

Ferris State University
Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting
September 8, 1992

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Bartholome, Beetley, Billings, Breault, Brown, Burtch, Caskey, Conati, Cook, Etienne, Griffin, Haneline, Heidemann, Holihan, Horn, Kebler, Key, Keys, King, Kosanovich, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Rupe, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Spaulding, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Whitmore.

1.2 Members Absent. Bacon (excused), Matrosic (excused), Teferra (excused).

1.3 Guests. I. Barnes, J. Nogy, H. Popovich.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. in the Clarion Conference Center.

Approval of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the July 16 meeting were approved.

Open Forum

4.1 Roger Peterson, Professional Staff, urged Senators to participate in the New Student Convocation, which will be held on Friday afternoon, September 11, 1992.

Announcements

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich seconded Peterson's appeal to participate in the New Student Convocation so that new students will receive a positive introduction to academic life at this university.

5.2 Popovich announced that she has appointed Isabel Barnes to be Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. Popovich looks forward to working together with the Senate in this new academic year.

Acting Vice President Barnes

6.1 Acting Vice President Barnes summarized the results of the 1991-92 program review. One program, Business Economics, will be closed, and seven others, Biotechnology, Child Development, Auto Body, Auto Machine Technology, Respiratory Care, Opticianry, Optometric Technology, will continue. Barnes recommended that the Senate continue program review in the 1992-93 academic year.

President Breault

7.1 President Breault announced the following appointments:

Chairwoman of University Curriculum Committee - Margaret Etienne

Chairman of Undergraduate Council - Richard Hanna

Chairman of Academic Program Review Committee - Adnan Dakkuri

Chairman of Graduate/Professional Council - TBA

Senate Representative to the Outcomes Assessment Council - Greg Key.

Appointments to fill vacancies on the Strategic Planning Committee are pending.

7.2 Breault suggested that it is time to review the Senate Charter. Therefore, the Executive Committee will be forming an Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Charter Review Committee should let the Executive Committee know soon.

7.3 Breault reported that topics discussed in a recent meeting of the Senate Executive Committee with the President and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs included Media Distribution, infrequency of Board of Control meetings, an update on Solid Ice and Ferris Foundation.

7.4 Breault reminded the Senators that the Senate had previously voted to rescind the academic review process. The eight programs reviewed this year were nominated by the Administration and reviewed under the threat of closure. Breault asked the Senate to reinstate program review, so that programs are not reviewed under the threat of closure.

7.5 Breault requested that the Distance Learning report be moved ahead of Committee Reports in the agenda.

Special Report

Distance Learning

8.1 Assistant Vice President Nogy gave a presentation on the history and current status of Distance Learning at FSU.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

9.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that the UCC cleared its agenda this summer. The CIS minor still needs to be approved. Etienne noted that the committee will have three new members this year, and that long-range agenda items will include refinements of semester conversion and a review of minors. Ideas for projects for the UCC should be sent to Margaret Etienne.

New Business

Reinstatement of Academic Program Review Process

10.1 Uniacke moved that the Academic Senate direct the Academic Program Review Council to reinstate the program review process in the fall of 1992, rescinding the motion of November 6, 1990, to suspend the review process. Burtch supported. The motion carried.

Open Forum

11.1 On behalf of the Senate, Bruce Beetley presented a plaque to Past President David Russell for service to the Senate.

11.2 In response to a suggestion by Robert von der Osten, David Russell offered to be parliamentarian for the October Senate meeting. Others interested in serving as parliamentarian for Senate meetings, please notify the Senate office, extension 2691.

Next Meeting

12.1 The next meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, October 5, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

Adjournment

13.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
