

Academic Senate
Agenda for the Meeting of
April 27, 2010
West Campus Community Center
10:00 - 11:00 am Session

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. April 6, 2010 minutes
3. Open Forum
4. Reports
 - A. Senate President – Richard Griffin
 - B. Senate Vice President – Michael Berghoef
 - C. Senate Secretary – Sandy Alspach
5. Committee Reports
 - A. General Education Task Force – Don Flickinger
 - B. HLC Update – Roberta Teahen
 - C. University Curriculum Committee – Leonard Johnson

Roll Call

6. New Business
7. Announcements
 - A. FSU President - David Eisler
 - B. Provost – Fritz Erickson
 - C. Senate President – Richard Griffin
8. Open Forum
9. Adjournment

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 - A. Election of Officers for 2010-2011 Academic Year – Senator Beistle
4. Open Forum
5. Adjournment

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**Ferris State University
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Minutes

I.	Action Items	
	A.	Moved (Sen. Purvis), seconded (Sen. Isler) and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the March meeting.
	B.	Moved (Sen. Alspach), seconded (Sen. Boncher) and passed unanimously to delete the AAS degree in Plastics Technology.
	C.	Moved (Sen. Haneline), seconded (Sen. Smith) and passed unanimously to delete the AAS degree in Rubber Technology.
	D.	Moved (Sen. Alspach), seconded (Sen. Heaphy) and passed unanimously to support an AAS degree in Plastics and Polymer Engineering Technology (PPET).

II.	Open Forum	
	A.	Sen. Prakasam announced events associated with the Globalization Initiative.
		1. April 14 the former Deputy Minister of Information of S. Korea, currently associated with Hyundai Corp., will meet with faculty and staff at 3:00 pm in IRC 104.
		2. April 15 Dr. Majumdar from India, supported by a mini-grant from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, will address the University at 11:00 am in BUS 111. There will be a „teach-in’ on Thursday, April 8 at 11:00 in SCI 102 to prepare students for her visit.
		3. There are plans with Tracey Busch to create a 40 minute video program on ‚globalization in the classroom’ over the summer. Sen. Prakasam circulated a sign-up sheet for interested Senators. The video will focus on discussion of what kinds of skills would be necessary or valuable in a global economy.

III.	Reports	
	A.	Pres. Griffin had no report at this time.
	B.	VP Berghoef
		1. VP Berghoef offered congratulations to Senators Prakasam and Klatt for achieving tenure.
		2. He reported meeting with the Deans’ Council last month to ask for their support and assistance in filling vacant Senate committee seats. He noted the challenge for some colleges with smaller number of faculty members to meet the Senate goal of the broadest representation across colleges possible on these committees. He acknowledged the special challenges in assigning faculty to the APRC and the UCC, since these committees cannot adjust their schedules easily, but they depend on representation to apportion their workloads appropriately. The group discussed increased use of distance technologies, such as teleconferencing or Adobe Connect Pro, to include colleges with fewer and geographically dispersed faculty. The Deans were encouraged to consider recommending newer faculty as well as those seasoned faculty who have served before and may be overloaded with other obligations.
		He noted that his preference is to have committee recommendations come from the Academic Senators themselves or other faculty. Emails were sent to Senators and their colleges about openings on APRC and UCC. There are still a few openings left for faculty from University College, Optometry and Pharmacy.
		He is offering Senators a chance to weigh in early on their preferences for the other

			committees for the 2010-2011 academic year, in keeping with the emphasis on accommodating as many Academic Senator „first choices‘ as possible. These preferences will be compiled and forward to the Executive Committee for the fall.
			He asked that Senators help their committees wrap up their year end reports and forward them to Paula Hadley. He also asked Senators with students on their committees to please thank them as well for their participation and encourage them to either re-up for next year or refer other student representatives. Senators are reminded to work with their committees to enact the committee’s succession plan for committee leadership for next fall, whether that means designating a chair-elect or co-chair.
		3.	He reported that the Executive Committee approved recommendations for Matt Wagenheim to chair the APRC and Leonard Johnson to continue to chair the UCC for the coming academic year, with thanks to both for taking on these responsibilities.
	C.		Secretary Alspach commented on the Senate’s move to electronic distribution of „packets‘. She thanked Paula Hadley for sending the packets in pdf format as links in emails to the Senators, with key pages identified for review. Noting that the packet would have been 100+ pages had it been printed, she praised the Senate for moving to a „greener‘ format. However, she encouraged Senators who preferred paper copies of packet materials to notify Hadley.
		1.	Sen. Haneline observed that some of the pdf files he opened printed in solid black.
		2.	Sec. Alspach responded that VP Berghoef, Hadley and she were investigating software to make pdf files „searchable‘. This team appreciated the information that some Senators were having difficulty accessing information in its current format.
	D.		Sen. Beistle reported that the election process for new Senators was completed, following a run-off for a position representing the College of Engineering Technology. Results had been posted and were sent to all Senators by email. The Elections Committee will re-convene to conduct election of Senate officers at the April 27 meeting.

