

**Ferris State University**  
**Academic Senate**

*Minutes of the Meeting*  
*December 7, 1993*

**Attendance**

- 1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Bartholome, Bradt, Breault, Brown, Caskey, Conati, Dakkuri, Gillard, Griffin, Hagstrom, Hastings-Bishop, Horn, Jablonski, Kebler, Key, Keys, King, Kosanovich, Muccio, Nagel, Palmer, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Rumpf, Rupe, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Stolarek, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.
- 1.2 Members Absent. Billings, Doyle (excused), Ryan (excused), Teferra (excused), Totten (excused).
- 1.3 Guests. N. Emanuel, L. Lusted, J. Nagelbush, H. Popovich.

**Call to Order**

- 2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

**Approval of Minutes**

- 3.1 The minutes of the November 2, 1993, meeting were approved.

**Open Forum**

- 4.1 Glenn Kebler complimented Keitha Breault on her excellent speech given at the Board of Control meeting on November 13, 1993.

**Announcements**

*President Popovich*

- 5.1 President Popovich announced that the Strategic Planning Committee will resume meeting. In accordance with the adopted Strategic Plan, the committee is now requesting unit plans.
- 5.2 Popovich expressed her wish to the Senators for a joyous holiday season.

*President Breault*

- 6.1 President Breault noted that a letter from Vice President Abebe, dated November 2, 1993, requests that recommendations on Retrenchment by Layoff be sent to the Vice President for Academic Affairs by January 3, 1994.
- 6.2 Breault reminded the Senators of the last paragraph of her speech at the November 13 Board of Control meeting which stated that because the Board of Control has ignored the work done by Senators in countless hours spent on Senate committees, the Board might consider whether it wants an Academic Senate. The Board of Control has not responded.
- 6.3 In a November 19 meeting of the Senate Executive Committee and Vice President Abebe, Abebe requested that the Senate Executive Committee serve on a Joint Advisory Council regarding implementation of the Fiscal Restructuring Plan with Deans

Hammersmith, Lewis, and Whitener. The role of the Senate Executive Committee is to ensure continued quality of instruction in programs while the plan is implemented. At the first meeting of the Joint Advisory Council on November 30, Abebe went through a draft of the Division of Academic Affairs Fiscal Restructuring Implementation Plan.

6.4 Breault announced that Senate representation is needed on the Tuition Task Force and a University Marketing Committee which is being formed by Vice President Abebe. Anyone who is interested should tell her.

6.5 Breault reported that the Senate is a witness in the lawsuit on the Fiscal Restructuring Plan being brought by the Ferris Faculty Association. She has given a deposition on the Senate Charter.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *University Curriculum Committee*

7.1 Chairman von der Osten reported that the University Curriculum Committee has dealt with some remaining details of semester conversion, approved a certificate program in International Business Studies, and approved two off-campus programs, the Master of Science in Information Systems Management and the Bachelor of Science in Business (marketing major).

#### *Athletic Advisory Committee*

8.2 Chairman Rupe reported that he has met with the coaches to review the exam schedule. If there are problems with scheduling exams for athletes, call Rupe.

### **Old Business**

#### *Academic Program Review*

9.1 *Dakkuri moved that the Senate remove from the table the motion that, in light of the proposed Fiscal Restructuring Plan, the Senate place the academic program review process in abeyance. von der Osten supported. The motion to remove from the table carried.*

9.2. *The motion to place the academic program review process in abeyance until such time as the Senate and Administration agree on a revised program review process carried.*

### **New Business**

#### *Human Development Minor*

10.1 *von der Osten moved that the Senate extend first reading acceptance to the proposed Human Development Minor. Uniacke supported. The motion carried.*

#### *Charge to University Curriculum Committee*

11.1 *Uniacke moved that the Academic Senate charge the University Curriculum Committee with the following responsibilities and submit specific recommendations to the Senate by the May meeting.*

- 1. Review and improve the current criteria for proposed certificate programs. Establish a review procedure for certificate programs.*
- 2. Review and improve the current criteria for academic minors. Establish a review procedures for minors.*

**3. Establish criteria for the review of proposed off-campus programs  
Identify the review procedure for off-campus programs.**

*Valas supported.*

**11.2 Russell moved the previous question. Valas supported. The motion carried.**

**11.3 The main motion carried.**

**Open Forum**

12.1 Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice President for Student Affairs, distributed for information a mailing which has been sent to students, containing documents aimed at correcting the lack of civility on campus. Included in this packet was the Senate Resolution on violent activity and/or the presence of weapons that are not properly secured, passed on April 6, 1993. Student Affairs is also scheduling a panel discussion early next semester on Student Behavior in the Classroom.

12.2 Lynn Bartholome expressed her appreciation to Student Affairs for sending out the Senate's Resolution, but also noted that once again the administration has used the Senate for its own purposes.

12.3 Glenn Kebler requested that Breault's speech to the Board of Control be published in the Senate Forum.

**Next Meeting**

13.1 The next Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, January 11, 1994, at 10:05 a.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

**Adjournment**

14.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice G. Bandstra*

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Approved:

*Walter Breault*

*Jan 11, 1994*