

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 03, 2000
10:00 a.m.
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order: President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Clarke, Conati, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hancock, Hanna, Johnson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Lovsted, Nagel, Nista, Palmer, Papo, Parry, Pilgrim, Peterson-Klein, Ryan, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stern, Thapa, Vermeer, Westhoven

Senators Absent: Carlton-Smith, Drake(excused), Jablonski (excused), Loesch, Winger, Hanna, Krumins (excused), Nelson (excused)

Guests: Tom Oldfield, Douglas Haneline, Ann Breitenwischer, Vincent King, Karlton Gray, Richard Cochran

III. **Approval of Minutes**

September 5, 2000 minutes will be included in the November 7, 2000 Senate packet.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Ryan announced that two programs in Allied Health have been given notice that they may have faculty positions retrenched. Those programs are Opticianry and Environmental Health Safety Management.

Senator El-Saidi expressed a concern regarding the advertising of BS degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences for Operations Research and Statistics. Both degrees list identical course requirements. **President Konrad** stated that she would send a note to the Mathematics department inviting them to the Senate to respond to questions. **See Attachment A.**

Senator Papo expressed concerns regarding the retrenchment of a program that is currently undergoing Academic Program Review. **Dr. Vincent King**, Chair, Academic Program Review Council, stated that the report is due in January 2001.

V. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of pending action items (**See Attachment B**). All Senators were sent via e-mail the University Curriculum Committees' response to the Final Report of the Curriculum Development and Approval Task Force. This document will be an agenda item in November.

B. **Senate Governance Committee – Senator Papo** provided Senators with a current University-wide Committee Assignment list and asked for volunteers to fill the Distinguished Teacher Committee, the Academic Policy and Standards Committee, the International Advisory Committee and SAFAC.

President Konrad reminded Senators that there is a vacancy on the Academic Program Review Panel as a result of the illness of Senator Balcerzak. If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact President Konrad or the Academic Senate Office.

Senator Griffin inquired as to the steps to take to allow the Substance Abuse Task Force to become a standing Senate committee. **President Konrad** advised him to bring a proposal from the Committee to the Senate for approval.

President Konrad introduced Karlton Gray, Associated Student Government representative. Karlton advised the Senate that SAFAC meets on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in Rankin Center 232.

VI. New Business

- A. **Senate Vacancy – President Konrad** advised Senators that there is a Senate vacancy from the College of Business unit. **Motion by Senator Ferdowski, with support from Senator El-Saidi** to appoint **Harold Palmer** to the Academic Senate. Motion passes.
- B. **Arts and Lectures Committee Mission Statement - Senator Papo**, with support from **Senator Nagel**, moved to approve the revised mission statement of the Arts and Lectures Committee. **President Konrad** advised the Senate that the members of the Arts and Lectures Committee voted to approve the new mission statement at their first meeting of this academic year. **(See Attachment C)** **Senator Aiken** provided the Senators with a document **(See Attachment D)** indicating his concern that the mission statement was changed without following procedures required in the Academic Senate Charter. After a brief discussion, **Senator Parry** calls the question, with support from **Senator Squicciarini**. Question passes. Motion passes.

VII. Announcements

- A. **Associate Vice President Oldfield** distributed a report from Dr. Chapman **(See Attachment E)** and responded to questions.
- B. **President Konrad** introduced **Shari Chamberlain** the new Senator from the Librarian/Counselor unit. She also reminded Senators that there would be two meetings in November, one on the 7th at 10:00 a.m. and one on November 21 at 7 p.m. in the Centennial Dining Room. The latter meeting will address Academic Program Review recommendations.

VIII. Open Forum

Senator Nagel expressed a concern regarding the wording of acceptance letters being sent to new students at Ferris. He thought they over emphasized job placement statistics. **Senator Nagel** also suggested that at upcoming Senate Retreats that part of the time be used as a training session. He suggested the sessions include review of the Senate charter, Roberts Rules of Order, the Senate committee structure, and other Senate procedures.

Senator Ryan suggested that all committee minutes and other pertinent information be sent to the Senate on a regular (monthly) basis, and perhaps be added to a Senate Web Page.

Senator Thapa expressed a concern regarding the voting on the Arts and Lectures mission statement. He suggested that when few people vote there should be a show of hands vote.

Dean Cochran informed the Senators that \$109,000 per computer consortia would be distributed for the purchase of new computers.

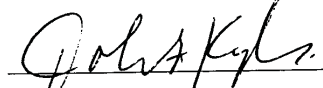
Senator Papo, with support from Senator Ryan moved to suspend the rules of order to allow Senator Nagel to make a motion during the Open Forum. Motion passes.

Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Griffin, moved to form a task force to make recommendations to the Senate on the university's policies regarding a "Net Centered" campus and related issues. **Senator Palmer** asked about the composition of the committee, how they would be chosen, and when they would report to the Senate. Friendly amendment proposed by **Senator Papo** to have the committee be appointed by **President Konrad**, be at least 7 members, and to report to the Senate by January, 2001 Senate meeting. Friendly amendment accepted. Motion passes. Volunteers should e-mail **President Konrad** or the Academic Senate Office as soon as possible.

Senator Ryan suggested again that the Academic Senate might need to schedule additional Senate meetings.

IX. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Cindy Konrad, President