

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 1997 - 5:00 pm**

I. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Conati, Dakkuri, Etienne Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Jackson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Krumins, Maas, Papo, Pilgrim, Rupe, Ryan, Rye, Shepler, Stephen, Squicciarini, Thapa, Valas.

Senators Absent. Adewusi (excused), Green (excused), Holihan, Huey (excused), Klope (excused), Kowalkoski (excused), Nikkari (excused), Nagel, Nista (excused), Saladin (excused), Smith (excused), Winger.

Guests. Tom Oldfield, Joe Chartkoff, Geri Hurt, Linda Travis, Rick Griffin

II. Call to Order

President Key called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

III. Approval of April 29, 1997 and August 19, 1997 minutes - Motion by Senator Stephen, with support from Senator Ryan to accept the minutes of the April 29, 1997, 10 am and 11 am, as written. Motion passes. **Senator Heidemann, with support from Senator Ryan** moved to accept the August 19, 1997, minutes of the Academic Senate Retreat. Motion passes.

IV. Open Forum - No comments.

V. Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee - President Key reported that Dr. Elsie Lovsted has agreed to chair the committee. Their first meeting will be September 15 at 7:00 am.

Senate Governance Committee - Senator Heidemann informed the Senate that sign-up packets are being mailed. Please encourage colleagues to apply for vacant positions.

VI. Announcements

A. President Sederburg - Not in attendance.

B. Vice President Chartkoff - No comments at this time.

C. President Key -

President Key advised the Senate of the status of the search for the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Tom Oldfield and Dave Hanna are Co-Chairs. The Senate Executive Committee has been asked to submit six names by September 15 to Dr. Oldfield.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Academic Policy and Standards Committee on September 23, 1997, at 11:00 am in Bishop 419. One of this committee's charge will be developing a Post Tenure Review Procedure.

Combination of Professional Development And Faculty Research Committees - At this time, the Committees will proceed as they did last year. Forms for each grant are being mailed. The Ad Hoc committee will continue working on the formation of one committee in the future. This will be an agenda item in October.

President Key announced that the Senate Executive Committee will appoint someone to fill the vacancies in Pharmacy and Technology. Each term is for one year only.

VII. New Business

Academic Program Review Council - Suggested language changes. President Key advised the Senate that only ten (10) days remain before the APCR begins work. After discussion, **Senator Konrad moves, with support from Senator Papo**, that the following be removed from the Academic Program Review Manual

Section 1.2 "At the discretion of the Chair of APCR and the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, two academic administrators may be appointed".

After lengthy discussion **Senator Ryan calls the question. Question passes. Motion passes.**

Regarding the proposed amendment to Section 1.1 of the Academic Program Review Manual to enlarge the committee to include representation for the University College. After discussion, **Senator Valas moved to table the issue, with support from Senator Heidemann. Motion passes.**

Ad Hoc Committee - University College and Senate Charter Revisions to include University College - After lengthy discussion,

Senator Dakkuri moved that the matter of incorporating the University College into the Academic Senate Charter be handled by the Senate Governance Committee, with support from Senator Thapa. Senator Heidemann states that the purpose of the Governance Committee is to fill committee positions, oversee committees and advise committee of their purpose. Senator Maas suggested that the Elections Committee may be a logical choice. **Senator Dakkuri accepted Senator Maas' suggestion as a friendly amendment,** and after more discussion, **Senator Dakkuri withdrew his original motion. Senator Maas moves that the issue be given to the Senate Election Committee with support from Senator Dakkuri.** Senator Heidemann reminds the Senators that any changes will require charter amendments. Senator Konrad points out that at the current time the University College does have representation via Senator Kowalkoski. **Motion passes unanimously.**

VIII. Open forum

Senator Pilgrim questions Vice President Chartkoff on his management philosophy. Vice President Chartkoff responds that he consults with many parties for input and seeks advice from all dimensions of the University. He hopes to do what is best for the health and well being of the University to ensure its' future. Senator Pilgrim asks Vice President Chartkoff's opinion on where he sees the University going. Dr. Chartkoff responds by saying that he and Dr. Sederberg are good friends and colleagues, that he has no agenda, that he will be here for one (1) year, and that he is going to treat his term here as if it didn't have an end, and continue setting long and short term goals. He will also try to deal with issues and problems as they arise.

President Key reminds the Senators to seek nominations for six faculty members for the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee. He states that one Senate goal is requiring Administrative follow-up on APRC recommendations.

Dr. Oldfield reminded the Senate that follow-up has started.

Senator Ryan reminds the Senators that we are moving forward with the Elastomer Center, but that the University has no program in place at this time.

IX. Adjournment - President Key adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Gregory W. Key, President