

**DRAFT**  
**Ferris State University**  
**Academic Senate Meeting**  
**March 2, 2010**  
**West Campus Community Center**

**Minutes**

| <b>I.</b> | <b>Action Items</b> |   |
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|           | A.                  | Without objections, the Agenda was changed to move FSU President Eisler's remarks, to accommodate his introduction of a guest speaker on campus at 11:00.                   |
|           | B.                  | Without objections, the Minutes of the February meeting were approved.  |
|           | C.                  | Sen. Rewers, chair of the Charter Review Committee, reported that 139 faculty had voted on the Charter revisions: yes, 122; no, 12; and abstain, 5.                         |
|           | D.                  | Moved (Sen. Alspach), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed unanimously to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree in Management.  |
|           | E.                  | Moved (Sen. Alspach), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed unanimously to create a Bachelor of Science degree in Energy Systems Engineering.                                   |
|           | F.                  | Moved (Sen. Beistle), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed unanimously to create a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health.  |
|           | G.                  | Moved (Sen. Lashaway-Bokina), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed unanimously to reduce credits for the Masters of Education: Curriculum and Instruction Reading Endorsement. |
|           | H.                  | Moved (Sen. Alspach), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed unanimously to revise the Business, Management, Marketing and Technology Teaching Minor.                            |
|           | I.                  | Moved (Sen. Alspach), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed with one no vote to terminate the Interdisciplinary Humanities minor.   |

| <b>II.</b> | <b>Open Forum</b> |  |
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|            | A.                | Sen. Skrocki circulated a handout announcing a bone marrow donor registration drive, sponsored by students in the Health Care Systems Administration capstone course and HCSA alumni.  |
|            | B.                | Sen. Lashaway-Bokina announced a recruitment program for Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) at Ferris to be held on April 16 in Wink Arena for sophomore and junior students at area high schools, sponsored by the Association of Future Educators and Kappa Delta Pi. |
|            | C.                | Pres. Griffin encouraged Senators to attend the presentation by Naomi Tutu at 11:00 in Williams Auditorium, sponsored by the Globalization Initiative and other campus agencies.   |
|            | D.                | Sec'y. Alspach encouraged Senators to attend the presentation by Leonard Zeskind at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 4 in Williams Auditorium, sponsored by the Political Engagement Project (PEP) and other campus agencies.  |
|            | E.                | Assoc. Dean McKean announced the Michigan Energy Conference on April 7 and 8 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. He especially invited Senators to attend the awards for the posters and the evening speakers on Wednesday.  |

| <b>III.</b> | <b>FSU President Eisler offered remarks.</b> |  |
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|             | A.   | He invited Senators to the open sessions of the Board of Trustees' meetings at 10:00 and 1:00 on Friday at the Holiday Inn.  |
|             | B.   | He noted that Michigan Senator Andy Dillon had announced his candidacy for the Governorship yesterday at Kendall School of Art and Design in Grand Rapids.                             |
|             | C.   | He summarized his current legislative focus on the TIPS program. He observed that 700 Ferris students would be hurt by a reduction in this financial aid program.                      |
|             | D.   | He praised the Globalization Initiative as doing "an extraordinary thing" by bringing speakers like Ms Tutu to campus. He excused himself to escort her to Williams to prepare for her |

