

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 1998 - 10:00 a.m.**

I. **Call to Order:** President Key called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Bonning, Dakkuri, Etienne, Green, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Jackson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Krumins, Lovsted, Maas, Nagel, Nikkari, Nista, Papo, Pilgrim, Rupe, Ryan, Rye, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Squicciarini, Thapa, Valas

Senators Absent. Adewusi, Conati (excused), Holihan, Klope, Kowalkoski (excused), Stephen, Winger.

Guests. Joe Chartkoff, Isabel Barnes, Tom Oldfield, Douglas Haneline, Alan Lewis, Mark Curtis, Geri Hurt, William Sederburg, Robert Krueger, Stan Smith, Jim Phelps, Charles Matrosic, Robert von der Osten

II. **Approval of December 2, 1997, minutes.** Minutes were accepted as written.

III. **Open Forum -**

Senator Pilgrim invited all Senators to attend and participate in Martin Luther King Day activities and luncheon. If anyone would like to present or take part, please contact Senator Pilgrim.

Senator Dakkuri handed out MAGB Distinguished Faculty award forms. **See Attachment B.** It is also available on e-mail.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee - Senator Lovsted - See Attachment A** for items the committee is currently considering. Rubber Technology Associates and Bachelors will be up for approval later in this meeting.

B. **Senate Governance Committee - Senator Heidemann -** There are 12 active University Wide committees. Academic Policy and Standards, Budget/Planning, Faculty Research, Distinguished Teacher, Diversity, and Arts and Lectures are actively completing specific assignments. Student Life and Substance Abuse are wrestling with mission statements and how best to tackle them. Some mission statements are very broad. Several committees are frustrated because they feel ignored by administration in the areas where they are expected to act as an advisory body. Specifically, the International Education Committee has not been included in the plans for a proposed International Center, the Athletic

Advisory Committee has not been included in discussion of many of the proposals for changes in athletic facilities, and the Library Committee was not included in most of the planning process for the new Library. Faculty are now represented on the committee overseeing construction of the Library, however, they are not invited to the meetings. Vice President Heidemann stated the administration needs utilize the valuable contributions of the faculty members because the University needs that input to succeed. If the presence and efforts of faculty members are ignored, faculty members will not be willing to serve and the University will be a less cohesive unit. She indicated that without faculty involvement, the University will have more difficulty passing muster with the NCA and delivering a first rate education to our students. During Winter semester Vice President Heidemann stated she would attempt to improve communications between administrators and the committees.

- C. Parking Committee Report - Robert Krueger** - Dr. Krueger announced that things have not changed on the Parking Committee. He attended the meeting to resign from the committee based on some of the points that Vice President Heidemann made. His primary concern is with the Physical Plant representative to the committee. That person is perceived as confrontational by some committee members. Dr. Krueger asked the Senate to convene a committee that would look at the Physical Plant and its customer service capabilities on campus. President Sederberg's response was that concerns can be investigated through the Leadership Council.

As Chair of the Arts and Lectures Committee, Dr. Krueger reminded everyone of the Feb. 1 Paramount Brass Concert, and the Feb. 14 event, James Dapogny and the Chenille Sisters. Tickets can be obtained by calling the A&L Office.

- D. Academic Program Review - Doug Haneline** - The APRC postponed a final recommendation regarding the Dental Technology program. They recommended the program be reviewed on the following timetable.

1. Dental Tech faculty prepare a proposal regarding the future of the program no later than March 16, 1998.
2. APRC will review proposal and make recommendations to the Academic Senate no later than March 20, 1998.
3. The Academic Senate reviews and acts on recommendation at the April 7 Senate meeting.
4. Administration presents recommendation to the Board of Trustees for action at the May 7 Board meeting.

Senator Pilgrim suggested that the University should focus on keeping programs in place, as opposed to "bottom lining" programs. Senator Dakkuri expressed his concern that the APRC was not complying with the Senate's directive.

Senator Heidemann moves to endorse the APRC recommendation, with support by Senator Valas. Motion passes, with one abstention.

V. Old Business

- A. Annual Institutional Review - Moved by Senator Nagel**, to implement an Annual Institutional Review in which FSU faculty, during Winter term, evaluate the performance of supervisory personnel within their respective colleges, including Coordinators, Department Heads or Chairs, Assistant and Associate Deans, and Deans, and that all faculty evaluate Vice Presidents, the Provost and the President in the collective efforts of the FSU Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff to improve the quality of instruction and related support services. After lengthy discussion regarding forms and format to be used, to whom information would be released, and questions regarding definitions of terms, **Senator Nagel withdraws the original motion.**

Senator Nagel moves, with support by Senator Pilgrim, to send to an ad hoc committee formed by the Senate Executive Committee the original motion for investigation. The ad hoc committee shall report its findings to the Senate at the March meeting.

President Sederberg suggested that Dr. Mekky be invited to serve on this ad hoc committee. **Senator Hanna** voiced support for both the motion and the Rubber Technology program. Senator Nagel volunteered to serve on the committee. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Announcements

- A. Dr. Sederberg - See Attachment C for details of the President's report.** Next week he will receive the short list of Vice President for Academic Affairs candidates. Interviews should start shortly thereafter. Steelcase will be donating all to the furniture for the Kendall building.

VII. New Business

- A. Looking to the Future Conference - Dr. Robert von der Osten** - Asked Senators to go to their colleagues and discuss and ascertain whether they and their students will participate in the conference. He specifically requested feedback on the issue of whether classes should be canceled for two days to allow participation by all students and faculty. He further indicated an immense amount of help is needed and wanted to know if faculty were committed to become involved in the conference.
- B. Library Acquisitions Budget** - Dean Hurt explained that the Library has been getting one time funding and that the Library has not been getting an adequate base budget to cover the amount that was being spent. This year the Library will receive \$535,000. Each year subscriptions alone increase at the rate of at least 10 percent. Dr. Oldfield reported that last year the Library received \$100,000 in additional base funding. This year, he reported, they

will receive an additional \$50,000 in base funding, but they are still woefully short.

- C. Approval of Rubber Technology Associates in Applied Science and Rubber Engineering Technology Bachelor of Science Degree** - Motion by Senator Lovsted, with support by Senator Maas, the Associates and the Bachelors for Rubber Engineering be approved. After lengthy discussion, Senator Dakkuri calls the question. Questions passes. Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

Vice President Chartkoff - No announcements at this time.

President Key - The Graduate Guidelines Committee is meeting January 19. The Senate Election Committee is working on the elections and the Charter.

- IX. Open Forum** - **Senator Rupe** announced the AIDS Quilt will be on campus on May 1-3, 1998.

- X. President Key adjourned the meeting at 11:45 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President