

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2001 – 5:00 p.m.
Business Building, Room 211**

I. **Call to Order:** President Konrad called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Chamberlain, Clarke, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Johnson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Palmer, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Ryan, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Thapa, Vermeer.

Senators Absent: Conati (excused), Griffin (excused), Hancock (excused), Hanna (excused), Jablonski (excused), Klope (excused), Krumins (excused), Nelson (excused), Nista (excused), Parry (excused), Pilgrim, Stern (excused), Westhoven (excused).

Guests: Gregory Frazier, Sue Hammersmith, Tom Oldfield, Vincent King, Suzanne Chandler, Betsy Brown, John Thorp, Richard Ball, Geeta Menon, John Fairbanks, Donald Roy, Don Flickinger, Roxanne Cullen, Mike Cron, John Valas, Dan Ding, David Frank, Robert McCullough, Sally Johnson, Vivian Nazar, Ron Shepler, George Wales, Fred Wyman, Sandy Alspach, Jim Hoerter.

III. **Announcements**

President Konrad announced that Old Business Item F of the agenda has been removed.

IV. **Old Business**

A. Health, Illness and Society Minor – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nagel moves to approve the Health, Illness and Society minor. Following a short discussion, **Senator Squicciarini moves to table the minor, with support from Senator Kowalkoski. Motion to table carries, 10 yeas, 9 nays.**

B. Multimedia Journalism Minor – Senator Papo, with support from Senator Nagel, moves to reopen for discussion and approval the Multimedia Journalism minor. Following a short discussion, motion to approve carries.

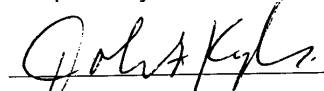
C. International Studies Minor – Senator Squicciarini, with support from Senator Abbasabadi, moves to reopen for discussion and approval the International Studies minor. Following a brief discussion, motion to approve carries.

D. Elementary Certification Option – M. Ed. Program – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nagel, moves to reopen for discussion and approval the Elementary Certification Option. Following a brief discussion, motion to approve carries.

E. Reading Certificate/Certification Option – M. Ed. Program – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nagel, moves to reopen for discussion and approval the Reading Certificate/Certification Option. Dr. Suzanne Chandler distributed a letter from the State Board of Education (See Attachment A) indicating its approval of this option at the State level. Following a brief discussion, motion to approve carries.

- F. Six Credits Overlap Between Minors – Motion by Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Lovsted,** to approve the University Curriculum Committee policy to allow 6 credits of overlap between minors. Following a brief discussion, motion to approve carries.
- G. AAS Nursing – Admission Requirement – Motion by Senator Squicciarini, with support from Senator Aiken** to open discussion on the revised admission requirements on the AAS Nursing program. Following a lengthy discussion, **President Konrad closes discussion.**
- V. New Business**
- A. Administrative Option – M. Ed. Program - Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Aiken,** moves to approve the new option for the program. Following a brief discussion, motion to approve carries.
- B. American Studies Minor – Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Aiken,** moves to approve the American Studies minor. Following a brief discussion, motion to approve the minor carries.
- C. Bachelor of Arts, Communication Major – Senator Loesch, with support from Senator Aiken,** moves to approve the Communication Major with a title correction (Communications to **Communication**). Following a brief discussion, motion to approve the major carries.
- D. Bachelor of Sciences, Finance – Senator El-Saidi, with support from Senator Palmer,** moves to approve the revised degree. Following a brief discussion the motion to approve carries.
- E. Bachelor of Science - Television and Digital Media Production Curriculum Revision – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Papo,** moves to approve the revisions. Following a brief discussion the motion to approve carries.
- F. Bachelor of Arts, Biology Major – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Loesch,** moves to approve the Biology major. Following a discussion, **Senator Nagel** calls the question. Question carries, main motion to approve the major carries.
- G. Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics Major – Senator Drake, with support from Senator Aiken,** moves to approve the Mathematics major. Following a brief discussion concerning the correction of an error on the checksheet, motion to approve carries.
- H. Interdisciplinary Humanities Master of Arts Degree – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Loesch,** moves to approve the Interdisciplinary Humanities Master of Arts degree. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Nagel** calls the question, with support from **Senator Aiken**. Question carries 15 yeas, and 5 nays. Main motion to approve carries, 13 yeas, 9 nays.
- VI. Adjournment – President Konrad** adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Cindy Konrad, President