

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.**

I. **Call to Order:** President Key called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the President's Room.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Conati, Dakkuri, Etienne, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Kane, Key, Klope, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lovsted, Nagel, Nikkari, Nista, Papo, Ryan, Rye, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Stephen, Thapa, Valas

Senators Absent. Adewusi, Bonning, Green(excused), Holihan, Jackson (excused), Konrad (excused), Maas (excused), Pilgrim, Rupe, Squicciarini (excused), Wininger

Guests. Joe Chartkoff, Isabel Barnes, Tom Oldfield, Roger Daugherty, Douglas Haneline, Dale Harrison, Brad McCormick, Eve Sidney, Lori Seiler, Kevin Besey, Debbie Sokoloski, Jim Van Denberghe, Russ Hess, Mike Ells, Sandy Burns, Woody Neumann, Janice Webster

II. **Approval of November 4, 1997, minutes. Motion by Senator Thapa, with support from Senator Saladin** that the minutes be accepted with the following corrections: page 2, first line, insert "out" after with, and in President Sederburg's comments, change ATC to ACT. Motion passes unanimously.

III. **Open Forum** - No comments at this time.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee - Senator Lovsted** - See **Attachment A** for more details.

B. **Academic Program Review - Doug Haneline** - See **Attachment B** for more detailed information.

Dr. Haneline thanked the Senators for agreeing to an evening meeting. He also thanked the members of the Academic Program Review Committee: Mike Cairns, Dave Hanna, Cindy Konrad, Mary Murnik, Woody Neumann, Karen Norman, Gary Ovans, and Bud Short. Two of the programs reviewed, Associate degree in Real Estate and Associate degree in General Business, did not receive written recommendations from the committee at this time. Recommendations on these programs will be presented at the December 2, 1997 meeting. Dr. Haneline reviewed the following recommendations and responded to questions from Senators for approximately three hours. Following is a summary.

General Recommendations from the Academic Program Review Committee that are applicable to numerous programs include:

- Continue to improve data quality
- Assure monitoring of Minors and Certificates, Non-Degree Courses and Sequences
- Give faculty more input as instructional facilities are built or remodeled
- Be ready to replace Perkins Funds
- Create and fund a system for regular and necessary acquisition of equipment
- Recognize that programs on campus use MACs and try to meet users needs
- Study the feasibility of Ferris students buying/leasing computers from a provider through the University
- Do detailed needs assessments before moving programs to Grand Rapids

See Attachment “C”, pages one and two, for a detailed summary.

Specific Program Recommendations - See Attachment “C” for detailed recommendations for each program.

BS in Advertising - Continue with monitoring

Senators expressed concern about the recommendation to adjust the checksheets to allow more general education courses and the recommendation for the faculty to involve themselves in more professional activities.

Applied Biology - Continue

Senators noted that the recommendation for the department to create a system to offer courses even when there is low enrollment may be difficult when decisions are made at the college level.

Applied Mathematics/Actuarial Sciences - Continue with monitoring

Senators expressed concern about low enrollment and graduation rates.

Dental Hygiene - Continue

Senators questioned the cost of the program. Cost for providing the dental lab and the cost of administrators who teach were not included in the costs for the program. Professors in the program explained why courses begin in the summer.

Dental Technology - Close

Senators had numerous questions regarding the recommendation. Faculty in the program distributed their response and answered questions about the program. Majors concerns were high costs and low enrollment. The possibility of moving the program to Grand Rapids was discussed.

See Attachment B for response from Dental Technology Faculty to the APRC

Industrial and Environmental Health - Continue with monitoring

Senators questioned the recommendation on consulting and the perceived problems with general education courses.

Mechanical Engineering Technology - Enhance

Dr. Haneline praised Professor George Olsson for obtaining ABET accreditation status and for the excellent report.

BS in Nursing - Continue

The discussion included a description of the nursing programs at Ferris.

Opticianry - Continue with monitoring

Discussions included the good future for graduates because of state licensing and the history of the programs reviews. Senators were concerned about the last sentence in the recommendation. The possibility of moving the program to the College of Allied Health was explained.

Public Relations - Continue with monitoring

Senators questioned the very specific target enrollment figures in the recommendation.

Recreation Leadership and Management - Continue

Technical Drafting and Tool Design - Continue

There was a brief discussion of the "cannibalizing" language in the report.

VII. President Key announced that along with himself, Gary Huey and David Russell were appointed to the Library Construction Committee. He moved all remaining agenda items to the December 2, 1997, meeting and **adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

John Kane, Secretary

Greg Key, President