

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, December 7, 1999  
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, Conati, Daugherty, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Green Griffin, Hancock, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Johnson, Kane, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Papo, Pilgrim, Ryan, Stern, Squicciarini, Westman, Westhoven

**Senators Absent:** Bonning (excused), Hartman, Key (excused), Merwin (excused), Nagel (excused), Nista (excused), Peterson-Klein, Speirs, Wininger

**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Keith Kern, Doug Haneline, Tom Oldfield, Rick Shafer, Vincent King, Clayton Rye, Mary Carey, Julie Coon, Sally Johnson, Ellen Haneline, Lori Seiler, Ron Greenfield

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Senator Kowalkoski**, with **support from Senator Conati**, to approve the minutes of November 16, 1999, as written. Motion carries.

**IV. Open Forum –**

**Senator Kowalkoski** reminded the Senators to attend the ODK Self-help Craft Sale in the Mecosta Room at Rankin Center today.

**Senator Stern** inquired about the status of a campus mail drop box near the Copy Center. She also asked whether the unused Taubman monies could be used for the creation other scholarships.

**V. Committee Reports**

- A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of pending action items (See Attachment A).
- B. Senate Governance Committee – Senator Papo** reported that all Senate committees are functioning. He informed the Senators that he received a request from the Senate Budget Planning Committee to be dissolved. The Senate Executive Board will meet on December 14 to discuss this issue.
- C. Student Judicial Services – Rick Shafer**, Director of Student Judicial Services, informed the Senators of the services provided by the Judicial Services Office (See Attachment B for forms used). He asked the Senators for assistance and advice. He would like a pool of faculty members (approximately 20) to utilize for formal hearings. Those interested may call him at the Judicial Services Office.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Revision of BS Nursing – Motion by Senator Daugherty, with support from Senator Papo**, to approve the revisions to the BS in Nursing. Following a brief discussion, motion passes unanimously.
- B. Revision of BS Environmental Health and Safety Management – Motion by Senator Squicciarini, with support from Senator Daugherty**, to approve the revisions to the curriculum and the name change. Following a brief discussion, motion passes unanimously.
- C. Revision of Public Relations Major - Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Kowalkoski**, to approve the revisions to the minor. Following a brief discussion, motion passes with one nay.

**VII. Old Business**

**Academic Program Review Recommendations – Motion by Senator Lindsey, with support from Senator EI-Saidi**, to accept all recommendations received from the Academic Program Review Committee, including the general recommendations. Motion passes.

**VIII. Announcements -**

**President Sederburg** was unable to attend the meeting. He sent a written report with Dr. Chapman. (See Attachment C for details.)

**Vice President Chapman -**

- Dr. Chapman and the Dean's Council have spent many hours going over 2001-2003 planning and budget documents. Some initiatives for quality improvement may have to wait for a short period while the University focuses on enrollment growth. Opportunity for grants are considerable, therefore, some resources may need to be invested to gain those grants.
- Dean searches are continuing.
- President's Council items being prepared are Psychology, New Media Printing and Publishing, Integrative Studies and perhaps the name change for Industrial and Environmental Health.
- Dr. Chapman expressed appreciation to all Senators and the University Curriculum Council for their efforts on the Elementary Education proposal.
- Senator Ryan expressed a concern regarding the distribution and meaning of the recently received Academic Affairs Policy Letters. Senator Pilgrim expressed concern regarding the issues of equity, suggesting that Warren Hills be invited to an upcoming Senate meeting.

**President Konrad** - The next Senate meeting will be on January 11, 2000. President Konrad stated she gave a report to the Board of Trustees regarding the general recommendations from the Academic Program Review Recommendations at the last meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about the computer technical support issue on campus at that meeting. Wayne Maki and Richard Cochran also gave support for the Academic Program Review Committee recommendations.

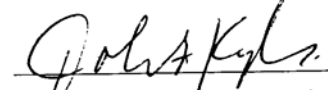
**IX. Open Forum**

**Senator Ryan** expressed a concern regarding the evaluation of distance learning courses that are transferred to FSU. He suggested that this matter should be forwarded to one of the university-wide committees for review.

**Senator Pappo** expressed concern that credit card vendors being given permission to set up in Rankin Center. He also reminded Senators that there is a Senate bill pending that would provide Michigan students with free tuition for their first two years of college.

**X. Adjournment – President Konrad** adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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Cindy Konrad, President