

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 1997 - 10:05 a.m.**

**I. Attendance**

**Senators Present:** Abbasabadi, Anderson, Dakkuri, Etienne.

Ferdowsi, Green, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Krumins, Maas, Moffett, Monson, Olsson, Papo, Pilgrim, Rupe, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Stephen, Stich, Thapa, Valas,

**Senators Absent.** Conati, Glynn (excused), Holihan, (excused), Kowalkoski, Nerbonne (excused), Travis, Wininger (excused)

**Guests.** Teshome Abebe, William Sederburg, Jeff Cross, Tom Oldfield, Sue Hammersmith, George Nagel, Jesse Huff, Gary Horn, Sandy Alspaugh, Kaaren Hildebrand, Kelly Currie, Sandy Balkema

**II. Call to Order**

President R. Moffett called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Rankin Center President's Room.

**III. Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted for the December 3, 1996, 10:00 a.m. session.

**IV. Open Forum**

Virginia Shepler noted that all adjunct faculty at Ferris were required to reapply for their positions. She further stated that they received a communication indicating they could no longer take one class per semester free. She questioned the wisdom of these actions and stated it did not help with the morale of adjunct faculty.

**V. Committee Reports**

**University Curriculum Committee**

Donna Smith gave a brief report. She indicated that the UCC would start the review of the Masters of Science in Criminal Justice Administration next week.

**Senate Governance Committee**

Senator Key had nothing to report at this time.

**VI. Old Business**

- A. *Moved by Senator Smith, seconded by Senator Maas to remove the previously tabled motion for adoption of Applied Communication major. Motion passed unanimously.*

- B. Senator Green addressed the senate regarding the history of the proposed major. He stated that the program had previously been approved by the university but had not been adopted because the board did not approve the hiring of faculty needed to implement the program. He stated that the present faculty have the expertise to implement the program without additional hiring. Senator Green, Senator Smith, and members of the Humanities department responded to numerous queries by senators about the new major. After extended discussion,

*Moved by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Smith to change the name of this proposal from Applied Communication to Applied Speech communication. Motion passed by voice vote.*

*Moved by Senator Thapa, seconded by Senator Olsson to remove the work "applied" from "Applied Speech communications." Motion fails. After further discussion,*

*Moved by Senator Olsson, seconded by Senator Hanna to call the question on the main motion for adoption of the Applied Speech Communication major. Motion passes unanimously.*

*President Moffett calls for voice vote on the main motion for adoption of the Applied Speech Communication major. Motion passes by voice vote.*

## **VII. New Business**

President Moffett stated that the Ferris Board of Trustees had approved some of the Senate charter revisions adopted by the faculty and further requested the adoption of a new **ARTICLE XI** which contains language previously in a board resolution. A copy of the new language proposed by the board is attached. After a lengthy discussion *Moved by Senator Stephen, seconded by Senator Ryan; Whereas the senate charter can be modified by the vote of the faculty; be it resolved that the faculty be allowed to vote on this modification to the Academic Charter.* Discussion followed with President Sederberg indicating he would discuss with the board the possibility of removing the proposed changes. *Moved by Senator Ryan, seconded by Senator Kane, to call for the question.* Motion passes. Voice vote on the main motion passes.

## **VIII. Open Forum**

Senator Green closes meeting in memory of Dick Goldfogle, adjunct communications faculty, who passed away this past week.

## **IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Senate will be February 4, 1997, 10:05 a.m.,  
in the President's Room of Rankin Center.

**X. Adjournment**

President Moffett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John A. Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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Russell Moffett, President