

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, January 11, 2000  
President's Room, Rankin Center**

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

**II. Attendance**

**Senators Present:** Abbasabadi, Aiken, Anderson, Bandstra, Bonning, Conati, Daugherty, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Griffin, Hancock, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Johnson, Kane, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Nagel, Nista, Papo, Pilgrim, Ryan, Stern, Westman, Westhoven

**Senators Absent:** Green, Hartman, Key (excused), Merwin (excused), Peterson-Klein (excused), Speirs, Squicciarini (excused), Winger (excused)

**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Nancy Cooley, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, Tom Oldfield, Vincent King, Clayton Rye, Faye Moody, Michael Cairns, Dan Hurley, Karen Norman, Jim Carey, Suzanne Chandler, Paul Prins, Kenneth Schultz, Linda Meeuwenberg, Judy Schottle, Sally Johnson.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Senator Klope**, with support from **Senator El-Saidi**, to approve the minutes of December 7, 1999, as written. Motion carries.

**IV. Open Forum –**

**President Konrad** reminded Senators that there is a special Senate meeting scheduled for January 20, at 11:00 a.m. in the Centennial Dining Room with Noel/Levitz Recruitment Retention Specialists.

**Senator Stern** reminded Senators of the faculty reserve that is behind the circulation desk and provided Senators with samples of Faculty Code of Ethics for consideration (See Attachment A).

**Senator Ryan** asked how the University Curriculum Council interacts with the General Education Committee.

**Senator Pilgrim** reminded Senators to attend Martin Luther King events. On January 17 there will be a faculty in-service from 10-12 in the President's Room, followed by a luncheon (reservations are needed for lunch, please call 2735).

**Senator Stern** again expressed a concern regarding transfer credits and questioned if anyone had addressed this issue.

**V. Committee Reports**

- A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of pending action items (See Attachment B).
- B. Senate Governance Committee – Senator Papo** provided Senators with a copy of the mission statement for the Senate Budget Planning Committee and a memo from Committee Chair Vordyn Nelson (Attachment C) with the committee recommendations. He asked Senators to review this information for action at the February Senate meeting.
- C. FSU Grand Rapids – Chancellor Kenneth Schultz** provided Senators with an overview of the Kendall merger recommendations that have been reviewed and approved by President Sederburg. He also updated the Senate on other FSU Grand Rapids issues including a proposed College of Professional and Technical Studies. See Attachment D.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Revision of Dental Hygiene AAS Degree – Motion by Senator Daugherty, with support from Senator Hastings-Bishop**, to approve the revisions of the AAS in Dental Hygiene. Following a brief discussion, motion passes unanimously.
- B. Elementary Education Major – Motion by Senator Hastings-Bishop, with support from Senator Nista** to bring for first reading the Elementary Education Certification proposal, pending the approval of the Social Sciences courses by the University Curriculum Committee and the program faculty. After a lengthy discussion, **Senator Ferdowsi** moves that discussion end for this session. Motion passes.

Due to time constraints, President Konrad stated that the Early Childhood Major and Minor will be moved to the February Senate meeting agenda.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg** provided updates to Senators on those items listed in Section One of Attachment E.
- B. Vice President Chapman** updated the Senate on Dean's searches and the academic planning process. A new Academic Affairs newsletter will be sent next week.
- C. President Konrad** reminded Senators to attend the Senate meeting on January 20, 2000 in the Centennial Dining Room at 11:00 a.m. with the retention/recruitment specialists.

**VIII. Open Forum**

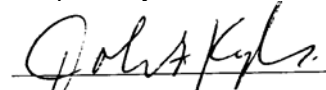
**Senator Klope** expressed concern about the assignment of faculty to Grand Rapids.

**Senator Ryan** questioned the status of the MS in Technical Education approved by the Senate in recent months. Dr. Chapman stated that the proposal is still pending.

**Senator Pilgrim** requested a definition of productivity from President Sederberg.

**IX. Adjournment – President Konrad** adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,



Cindy Konrad, President