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| <b>IV. Reports</b> |    |  |
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|                    | A. | Pres. Griffin encouraged Senators to attend and bring their students to the presentation on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 pm by Dolores Huerta, farm worker organizer with Cesar Chavez.   |
|                    | B. | VP Berghoef made several reports.  |
|                    | 1. | He congratulated Senators Prakasam and Topcu and the rest of the Globalization Initiative team and their other collaborative partners for bringing in the Consul General of Turkey last month. This was a highly successful event with a room packed full of students and faculty. He added his congratulations to the GI team and all involved in today's event with Naomi Tutu. He observed that it is wonderful to have these kinds of collaborative events happening on a regular basis on our campus.   |
|                    | 2. | He shared an update from the Professional Development Committee. The PDC has added a third grant cycle Sept. 15, in addition to the upcoming Mar. 22 and past Nov. 16 deadlines. The PDC feels this may better serve the varying needs and schedules of faculty. He noted that the Faculty Research Committee is reviewing a similar change for the coming year. He encouraged Senators to consult with the committees they sit on about these kinds of modifications when they are deemed to be improvements. He noted that this encouragement is in keeping with the Senate Executive Committee's empowering committees and their chairs to keep their agenda and procedures relevant. |
|                    | 3. | He is sending out a summary of all committee seats that will be opening in the fall to help facilitate the process of getting and keeping committees as close to full as possible as early as possible for the next year. He asked Senators to remind their committees to continue grooming committee leadership for next fall, whether that means designating a chair-elect or a co-chair.  |
|                    | C. | Sec'y. Alspach announced that a bus of Ferris students, faculty and staff will be driving to Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Mar. 31 to participate in the Chavez March. The bus is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services and other campus agencies, including the Academic Service Learning (ASL) project.   |
|                    | D. | Sen. Rewers reported the final vote of the faculty regarding the revisions suggested by the Charter Revision Committee. 139 faculty members voted: yes, 122; no, 12; and abstain, 5. Pres. Griffin thanked the Charter Revision Committee (Senators Rewers, chair; Isler, Skrocki and Sun) for their service.  |
|                    | E. | Sen. Beistle, chair of the Elections Committee, reminded Senators that the deadline for nominations for open seats on the Senate is March 5. She encouraged Senators to considering running for re-election and to solicit candidates from their colleges.   |

| <b>V. Committee Reports</b> |    |  |
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|                             | A. | Assistant VP Flickinger reported on behalf of the General Education Task Force.  |
|                             | 1. | 6 members of the GETF attended the national General Education Conference in Seattle; attended by 700 people. They learned that Ferris has a good Gen. Ed. superstructure compared to other institutions. They were encouraged to survey students as part of their data collection.       |
|                             | B. | Associate VP Cairns and wordsmith Sandy Balkema reported on behalf of the Higher Learning Commission team.   |
|                             | 1. | Cairns provided a handout updating the Senate on Financial Assistance for Students over the last two academic years. He described this data as a „snapshot' requested by the HLC.  |
|                             |    | Sen. Sun questioned the last figure titled „tuition discount rate'. Cairns offered to investigate and provide clarification. [This term is used by the HLC to describe the percentage of costs expected to be borne by the student after other funding mechanisms had been implemented.] |

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|  | 2. | Balkema provided copies of the February HLC Self Study Update.   |
|  |    | She noted that the financial snapshot is a new report required by the HLC, so it is a „work in progress’ for the committee.  |
|  |    | She reported that she has collected all the chapters required for the report and she is “looking now to fill in holes”. Reviewers have been invited to contribute and network with others.                         |
|  |    | The HLC Report will be sent to the Review Team in late December in preparation for the site visit team’s visit in April, 2011. She invited Senators to communicate with any of the reviewers listed on the Update. |
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|  | C. | Leonard Johnson, chair of the University Curriculum Committee, provided a report of UCC actions for February.  |

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| <b>Roll Call</b>           |  |
| Senators Present           | Abbasabadi, Alspach, Beistle, Berghoef, Brandly, Colley, Compton, Drake, Dakkuri, Griffin, Hanna, Heaphy, Isler, Jewett, Klatt, Lashaway Bokina, Liszewski, Lovsted, Lukusa, Luplow, Nash, Purvis, Rewers, Sanderson, Skrocki, Smith, Sun, Thapa, Topcu, Wagenheim |
| Senators Absent with Cause | Boncher, Cline, DeKoster, McLean, Prakasam, Taylor   |
| Senators Absent            | D. Haneline, Jorsch, Speirs  |
| Ex Officio and Guests      | Eisler, Erickson, E. Haneline, Nicol, Oldfield, Ing, Johnson, McKean, Schmidt, Steenstra, Wooden   |

