

Ferris State University
Academic Senate Minutes
December 5, 1995

I. Attendance

- A. Senators Present. Anderson, Conati, Denyes, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Jameson, Jungck, Kane, Key, Keys, Krumins, Lewis, Matrosic, Moffett, Monson, Nerbonne, Papo, Patten, Rupe, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Slywka, Smith, Stephen, Stich, Sytsma, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Winchell, Wininger.
- B. Senators Absent. Griffin (excused), Huff, Kelson (excused), Wheeler.
- C. Guests. T. Abebe, D. Haneline, T. Oldfield.

II. Call to Order

President R. Moffett called to order at 10:04 am in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

III. Minutes

The minutes for the November 7, 1995, Senate meeting were approved.

IV. Open Forum

- A. Rupe and Matrosic are concerned with the radio advertisements. They specifically object to the double meaning for 'BS' and the put down of other academic degree programs.
- B. *Rupe moved that the Academic Senate express its great concern over some of the negative type of advertising being currently used to the appropriate authority in the university. Keys seconded. Motion passed.*
- C. In the October 3rd meeting, Dave Hanna asked for the policy on credit card vendors setting up their sign-up areas at Ferris. He has not had any reply yet.

V. Announcements

- A. President Sederburg is in Lansing meeting with the Governor. There was a letter from the President, and a copy of the Torch insert handed out to each Senator.
- B. Teshome Abebe mentioned that the search for deans of Timme Library, and the College of Business are underway.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. University Curriculum Committee (UCC)--Donna Smith
Smith covered those items that have been completed in the past, what they are currently working on, and what they have for the future. She had nothing to bring to the Senate at this time.

- B. Senate Governance Committee--Greg Key
The committees are working well.
 - C. Athletic Advisor Committee--Meredith Rupp
 1. Their committee has passed a motion that all coaches be given sensitivity training.
 2. Slywka asked "What role the Athletic Committee had in the decision to terminate Ludwig?" They were not contacted or included in the discussion.
 - D. Summer Classes--Stan Jungck
A review of all the grades that were reported for all classes for both the six week sessions, and the twelve week sessions last summer, shows that the number of failures (less than C work) were higher for the twelve week classes than for the six week classes. (This is not what was expected.) There was a table distributed showing the detail of these conclusions.
- VII. New Business
- A. Certificate Policy Revisions
Matrosic moved to return the Certificate Policy to the UCC to address the issues raised in his memo of November 11. Slywka seconded. Motion passed.
 - B. Student Outcomes Assessment
Uniacke moved that the Senate endorse the proposed Student Outcomes Assessment Plan. Thapa seconded. Motion passed.
 - C. Faculty Research Mission Statement
Key moved that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the Faculty Research Committee Mission Statement. Uniacke seconded.
 1. *Friendly amendment to change "Vice President for Academic Affairs" (in section on Reporting Procedures) to "Provost," accepted by the movers.*
 2. *Friendly amendment to change "chose" (in section on Committee Membership) to "chosen," accepted by the movers.*
 3. *Saladin moved to add a "Reminder Date" (in section on Timetable) of the last week of Winter semester, and the second week of Fall semester. Heidemann seconded. Amendment passed.*
 4. *Heidemann moved to change the "current \$30,000" (in Resources section) to "current \$20,000" (to reflect reality). Keys seconded. Amendment passed.*
 5. *Main motion passed as amended.*
 - D. Academic Program Review Process Revisions
Heidemann moved that the Academic Senate extend first-reading approval to the revisions to Academic Program Review Process. Totten seconded. Motion passed.

E. Senate Goals

1. *Keys moved to remove the Senate goals from the table and to accept them. Papo seconded.*
2. *Friendly amendment to change the "Vice President for Academic Affairs" (in strategy #3) to "Provost," accepted by movers.*
3. *Motion passed.*

VIII. Open Forum

No concerns were presented at this time.

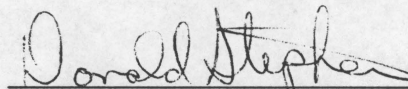
IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, January 5, 1995, at 10:05 am in VFS 325.

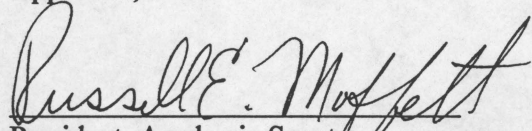
X. Adjournment

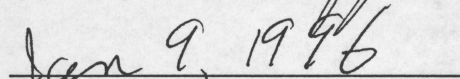
President Moffett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted


Donald Stephen, Secretary

Approved,


President, Academic Senate


Date