IV.	Committee Reports		
	A.	General Education Task Force	
		1.	Don Flickinger reflected that the Task Force had revisited the speech given by Dr. Chickering last August and found insights presented then even more valuable now as they move into the next stage of the process of reviewing General Education at Ferris.
		2.	He thanked the Senate for their support of the General Education Philosophy Statement. This statement will be guiding the next steps in the process.
		3.	He noted that there had been 10 town hall meetings this year to discuss General Education. The Task Force began this semester to explore how to move forward on Outcomes.
		4.	The Task Force intends to involve students at this stage. Student Government has pledged to have focus groups to discuss General Education outcomes.
		5.	The process will examine proficiencies, course outcomes and University outcomes.
		6.	He promised that there would be a report to the Senate at the Senate Retreat in August.
			He thanked the Task Force for their excellent work.
	B.	Higher Learning Commission	
		1.	Robbie Teahen provided a handout summarizing the state of the preparation for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit; which will be presented to the President’s Council Wednesday, April 7.
		2.	She reported that the University had provided a list of names for the prospective visiting team, but these individuals have not been invited to visit yet.
		3.	She invited participation from Senators during the HLC process.
	C.	University Curriculum Committee	

	1.	Leonard Johnson announced that proposals should be submitted by Wednesday, April 14 for consideration at the April 19 meeting of the UCC. This will be the last chance for action by UCC this spring.
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Roll Call:

Present	Abbasabadi, Alspach, Beistle, Berghoef, Bockina-Lashaway, Boncher, Brandly, Cline, Colley, Compton, Dakkuri, Dekoster, Drake, Griffin, Haneline, Hanna, Heaphy, Isler, Jewett, Jorsch, Klatt, Liszewski, Lovsted, Luplow, Nash, Prakasam, Purvis, Rewers, Sanderson, Skrocki, Smith, Sun, Taylor, Thapa, Topcu, Wagenheim
Absent with Cause	Lukusa Barnett
Absent	McLean, Speirs
Ex Officio and Guests	Eisler, Teahen, Flickinger, M. Johnston, Edgerton, L. Johnson, Schult, Busch

V.	New Business	
	A.	Moved (Sen. Alspach) and seconded (Sen. Boncher) to delete the AAS degree in Plastics Technology
	1.	Ass't. VP Flickinger informed the Senate that the principle proposer for this motion might be delayed while he was meeting with a guest from Saudi Arabia.
		Flickinger described the proposal as a move to eliminate separate tracks in the plastics and rubber programs, to create a common core of courses in an elastomer program.
	2.	Sen. Haneline observed that this proposal responded to the recommendation of the Academic Program Review Council in Fall '08, when the issue of numbers of students in each of these programs was addressed by the Senate.
	3.	The motion passed unanimously.
	B.	Moved (Sen. Haneline) and seconded (Sen. Smith) to delete the AAS degree in Rubber Technology.
	1.	Sen. Haneline observed that the logic that supported the previous motion applied also to this proposal. He noted, however, that while it seemed dangerous to close programs, he was confident that a new proposal was coming to replace these programs.
	2.	The motion passed unanimously.
	C.	Moved (Sen. Alspach) and seconded (Sen. Heaphy) to create an AAS program in Plastics and Polymers Engineering Technology (PPET).
	1.	Larry Schult spoke to the new program. He noted that elastomeric materials resulted from the engineering process of both polymers: rubber and plastics. The common core of courses in the proposed AAS degree allowed students to prepare to decide which of these processes to focus on in the BS degree. He noted that this base could branch in the future to other industries, like packaging.
	a.	Sen. Abbasabadi asked what would happen to the current students in each program.
		Schult said that a transition plan was in place for Spring '11. The fall PLTS 110 course is similar to the Rubber course, and this course is the only course from which students would transfer into the new program. The proposal also maintains the current AAS degrees for two years while students finish out their programs.
	b.	Sen. Haneline asked if there was a pattern in other institutions for movement away from the AAS degree.
		Schult answered that University of Akron was the only other regional institution with a 2 year degree. Transfers to the Ferris BS program come from various backgrounds. Only the end material differs, not the processes involved.
	c.	Sen. Thapa asked about numbers in each of the programs.
		Schult reported that around 30 students were in the Rubber program; about 6 to 10 new students enrolled a year. The Plastics program has 100-110 students.

