

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2000
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. Call to Order: **President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Anderson, Conati, Daugherty, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Griffin, Hastings-Bishop, Johnson, Kane, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nista, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Ryan, Stern, Squicciarini, Westman, Westhoven

Senators Absent: Bandstra, Bonning (excused), Green (excused), Hancock, Hanna, Hartman, Key (excused), Klope (excused), Speirs, Wininger

Guests: Isabel Barnes, Barbara Chapman, Richard Cochran, Keith Kern, Tom Oldfield, Vincent King, Dave Zobeck, Jamie Brady, Jim Mayhew, Joel Rescoe, Russ Hess, Julian Easter, John Thorp, Hal Palmer, Matthew Klein, Margaret Avritt, Dan Burcham, John Landis, Jim Miller

President Konrad announced agenda changes as follows: Dr. Chapman will give her report at the end of the committee reports, Margaret Avritt will be taking President Sederberg's place under announcements, and the Opticianry Program Revisions, at the request of the College of Allied Health, will remain tabled until April 4, 2000.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Senator Squicciarini, with support from **Senator Kowalkoski**, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2000, as written. Motion carries.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Pilgrim read a short statement from Professor Jeff Nagelbush regarding academic minors. He was concerned that a number of minors in the College of Education do not require sufficient upper level courses. **Senator Lovsted**, Chair of the University Curriculum Council, explained that educational minors had different criteria for 300 level courses. **Senator Pilgrim** asked if anyone was aware of recent changes in admissions requirements.

Senator Nista expressed a concern about postponing the discussion of Opticianry Program revisions.

Julian Easter, Academic Department Head, Allied Health, stated that his attempts to arrange meetings with Optometry faculty had not been successful this past month.

Senator Nagel suggested that Allied Health and Optometry faculty members try to resolve outstanding issues regarding the Opticianry Program and return with a recommendation to the Senate.

Senator El-Saidi expressed concern regarding the Student Assessment of Instruction instrument and the role of department chairs.

Keith Kern, Student Government representative, informed the Senate that a faculty member is still needed for the Student Activity Fund Allocation Committee. Please contact the Senate Office or Michelle Burke at the Student Activities Office for more information.

V. Committee Reports

- A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of pending action items (See Attachment A).
- B. Senate Governance Committee – Senator Papo** had no report at this time.
- C. Senate Elections – Senator Nagel**, Election Committee Chair, gave an update on nominations received and advised Senators that nomination forms must be received in the Senate Office by end of business today.
- D. Cumulative Impact of Program Review – Dr. Douglas Haneline** gave a brief report and provided Senators with a list of program enhancements as a result of Academic Program Review (See Attachment B).
- E. Computer Support Update – Dr. Richard Cochran** urged Senators to complete and return the survey recently sent to all employees.
- F. Substance Abuse Task Force – Senator Griffin** distributed a draft of a survey (Attachment C) that the Task Force may be conducting as early as Fall semester. Please take a few moments to look the survey over and forward comments to Senator Griffin, Jennifer Parks, or the Senate Office.
- G. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Dr. Chapman** provided the Senators with a brief report (See Attachment D).

VI. Old Business

- A. Early Childhood Minor – Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Hastings-Bishop**, moved to approve the Early Childhood minor. Motion carries.
- B. Early Childhood Major – Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Johnson**, moved to approve the Early Childhood major. Motion carries.

VII. New Business

- A. Radiography Program Curriculum Revisions – Senator Daugherty, with support from Senator Squicciarini**, moved to approve the proposed curriculum changes. Following a brief discussion, the motion carries.
- B. Respiratory Care Program Curriculum Revision – Senator Daugherty, with support from Senator Squicciarini**, moved to approve the proposed curriculum changes. Following a brief discussion, the motion carries.
- C. Psychology Minor – Senator Merwin, with support from Senator Ferdowski**, moved to support the proposed curriculum addition. Motion carries.
- D. Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems – Senator Ferdowski, with support from Senator El-Saidi**, moved to bring the proposal to the floor for first reading. After a brief discussion, **President Konrad** closed discussion.
- E. Medical Laboratory Technology Program Revisions – Senator Papo, with support from Senator Ryan**, moved to approve the proposed curriculum revisions. Following a brief discussion, the motion carries.
- F. Medical Technology Program Revisions – Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Conati**, moved to approve the proposed curriculum revision. Following a brief discussion, the motion carries.

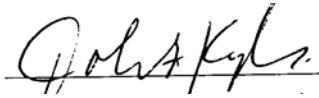
VIII. Announcements

- A. President Konrad** announced that the revised Academic Senate Charter has been printed. Copies will be distributed to all faculty members.
- B. Margaret Avritt**, Associate Vice President of University Advancement and Marketing, informed the Senators of an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education covering the recent visit of The String Trio of New York to our campus. She also provided Senators with a draft copy of career/interest areas (See Attachment E) that may be sent to potential students and asked for input from the Senators.

IX. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kane", written over a horizontal line.

John Kane, Secretary

Cindy Konrad, President