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| <b>VI.</b> | <b>New Business</b>   |
| A.         | Moved (Sen. Alspach) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to terminate the Management B.S. program.   |
|            | Management Dept. Head David Steenstra explained the request to close the program; it has few students and most of the courses continue in the Business Administration program.  |
|            | The motion passed unanimously.  |
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| B.         | Moved (Sen. Alspach) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to support a new degree in Energy Systems Engineering.  |
|            | Director Tom Hollen described the need for energy engineers. He noted that community colleges provide degrees for energy technicians and energy research is conducted at Tier I institutions in the state. But no one has a plan to train engineers to install and maintain energy equipment. He argued that, by receiving ABET accreditation in engineering, Ferris would keep students in Michigan. |
|            | Sen. Heaphy asked how this degree would interface with the existing Energy sustainability certificate.  |
|            | Hollen explained that the new degree would not include LEEDS certification. However, conversation is in process with the College of Business to interface the CoB certificate with this new degree.   |
|            | Sen. Heaphy asked if this degree is designed for undergraduates.  |
|            | Dean Oldfield responded that any student could take the certificate in the Energy program   |
|            | Sen. Thapa asked if this degree would seek ABET accreditation.  |
|            | Hollen answered „yes’, although ABET currently doesn’t have certification specifically in Energy, there is a division of ABET that could accredit the program.  |
|            | Sen. Dakkuri observed that this is the second program in Engineering Technology that has come to the Senate this year. He wondered what programs were being eliminated to “make room” for these new programs.   |
|            | Oldfield explained that the College will be redirecting, where feasible, gradually. The present plan is to divert S&E budget to the new ENGY program.   |

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|  |    | Sen. Hanna observed that the proposal only includes 4 new courses specifically in ENGY. He asked where the ‚faculty champion‘ for this program was.   |
|  |    | Hollen said that new faculty would be hired.  |
|  |    | Hanna asked if there were students for this program.  |
|  |    | Hollen identified 4 students currently in higher level physics and chemistry required for the new program. He noted that, as the student revenue grew through this program, new courses could be phased in. The proposal includes courses without the ENGY prefix now. He observed that other new degrees had grown in a similar manner from existing courses.        |
|  |    | Hanna asked if Hollen intends to modify courses to meet the proposal’s outcomes. Specifically, he questioned if the current Survey Engineering course included in the proposal, which carries General Education credit, would be continued, since the Humanities Department appeared reluctant to support offering an ethics course specific to a technology program. |
|  |    | Sen. Thapa, who has taught the SURE course in question in partnership with Humanities, explained that this consultation was continuing.   |
|  |    | The motion passed with a few ‚no‘ votes.  |
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|  | C. | Moved (Sen. Beistle) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to support a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health degree.   |
|  |    | Dean Haneline explained that there was demand from students currently enrolled in Associate degrees who wanted Bachelor degrees but did not want to complete the Health Care Systems Administration degree. She said she has 250 students ready to enroll, faculty in place, and only needs two new courses to create the degree.                                     |
|  |    | The motion passed unanimously.  |
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|  | D. | Moved (Sen. Lashaway-Bokina) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to support the reduction in credits of the M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Reading Endorsement.   |
|  |    | Director Ing explained the request is aimed at making Ferris more competitive, to regenerate interest in this degree. The proposal does not change any standards for the degree.  |
|  |    | Sen. Heaphy asked if the University Graduate and Professional Council had been consulted.   |
|  |    | Lashaway-Bokina reported that the UGPC was meeting today to discuss the proposal.   |
|  |    | Leonard Johnson said that he had received a response from UGPC indicating that an electronic vote had been successfully taken.  |
|  |    | The motion passed unanimously.  |
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|  | E. | Moved (Sen. Alspach) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to support the redirection in the Business, Management, Marketing & Technology Teaching Minor.  |
|  |    | Director Ing described the proposal as a collaboration between requirements set by the Michigan Department of Education and the College of Business.  |
|  |    | Sen. Heaphy asked how many students were in the program.  |
|  |    | Ing explained that they had to close the program for 2 years because it doesn’t meet Dept. of Education criteria. They want to re-advertise the program; addressing some interest from current teachers at technical schools.   |
|  |    | Sen. Hanna asked if this proposal was consistent with recommendations made by the Academic Program Review Council.  |
|  |    | Ing affirmed that the proposal met the APRC recommendation to build secondary degree programs.  |
|  |    | Sen. Dakkuri asked why the proposal did not include Education courses.  |
|  |    | Ing explained that this proposal only addressed the content major part of the degree.   |
|  |    | The motion passed unanimously.  |
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|  | F. | Moved (Sen. Alspach) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to terminate the Interdisciplinary Humanities minor.  |
|  |    | Sen. Hanna expressed concern that this action was inconsistent with General Education, which purports to provide a broad experience for students.   |