		d.	Sen. Boncher asked about interest in the combined degree among students.
			Schult said that 60% of the current students were enrolled in the core courses. Many students earn dual degrees by taking the 4 courses required to get the additional degree.
		e.	Sen. Hanna asked about the inclusion of a 100-level internship in the AAS degree, noting the 300-level internship in the BS program. He wondered if it were unusual to have an internship at the entry level of a program.
			Schult explained that the 100-level internship allowed students to get a taste of the industry early. The industrial experience at the first year is seen positively by both students and industry. Students come to the next year's classes better prepared and more interested having experienced the manufacturing process.
			He continued that the 300-level internship allows for students to gain experience before entering jobs in the field. Both internships earn 4 credit hours.
			Sen. Hanna followed up by asking about challenges placing interns in „down times’.
			Schultz told the story of a father who had taken on 8 interns at his company. Alumni also took interns. Typically the internships are paid; but some students took internship without pay to get experience.
			Sen. Hanna asked if challenges in securing appropriate internships had resulted in waiving this requirement.
			Schultz said that these challenges might have delayed some students, but the requirement had not been waived.
		2.	The motion passed unanimously.

VI.	Announcements		
	A.	President Eisler made several announcements.	
		1.	He applauded the Globalization Initiative and congratulated Pres. Griffin on receiving a Fulbright Scholarship. He observed that he had never been anywhere with as many Fulbrighters as Ferris has.
		2.	He announced that the Board of Trustees would meet on campus on Friday. One of the items of business they would address is the Charter revision. He noted that the Academic Senate Charter had not been discussed or revised since 2003.
		3.	He reported that he and Provost Erickson were visiting departments and colleges to hear about the good work they are doing.
		4.	He reported that the early retirement incentive offered to staff, the first such incentive since 2003, had been well-received. 71 people have applied. He discussed some of the reasons so many were seeking retirement now. He noted that administration will be meeting with all applicants before announcing which applicants had been approved on Friday. Since the University cannot afford the incentive for all applicants, the question becomes which positions can be eliminated through retirement. He is saddened to lose these experienced people.
		5.	At the state level, Eisler described the situation as the Senate dictating budget decisions. Since we took a reduction last year of 3.1 million, he felt Ferris was positioned to survive the current cuts. However, the proposed state budget still leaves a \$1 billion deficit. He expects the new Governor to make an Executive Order in January, like Gov. Engler did, to provide for the revenue shortfall. He asked Senate to prepare for another budget cut beginning in July.
		6.	He reviewed the current legislation pending in the Senate relative to MPSEER. He felt the government was focused on K-12 education.
			Meanwhile, he is „lobbying like crazy’ to protect and extend the TIP program which supports so many of our students. He described the testimony of Melissa, a Ferris student from the Printing Technology program, regarding TIP as „spectacular’.
			He said that he will focus on the reductions in financial aid which have already occurred, leaving Michigan now 43 among the States in higher education funding, the area cut the most in recent budget discussions.

