

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, April 3, 2001 - 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:** Abbabasadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Clarke, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hancock, Hanna, Jablonski, Johnson, Kane, Klope, Konrad, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Nista, Palmer, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Ryan, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stern, Thapa, Vermeer, Westhoven

**Senators Absent:** Chamberlain (excused), Conati (excused), Key (excused), Kowalkoski (excused), Krumins (excused), Pilgrim, Wininger

**Guests:** Gregory Frazer, Barbara Chapman, Nancy Cooley, Sue Hammersmith, Jim Maas, Russell Hess, Shawn LaGasse, Jamie Brady, Walt Hoeskema, Dan Burcham, Mike Cron, Vince King, Stuart Travis, Richard Ball, Terry Doyle, John Thorpe, LeeAnn Westman, Don Flickinger, Ann Breintenwischer, Betsy Brown, Susan Jones, David Frank, Donald Roy, Suzanne Chandler, Roxanne Cullen, Sandy Alspach, Geeta Menon.

III. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion by **Senator Aiken**, support from **Senator Abbabasadi**, to approve minutes of March 13, 2001 as written. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

**Senator Ryan** inquired about the process that the Senate will take regarding the Opticianry decision. **President Konrad** responded by saying that the Senate will vote to endorse or not endorse the Conference Committee report. Either way, it is forward to the Academic Affairs Subcommittee.

V. **Committee Reports**

**University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted** provided Senators with a list of items that the UCC is currently reviewing (See Attachment A).

**Senator Ryan** asked **Senator Lovsted** if the Nursing program associates degree proposal would come before this body for approval. **Senator Ryan** requested that this proposal be added to the April 24 agenda.

**Senate Election Committee – Senator Ferdowski** distributed a roster of the 2001-2002 Academic Senate and a summary of faculty voting (See Attachment B), thanking committee members for their assistance. **President Konrad** reminded Senators that all Senate Executive Board positions are up for election on April 24, 2001, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in running for a vacant position, please notify John Kane by phone or email. Nominations will be taken from the floor at that meeting also.

VI. **Old Business**

A. **Opticianry Conference Committee Report – President Konrad** thanked participants of the Conference Committee. **Motion by Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Nista**, to

endorse the Conference Committee's report (Attachment C) to close the Opticianry Program at Ferris State University. During discussion it was noted the Dean of Allied Health had not commented on the review process. With permission from **President Konrad**, Dean Frazer distributed his response to the Opticianry Program Review Report (Attachment D). After further discussion, **Senator Papo with support from Senator Aiken** calls the question. Questions carries, 21 yeas, 8 nays. Main motion fails, 5 yeas, 21 nays.

- B. Admissions Standards Review Committee Report – Motion by Senator Klope, with support from Senator Nagel**, to support the recommendations of the committee. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Abbasabadi, with support from Senator Papo calls the question**. Question carries. Motion carries.
- C. Bachelor of Science in E-Commerce Marketing – Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Palmer**, moved to approve the new degree. Following discussion, motion carries.
- D. Elementary Certification Option – M. Ed. Program – Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Clark**, moved to approve the Certification Option. Following a brief discussion, **Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Griffin**, moved table the issue. Motion to table passes, 16 yeas, 12 nays.
- E. Reading Certificate/Certification Option – M. Ed. Program – Motion by Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Clark**, to approve the option. Following a brief discussion, **Senator Carlton-Smith, with support from Senator Griffin**, moved to table the item. Motion to table carries.
- F. Art History Minor - Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Nagel**, moved to approve the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries. 21 yeas, 4 nays.
- G. Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor – Senator Carlton-Smith, with support from Senator Loesch**, moved to approve the new minor. **Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Speirs, calls the question**. Question carries, motion carries.
- H. Political Science Minor – Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Carlton-Smith**, moved to approve the new minor. Motion carries.

#### VII. Announcements

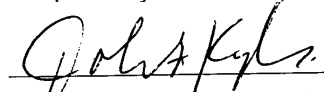
**Vice President Chapman** distributed brief written reports her office and from President Sederburg (See Attachments E and F).

#### VIII. Open Forum – Senator Stern requested that a different room be used for Senate meetings in the future, perhaps in FLITE.

**Senator Papo** suggested that the Senate consider having additional meetings or longer meetings.

#### IX. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,



Cindy Konrad, President