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|  |  | Sen. Alspach explained that this proposal was not a General Education issue; it focuses on a minor program. The program has had only one or two students since its inception. There are other, more specific, minors available in the Humanities Department, like Philosophy, that attract students. |
|  |  | The motion passed with one “no” vote.  |

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| <b>VII. Announcements</b> |    |  |
|                           | A. | Provost Erickson offered remarks and answered questions.   |
|                           | 1. | His goal to reduce all budgets in Academic Affairs by 3% has been met, so there will be no current need to implement the 5% reductions he had asked Deans to identify. He has moved \$2.3 million out of the Provost’s Office to the Colleges, to empower them to make budget decisions at their level. But, he cautioned, colleges and departments can no longer end the fiscal year in the red and count on a bail-out from the Provost’s Office.  |
|                           | 2. | He reported that the Higher Learning Commission visit for the Doctorate in Community College Leadership program was a great success: he described the review team as ‚aglow’. In particular, the team said that they thought the Ferris program was better than the exemplar program at the University of Texas-Austin.  |
|                           | 3. | He thanked Bruce Dilg and all of those involved with the Festival of the Arts.   |
|                           | 4. | He congratulated the Debate Team for their second place sweepstakes award at the Eastern Michigan University tournament.   |
|                           | 5. | He thanked Donna Smith, David Schrock, Brooke Moore and Jill Jepsen for presenting assemblies called “Communication Counts!” to area schools. At the assembly this team looks at student conflicts, including interactions on social media like Facebook and bullying.   |
|                           | 6. | He thanked all who had donated to Haiti Relief, especially commending the American Welding Society at Ferris who raised \$800 from students, staff and faculty.  |
|                           | 7. | He thanked the Michigan College of Optometry for their partnership with Baldwin Teen Health Center and the Baldwin Community Schools. They recently opened a school-based participatory eye clinic with the Baldwin Community Schools. Dr. Paula Smith saw her first patients in what he believes is the first school-based eye clinic that offers comprehensive care for students in the state of Michigan.   |
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|                           |    | Sen. Sun asked for further explanation of the budgeting procedures.  |
|                           |    | The Provost explained that the 3% reductions from all Colleges actually produced a net result of increasing College budgets. He explained that the previous budgeting model kept resources in the Provost’s office until the end of the fiscal year, so Colleges were used to operating in the red and then appealing to Academic Affairs. He thinks that it seems to be a better model to put the money in the hands of the Colleges now, but holding them responsible to spend within their budgets. With the 3% reductions, he will be reducing some College budgets, but not reducing others; reductions will not be “across the board”. |
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|                           | B. | Pres. Griffin thanked all those who supported Walt, the ‚cowboy poet’, during the Festival of the Arts.  |

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| <b>VIII. Open Forum</b> |    |   |
|                         | A. | Sen. Dakkuri asked the Charter Revision Committee how the votes were tallied.   |
|                         |    | Sen. Rewers explained that emailed ballots were printed and counted in the Senate office.   |
|                         |    | Sen. Dakkuri expressed concern that the ballots were “open”, rather than “secret”. He urged the Senate not to use this system for the election of Senators. |
|                         |    | Administrative Assistant Hadley explained that the elections would be conducted through the Student Government, as they have been the last several years.   |
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|  | B. | Leonard Johnson announced that SPARC will meet March 26 at 3:00 in IRC 109. As the new chair, he encourages Senators to participate in the Strategic Planning process. He thanked John Schmidt for attending the last meeting. The council will be discussing changing the name of the group to more accurately reflect their continuing role in advising Pres. Eisler. |
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