

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
October 6, 2009
West Campus Community Center**

Executive Summary

I.	Action Items	
	A.	Moved (Sen. Haneline), seconded (Sen. Thapa) and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting. (posted online)
	B.	Moved (Sen. Dakkuri), seconded (Sen. Isler) and passed unanimously to affirm the Executive Committee appointment of Tracy Boncher (Pharmacy) and Robert Speirs (Engineering Technology) to fill vacancies from their respective Colleges in the Senate.
	C.	Moved (Sen. Haneline), seconded (Sen. Alspach) and passed 19-9 to support the proposal of a new Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Sustainability degree.
II.	Information Items	
	A.	Open Forum
	1.	Sen. Sun asked if there had been problems with the application process. VP Burcham offered to check with the admissions office.
	B.	Reports
	1.	VP Berghoef reported that Pres. Griffin was absent while representing Ferris at a conference, reporting on activity in the Political Engagement Project.
	2.	Pres pro tem Berghoef reported that committee assignments were being made ahead of last year. Remaining openings will be posted this week.
	3.	Pres pro tem Berghoef reported that the Academic Senate website had been revised for easier navigation.
	3.	Sec. Alspach reported that she had sent thank you notes to the faculty of the School of Education on their high ranking in state accreditation and to the faculty of the Welding Engineering Technology program for their accreditation. She invited Senators to notify her when notes of congratulations from the Academic Senate should be sent, including a target recipient and the nature of the congratulations. She announced that attendance at Senate meetings and Senate Executive Committee meetings would be posted beginning with the October meetings.
	C.	Committee Reports
	1.	University Curriculum Committee: Chair Leonard Johnson presented the report of actions taken by the UCC in September (see attached).
	2.	General Education Task Force: VP Flickinger reported that the Task Force is focusing on a revised philosophy statement as their first agenda item
	3.	HLC Update: "Mikes" Cairns and Cooper updated the Senate on the progress of the Steering Committee and other committees since the Senate Retreat. (see handouts)
	4.	Professional Development: chair Pasquale DiRaddo
	a.	DiRaddo announced that the 7 members of his committee had distributed \$25,000 in funds to 9 of the 10 applicants for the year. Funds remaining in the \$30,000 budget for this committee will carry over to this academic year.

III.	New Business	
	A.	The Senate confirmed the appointment of two new members (see Action Items).
	B.	After deliberation, the Senate recommended the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Sustainability.

IV.	Announcements	
	A.	FSU President Eisler congratulated several people in attendance at the Senate meeting for their involvement in Senate activities. Then, he reported on several issues. (see full Minutes)
		1. Preparation for the Higher Learning Commission site visit
		2. Celebration of the 125 th anniversary of the founding of Ferris
		3. Facilities improvements
		4. Budget issues
	B.	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Erickson offered observations.
		1. His continuing education at Ferris
		2. Academic responses to budget issues
		3. Preparation for H1N1 (swine flu) outbreaks on campus
V.	Open Forum	
	A.	Pres. pro tem Berghoef announced that the Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, 10/15. Issues for Senate consideration should be brought to the EC.
	B.	Sen. Rewers reported that the Charter and By-Laws Revision Committee will meet on Friday, 10/16. Issues for Charter revision should be addressed to her committee.
VI.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.	

Sandy Alspach, Secretary

Richard Griffin, President