			On April 27 he will be testifying in Lansing about the need for funding.
		7.	He praised the work done by faculty and the Senate on curriculum development this year.
		8.	He praised the involvement of Senators on campus, noting, "I see you at other events." In particular, he said he will miss the leadership of Pres. Griffin.
	B.		Assoc.VP Teahen reported for the Provost.
		1.	She was optimistic that Ferris will offer the first cohort in the Educational Doctorate this summer. She observed that Sen. Heaphy was scheduled to teach one of the first courses in the program. The program is accepting applications and has received one completed application so far. The application process includes a portfolio. There is a faculty selection committee in place to review applications.
			The Educational Doctorate is also on the agenda April 19 for the IAC of the HLC.
		2.	She provided a handout summarizing grants listed in the Academic Affairs Newsletter, which will be posted and printed for distribution this week.
		3.	She announced the Ferris students will be going to Lansing next Tuesday as part of Graduate Education Day to meet with legislators to discuss the importance of higher education.
		4.	She congratulated all who were involved with the pre-event on Women and Labor on March 16 featuring three faculty members presenting stories, moderated by Stephanie Thomson (Humanities/Communication). She noted that Williams Auditorium was almost full for the main presentation by Dolores Huerta on March 30. She described Huerta's speech as 'provocative'.
	C.		Pres. Griffin reported on the Chavez march in Grand Rapids and the evening reception held at GRCC on Mar. 31. He noted that Ferris had the highest representation next to GRCC at the evening event. He also noted that Ferris was the only educational sponsor for the event.
			He announced two up-coming Political Engagement Project events:
		1.	Tonight at 7:00 pm in BUS 111: Politics and Ferris Alumni
		2.	April 20 at 11:00 in IRC 121: Census 2010 discussion panel
	D.		Sec. Alspach followed-up on the Chavez march, announcing that 20 people had ridden the big Ferris bus into the march area, marched with the crowd, and attended the program following the march. The bus was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, with support from her Communication Senior Seminar as part of their Academic Service Learning project.

VII.	Open Forum		
	A.		Ass't. VP Flickinger reminded the Senators about the 125 th Anniversary celebration coming up: the program with past University Presidents, the seminar, and the dinner in the evening.
	B.		Sen. Prakasam asked if there was a process for assessing Senate committees.
		1.	VP Berghoef agreed that an assessment process ought to be developed. He noted that all Senate committees are encouraged to review their charges and their processes.
	C.		Leonard Johnson announced that the next meeting of SPARC will be Friday, April 23 at 3:00 PM in Granger 109. All Senators are invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Alspach
Secretary

Richard Griffin
President

To: FSU Academic Senate

From: Tom Liszewski

Re: Year End Report from the Academic Senate Health Promotion and Substance Abuse Prevention Committee

Date: April 12, 2010

The committee has historically been involved in the Great American Smoke-Out the third Thursday of every November. The Great American Smoke Out is the day identified across the country encouraging tobacco users to quit. The committee again sponsored this event by printing 200 posters that were distributed across campus promoting the event. The cost of printing the posters was covered by Paul Sullivan from the Birkam Health Center. The Student Leadership & Activities Office distributed the posters. The committee works closely with Kyle Cutler from the American Cancer Society and he works with a registered student organization whose lives have been affected by cancer. They staff a table at the Rankin Center the day of the event and pass out supportive literature for those tobacco users who express an interest in quitting. Every year we hear reports of at least one student, staff and/or faculty member who has quit smoking as a result of this event.

This academic year we had a report run on the committee's web site and found that it was had few visitors beyond members of this committee. The committee decided that it still wanted to market the events that it sponsored so Jonathan Taylor built a Facebook Page for this committee and almost immediately had more visitors than the web site with 46 fans right after its launch. We still maintain the committee's web site and reviewed and refreshed the links.

We were pleased to have the privilege of having up to four student representatives serve on this committee which was a record high number. The committee wants to personally thank Justin Aman, Chelsea Halling, Danielle Hoskey, and Jerrod Baber for their valuable contributions to the committee this academic year. It was their input and friends list that help the Facebook initiative to be such a success. We would like to invite any and all of them back next academic year. If they are not able to return we would like to encourage them to recommend their peers.

The committee for the first time came up with a different health-related topic that can interfere with academic performance to address each month:

September: Social Norming Marketing (reality vs. perception of what it means to be a college student) re: Seatbelt Use, GPA's, Safer Sex, etc.
October: Depression/Bipolar/PTSD in conjunction with the National Depression Screening Day
November: Tobacco Cessation re: 'The Great American Smoke-Out'
December: Stress & Anxiety Management (Test Anxiety/Holidays/Going Home/ Multiple Forms)
January: Nutrition and Eating Disorders
February: Health & Safety (Tips for Traveling)
March: Alcohol Abuse Prevention (in conjunction with National Alcohol Screening Day)
April: Safer Sex/STD's, Sexual Violence Prevention

The committee also helped support the students who are running the first on-campus AA meeting. The group expanded from one daytime meeting to adding an additional meeting in the evening.

