

Minutes of the Meeting
January 8, 1991

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, C. Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, Carey, Caskey, M. Cook, Dudek, Etienne, Ferdowski, Groner, Henry, Horn, Kantar, Lovsted, Matrosic, Middleton, Muccio, Mullet, Oldfield, Ovans, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Powell, Ravell, Russell, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2 Members Absent. A. Cook (excused), King (excused), Lewis.

1.3 Guests. J. Alexander, I. Barnes, J. Buss, K. Carlton-Smith, J. Christafferson, K. Colvert, A. Dakkuri, T. Doyle, R. Edge, B. Ferguson, D. Frank, R. Gifford, L. Green, S. Hammersmith, L. Hanson, M. A. Hashimi, M. Hendricks, W. Hoeksema, G. Huey, B. Jacobs, L. Jacobs, C. Jones, L. Keys, R. Kowalkoski, M. Lofquist, B. Mehler, W. Mott, G. Nagel, G. Nash, B. Pillsbury, D. Roy, J. Thorp, R. VonderOsten.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the December 4 meeting were approved as presented.

OPEN FORUM

4.1 Gary Huey, Humanities, Arts and Sciences, stated that the College of Arts and Sciences should not have to justify each course under the course certification provision in the University Curriculum Committee's recommendations in response to the General Education Task Force Report.

4.2 Bruce Jacobs, Heavy Equipment Technology, expressed concerns about the negative impact that the proposed General Education requirements would have on programs in the College of Technology.

4.3 Bob Ferguson, Languages and Literature, Arts and Sciences, asserted that the proposed 31% General Education requirement is too low, and that the General Education requirement should be closer to 47% because General Education is a foundation for continued learning.

4.4 Larry Hanson, Social Sciences, Arts and Sciences, recommended that faculty members should not fight with each other but that faculty members should work toward a blend of general education and technological education. The danger is separate focuses.

4.5 Wendell Mott, Social Sciences, Arts and Sciences, spoke in

favor of a balance between general education and specialized courses. Knowledge doubles every twenty years; therefore, students need to be trained for life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Nash

5.1 Vice-President Nash had no announcements.

President Russell

6.1 President Russell had no announcements.

6.2 Russell listed the faculty who will serve on the Semester Implementation Team.

Chair	Jim Maas
Allied Health	Julie Coon
Arts and Sciences	Mike Ryan
Business	Ken Whitelaw
Education	Terry Nerbonne
Librarian/Counselor	Elaine Nienhouse
Optometry	Alan Uniacke
Pharmacy	Ed Hengesh
Technology	Bill Winchell
Academic Senate	Joan Totten

6.3 Russell stated that the Senate Executive Committee had been asked by the President in a recent meeting to brainstorm ideas for generating faculty involvement in finding ways to cut expenses in the face of impending budget cuts.

6.4 Russell congratulated Senator Middleton on the birth of his daughter Zoe in October.

Special Report--Association of Michigan Collegiate Faculties

7.1 Dick Bethel presented a report on recent meetings of the Association of Michigan Collegiate Faculties, which are attended by two representatives of Ferris, Bethel and Gary Horn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

8.1 Chairman Anderson gave a written summary of the year's activities.

8.2 Anderson reported that the General Education Task Force report will come before the Senate at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

9.1 Oldfield moved that the Senate approve the proposed Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. Dudek supported.

9.2 Etienne moved to amend the motion to return the report to the University Curriculum Committee for discussion. Breault supported.

9.3 The amendment failed.

9.4 The main motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Expansion of Summer Quarter Study Committee Membership

10.1 Vasicek moved that the Academic Senate expand the membership of the Summer Quarter Study Committee to include the director of summer term classes and a financial officer of the institution. Thapa supported.

10.2 Matrosic moved to amend by making the positions ex officio and non voting. Pearson supported.

10.3 The amendment passed.

10.4 The main motion passed.

Associated Student Government Resolution

11.1 Matrosic moved that the Senate support the Associated Student Government in its "...quest to minimize the effect that the library and instructional services departments will experience during this year's fiscal cutbacks." Dudek supported.

11.2 The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

12.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

NEXT MEETING

13.1 The next regular meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, January 8, 1991, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center. There will also be a meeting on January 15 at 7:00úp.m.

ADJOURNMENT

14.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Bandstra

Approved:
