs. More information will be forthcoming.

Senate Appointments Committee

7.1. Matrosic reported that the Associated Student Government has filled most, but not all, of the student seats on University-wide Committees.

7.2. Matrosic noted that he has received the Library Advisory Committee's report on various issues relating to the Library as requested by the Senate, and that the report will be forthcoming to the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS

Institutional Focus Report

8.1. Burtch moved that the Senate endorse the Institutional Focus Report as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee. Uniacke supported.

8.2. Questions were raised concerning the wording of the third goal, which some felt to be nebulous.

8.3. Also noted was an apparent contradiction between the second and third goals--the former seeming to emphasize teaching and the latter scholarship.

8.4. Motion carried.

Faculty Evaluation for Development

9.1. The revised report from the Faculty Evaluation for Development Committee was distributed and will be discussed at the January meeting.

General Education Task Force

10.1. Russell reported that a preliminary report from the General Education Task Force is in the process of being distributed to the entire faculty. This report includes a statement of proposed general education outcomes desired for Ferris graduates, as well as a model curriculum suggesting how these proposed outcomes might be implemented. The Task Force has scheduled three open hearings:

Friday, January 5, 1990 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in IRC 002

Tuesday, January 9, 1990 from 11:00-12:00 a.m. in Science 130

Wednesday, January 10, 1990 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Mecosta Room, Rankin Center

Additionally, written suggestions are also being solicited and may be sent to the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Starr 120, by January 12, 1990.

Academic Disciplinary Review Committee Report

11.1. Janzen moved that the Senate resurrect discussion on the report from the Academic Disciplinary Review Committee. Ferdowsi supported.

11.2. There was a feeling on the part of some that the Committee had not had ample time to respond to the minority report. Others felt that the Senate had merely expressed its desire for a University-wide policy on academic discipline, which was its prerogative. Concern was also expressed that resurrecting discussion on the Senate floor might subvert the charge to the Student Academic Affairs Council to formulate a University-wide policy.

11.3. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12.1. There was no new business.

OPEN FORUM

13.1. Uniacke noted that MAGB Distinguished Teaching Award nomination forms have been distributed, and he reminded the Senate that anyone may nominate and that the nominator's statement is not the basis for the Award Committee's selection.

13.2. Russell noted that it had been called to his attention that all departments and offices, including those under the aegis of Business Affairs, are subject to the same pricing structure for such University services as telephone operations and catering. He added that this fact did assuage his concern that some of the charges for these services appeared excessive and were not, in fact, competitive with similar services in the private sector.

13.3. Oldfield noted that the Executive Committee is expecting a report on the University telephone operations in the near future.

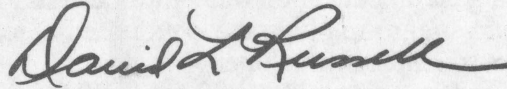
MEETINGS

14.1. The next regular meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, January 9, 1990, at 10:00 a.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

15.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

