

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
President's Room, Rankin Center**

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

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Bonning, Conati, Dakkuri, Daugherty, Ferdowsi, Haneline, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Jackson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nikkari, Pilgrim, Ryan, Rye, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stephen, Stern, Thapa,

Senators Absent. Green (excused), Hartman, Nista (excused), Papo (excused), Winger (excused), Westhoven.

Guests. Barbara Chapman, William Sederburg, John Valas.

III. **Approval of December 1, 1998 Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Krumins expressed a concern brought to her by another faculty member regarding funding for Library materials. The Library has good older materials, but more current materials are needed in many subject areas.

Senator Konrad had several students voice concerns that the current schedule book states that no report cards will be mailed at the end of the semester. Some students need hard copies of their grades and will have to make long distance calls to get their grades.

Senator Ryan commented that one of the issues reported in the Keigley Annual Survey seems to be a lack of connection with the Board and faculty. Senator Ryan urged members of the Senate to attend upcoming subcommittee meetings (Finance - January 22 and Academic Affairs - February 13).

V. **Committee Reports**

Senate Governance Committee - Senator Heidemann reported that the following faculty members are on the recently established Continuous Improvement Teams.

Leadership: Terry Doyle, John Kane and Joel Rescoe

Curriculum and Program Assessment: Clare Cook, Roxanne Cullen, Abdollah Ferdowsi, Vincent King, Susan Hastings-Bishop, Ed Hengesh and Katherine Manley

Communications: Donna Smith, George Nagel, Rebecca Kowalkoski, and Susan Jones

Capital Outlays: Philip Walling, George Wales, Vicky Hardy, and Robert Friar

All day training sessions are scheduled during the week of January 18, 1999. Some faculty members expressed concerns that the training was scheduled during the day when most faculty members have classes. The suggestion was made that an effort be made to schedule training on weekends if possible.

The University Curriculum Committee - Senator Lovsted

A report was enclosed in the Senate mailing (See 1/12/99 Senate Packet) and is Attachment A of this document. The Integrative Studies proposal has been withdrawn. A lengthy discussion regarding procedures to be used for proposals not approved by the UCC followed.

VI. Old Business - None at this time.**VII. New Business**

- A. Master of Science in Information Systems Management – Senator Lovsted** moved to accept the proposal, with support from **Senator Stephen**. After a lengthy discussion, **Senator Stephen** calls the question. Question passes. Motion passes.
- B. Resort Management – Senator Lovsted** moved to accept for first reading the **Resort Management Bachelor of Science** proposal with support from **Senator Konrad**. Following a lengthy discussion, President Key stated that this Proposal would be voted on during the February Senate meeting.

VIII. Announcements

President Sederburg – See Attachment B - President Sederburg stated that in his opinion the University is good shape - state appropriations are looking good, enrollment is looking good (about +125 this semester), and the budget is looking good.

- He reminded Senators of the upcoming dedication ceremony for the Student Recreation Center (January 12), the Hockey Locker Room (January 17) and MOISD (January 25).
- A task force has been established to deal with Grand Rapids merger and administrative issues such as Financial Aid, faculty contracts, the tuition differential, and the establishment of academic programs at Kendall.
- Public Open Sessions will be held in February to discuss Unit Action Plans.
- Projected Fall enrollment is up (+464 applications).
- Martin Luther King Events will take place on January 17 and 18 – please attend and participate.

Vice President Chapman - Dr. Chapman reported that the merger with Kendall and the NCA Self-Study must be a joint initiative, as our next accreditation is during the same academic year.

- There are no plans to cut the Library acquisitions budget. We are trying to improve that budget.
- The Search for the Chancellor of Grand Rapids is progressing. The Dean of Technology Search Committee would like to have interviews finished by the end of February, with the Dean of University College interviews completed in the same time frame.
- Dr. Tom Oldfield has been selected as the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. An internal search will be conducted for an Assistant VP for Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Chapman also encouraged Senators to attend Board and subcommittee meetings when possible.

President Key - President Key thanked the Senators for a job well done during the past semester. He also shared a note received from Dean Hammersmith regarding the UCC timeliness. She stated that the process was much faster than anticipated.

- IX. Open Forum – Senator Pilgrim** invited Senators to participate and attend Martin Luther King activities. One event will be held in the President’s Room on January 18, starting at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Senator Pilgrim.
- X. Adjournment - President Key** adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President