

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2001 - 10:00 a.m.
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: Abbabasadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Clarke, Conati, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hancock, Jablonski, Johnson, Kane, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Palmer, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Ryan, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Thapa, Vermeer, Westhoven

Senators Absent: Chamberlain (excused), Hanna, Key, Krumins (excused), Nista (excused) Pilgrim, Stern (excused), Wininger

Guests: Gregory Frazer, Barbara Chapman, Karlton Gray, Tom Oldfield, Douglas Haneline, James Brady, Vince King, Russ Hess, Mike Cairns, Terry Doyle, Dan Burcham, Shawn LaGasse, Ann Breitenwischer, Craig Westman, Ronnie Higgs, Richard Cochran, Nancy Cooley, Don Flickinger, Julian Easter, Betsy Brown, Suzanne Chandler, David Russell, David Frank

III. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion by **Senator Papo**, support from **Senator Thapa** to approve minutes of February 6, 2001 as written. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

Ann Breitenwischer reported that the opening of the Library was a success.

Richard Cochran, announced the Library's new hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8 am until midnight, Friday - 8 am until 9 pm, Saturday - 9 am until 6 pm, and Sunday - 1 pm until midnight. The extended hour area of the building is open 24 hours a day.

Marcy Parry presented the Senate with a document titled *Current Minors at FSU as of October 2000* (Attachment A), as well as a list of questions and concerns.

Vordyn Nelson urged the Senators to support the Admissions Standards document that was submitted to the Senate at it's February meeting.

V. **Committee Reports**

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

Senate Election Committee – Senator Ferdowski advised the Senate that elections would be held on March 27 and 28, 2001, and that all units have full nominee lists.

Assistant Vice President Haneline reported the Extranet Committee has been meeting regularly and will continue to do so for the next month. He is currently preparing a summary for distribution to the Senators.

Karlton Gray, ASG representative, reported that student government elections were held recently and stated that a faculty member is still needed for the SAFAC Committee.

VI. Old Business

Academic Program Review – Dr. Vincent King

Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Aiken, for approval of the February 6, 2001 recommendation of the Academic Program Review Committee for the Opticianry program at Ferris State University.

Dr. King advised the Senators of an additional piece of information that was unavailable for the last Senate meeting. The cost of the Opticianry program per credit hour is \$287.39. The original figure given Senators was \$398.74 per credit hour.

Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Parry** offered a friendly amendment to add *1 year to the original recommendation of four years to reach its goal*, and striking the last sentence on page 3 of the February 6, 2001 recommendation. **Friendly amendment accepted.**

Senator Ferdowsi calls the question, with support from **Senator Papo**. Question passes. Motion passes unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Modification of University Policy on Academic Minors (See Attachment C)

Senator Lovsted, with support from **Senator Bandstra**, moved to approve the following statement on Academic Minors: **A student may complete any approved academic minor as a component of a baccalaureate degree.** Following discussion, **Senator Klope** called the question. Question passes. Motion passes.

Senator Lovsted, with support from **Senator Papo**, moved to approve the following statement on Academic Minors: **A maximum of 1/3 of the credits in a minor may overlap with the student's major.** Motion passes.

Senator Lovsted, with support from **Senator Papo**, moved to approve the following statement on Academic Minors: **Students may not apply minors with overlapping courses to their degree program.** Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Nagel**, with support from **Senator Ryan**, moved to table. Motion to table passes.

B. Multimedia Journalism Minor

Senator Lovsted, with support from Senator Griffiin, moved to approve the Multimedia Journalism minor. Following a discussion with many unanswered questions, **Senator Papo, with support from Senator Abbabasabadi**, moved to table. Motion to table passes.

C. International Studies Minor

Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Lovsted, moved to approve the International Studies minor. Following a discussion with many unanswered questions, **Senator Abbabasabadi, with support from Senator Klope**, moved to table. Motion to table passes.

D. Cell and Molecular Biology Minor

Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nagel, moved to approve the Cell and Molecular Biology minor. Following a brief discussion, **Senator Papo calls the question. Question passes.** Motion passes.

E. Arts Management Minor

Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Johnson, moved to approve the Arts Management Minor. Following a brief discussion, motion passes.

Due to time constraints, **President Konrad** moved remaining curriculum items to the April 3 Academic Senate meeting.

VIII. Announcements

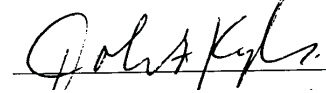
Vice President Chapman distributed brief written reports her office and from President Sederburg (See Attachments D and E).

President Konrad reminded the Senator of the upcoming election.

IX. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,



Cindy Konrad, President