

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 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: Abbasadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Chamberlain, Conati, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Hancock, Hanna, Jablonski, Johnson, Kane, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nelson, Nista, Palmer, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Ryan, Shepler, Speirs, Stern, Squicciarini, Westhoven, Vermeer

Senators Absent: Clarke, Griffin (excused), Nagel (excused), Thapa (excused), Krumins (excused), Wininger

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, Ann Breintenwischer, Vincent King, John Thorp, Richard Ball, Connie Boogaard, Don Flickinger, Roxanne Cullen, David Frank, Sue Hammersmith, Sandy Alspach, Jim Maas

III. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion by **Senator Conati**, support from **Senator Kowalkoski** to approve minutes of December 5, 2000. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Pilgrim reminded Senators of the Martin Luther King Jr. faculty/staff in-service will be held January 15, 2001, 10 a.m. to noon in the President's Room, Rankin Center. Please call 591-2735 to make lunch reservations.

V. **Old Business**

Motion by Senator Ferdowsi, with support from **Senator Abbasadi**, to open for discussion the second reading for the Bachelor of Arts degree proposal.

Senator Abbasadi offered a friendly amendment to the main motion that the focus be on the format of the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Senator Klope presented Senators with his list of concerns regarding the Bachelor of Arts proposal. (Attachment A).

Senator Parry circulated a document prepared by Allied Health Senators comparing the proposal with Liberal Arts degree requirements at other universities. (Attachment B).

Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo** calls the question, with support from **Senator Stern**. Question fails, 14 yeas, 17 nays.

Senator Vermeer, with support from **Senator Ferdowsi**, moves to table the discussion. Motion fails, 14 yeas, 18 nays.

Senator Pilgrim calls the question, with support from **Senator Ryan**. Question passes 21 yeas, 13 nays.

Senator Drake asks for paper ballots, with support from **Senator Klope**.

Senator Pilgrim moves, with support from **Senator Ryan**, to approve the Bachelor of Arts degree format (See Attachment C). 20 yeas, 13 nays, motion carries.

President Konrad announced that remaining agenda items would be added to the January 16 Senate meeting agenda.

VI. Announcements

Vice President Chapman gave a brief report of Academic Affairs activities (See Attachment D).

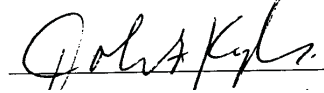
President Konrad advised Senators that there would be a Senate meeting on January 16, 2001, in the Centennial Dining Room, Rankin Center.

VII. Open Forum

Senator Carlton-Smith suggested that the WebCT systems be added as an agenda item at a future Senate meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – President Konrad adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Cindy Konrad, President