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Ferris State University  
1994-1995 Academic Senate  
*Minutes of the Meeting*  
December 6, 1994

**Attendance:**

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

Members Excused: Breault, Kebler, Lewis.

Members Absent: Huff, Wininger.

Guests Present: Teshome Abebe, Noboy Emmanuel, Lyle Lusted, Parhar Vinder.

**Call to Order**

1.1 President Uniacke called the meeting to order at 10:05 in the Presidents' Room at Rankin Center. The minutes from the October 26 and November 1 meetings were approved as presented.

**Announcements**

2.1 Teshome Abebe thanked the Senate for its work on restructuring. In revising the catalog for 1996-1997, he found inconsistencies in policies which he termed "fugitive policies." He will submit a draft for Academic Policies in an effort to standardize academic policies throughout the university. He is concerned that faculty are scheduling exams at other times than finals week, and asks senators to speak to their colleagues as this imposes a hardship on students. He announced that off-campus programs have been helpful in raising revenue, with off-campus enrollment rising 10% and evening enrollment up 58%. He announced that FSU will have some presence in the Muskegon Center for Higher Education by 1995, with courses being offered at the University Center at Northwestern University.

2.2 President Uniacke announced that in the future the President of the Academic Senate will be invited to attend cabinet meetings. He informed the Senate that the Executive Committee met with John Mason of NCA to discuss faculty governance. He announced that Faculty Grants are now available for the amounts of \$30,000 for development grants and \$20,000 for research grants. He announced that the Senate will begin an overall review of committee structures and processes, and that the Executive Committee met with T. Abebe to discuss the implementation of the fiscal restructuring plan. He reminded senators of their duties, including faithful attendance at meetings and the responsibility of bringing information about Senate decisions to their departments. He announced that Dan Noren has resigned his Senate seat. He asked senators to send their schedules to the Senate office as soon as possible.

**Committee Reports**

3.1 UCC--Palmer announced that the UCC met November 18 and made two changes in the course request form--to add standards and measures as General Ed and qualifications for vocational programs. The UCC sent back the International Business course due to difficulties with its rotation schedule. Four astronomy courses in Physical Science will be reconfigured into two courses. The CHEM 474 proposal was discussed and passed, as were the change from HUM 315 to 115 and the MFGE 499 capstone course. Social Science ANTH 385 and 386 were discussed and held. He announced that courses cannot be deleted by department heads without review.

3.2 Senate Appointments--Key announced that the committee was reviewing the structure, representation and mission of committees. He announced that the Research Committee has \$20,000 for grants and currently has three openings.

**New Business**

4.1 von der Osten moved to accept the proposed academic policy procedure concerning adjunct clinical faculty. Key seconded. Some senators were concerned that faculty have more of a review role. Nagel moved to postpone a vote until the February meeting; Thapa seconded. Motion carried.

4.2 Keys moved to accept the proposed academic policy procedure concerning the definition of a full-time graduate student. Nagel seconded. Motion carried.

4.3 Dakkuri moved to accept the proposed academic policy concerning space management. von der Osten seconded. Senators wished to postpone a vote until a decision-making flowchart is supplied. von der Osten moved to postpone until the January meeting; Keys seconded. Motion carried.

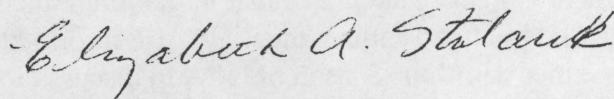
4.4 Dakkuri moved to adopt the Senate Strategic Plan. Key seconded. Senators wished to send a copy of the plan to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for consideration. Key moved to postpone the vote until this was done. Nagel seconded. Motion carried.

4.5 Dakkuri reminded senators that December 9 is the deadline for Faculty Research Grants.

4.6 Key discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time.

4.7 Keys moved to adjourn the meeting; Saladin seconded. The motion carried, and President Uniacke adjourned the meeting at 11:46.

Respectfully submitted,



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