ACADEMIC SENATORS 2010-2011

	College/Unit	Last Name	First Name	Office	Ext.	Committee Assignment
1.	Allied Health	Skrocki	Marilyn (1)	VFS 414	2280	Senate Diversity Committee/Charter Revision
2.		Colley	Sharon (1)	VFS 306	2288	Distinguished Teacher Committee
3.		Daugherty	Roger (2)	VFS 210	2277	
4.	Arts & Sciences	Alspach - Secretary	Sandra (1)	JOH 127	2779	University Curriculum Committee
5.		Berghoef – Vice President	Michael (1)	ASC 2108	2765	Senate Executive Committee
6.		Griffin - President	Richard (1)	ASC 2094	2761	Senate Executive Committee
7.		Prakasam	Piram (1)	ASC 3021	5290	
8.		Taylor	Jonathan (1)	ASC 3080	5853	Senate Health Promotions & Substance Abuse Committee
9.		Haneline	Douglas (1)	ASC 3080	2525	Academic Program Review Chair
10.		Nagel	George (2)	JH 118	3618	
11.		Abbasabadi	Ali (2)	ASC 3017	3571	Graduate and Professional Council
12.		Sun	Kent (2)	ASC 2031	2579	Student Fees Committee/Charter Revision
13.		Sanderson	Cami (2)	JH 111	2995	Arts and Lectures Committee
14.		Klatt	Paul (2)	ASC 2114	2671	Faculty Research Committee
15.	Business	Cook	Teresa (2)	BUS 200	3167	
16.		Marion	David (2)	BUS 200	3164	
17.		Heaphy – At Large	Maureen (1)	IRC 212	3156	Senate Executive Committee
18.		Brandly	Mark (2)	BUS 200	2433	Athletic Advisory
19.		Rewers	Carol (1)	IRC 212	2447	Faculty Research Committee/Charter Revision
20.	Counselors/	Liszewski	Thomas (2)	BHC 210	5968	Senate Health Promotions & Sub. Abuse Committee
21.	Librarians	Isler – At Large	Melinda (1)	FLT 358	3731	Institutional Strategic Planning Council/Charter Revision
22.	Education	Wagenheim	Matt (1)	SRC 103	2670	Academic Program Review Council
23.		Lashaway-Bokina	Nancy (2)	BIS 421	5368	Graduate & Professional Council
24.	Optometry	Luplow	Dean (1)	PEN 406	2192	Arts and Lectures Committee
25.		Nash	James (2)	PEN 406	2194	Academic Senate Diversity Committee
26.	Part- Time Faculty	Jorsch	Thomas (1)	ASC 2021	3689	Library/Historical/Archival Committee
27.		vacant				
28.	Pharmacy	Boncher	Tracey (2)	PHR 302A	2283	University Curriculum Committee
29.		Dakkuri	Adnan (1)	PHR 105	2240	Professional Development/Distinguished Teacher
30.		Hancock	Kim (2)	PHR 105	2234	
31.	Technology	Drake	Charles (2)	SWN 405	2788	Academic Policy and Standards Committee
32.		Compton	Joseph (1)	GRN 202	3062	Distinguished Teacher Award Committee
33.		McNulty	Matt (2)	AUT 101	2354	
34.		Jewett – At Large	Keith (1)	SWN 405	2954	Senate Executive Committee
35.		Thapa	Khagendra (1)	SWN 314	2672	Distinguished Teacher Committee
36.		Hanna	David (2)	GRN 227	2680	Distinguished Teacher Committee
37.		Maiké	Gary (2)	HEC 203	2816	
38.	University College	Lukusa	Gloria (1)	ASC 1017	2842	Arts and Lectures Committee
39.		Gillespie	Anne Marie (2)	ASC 3052	3660	
40.	C of Prof. & Tec. Studies	Joyce	Joseph (2)			

Bold Indicates Senate Executive Committee Member