

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2002 – 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: Aiken, Cron, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Conati, Drake, Ek, El-Saidi, Griffin, Kantar, Key, Klope, Ferdowski, Hall, Jablonski, Johnson, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Lovsted, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Parry, Parks, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Ryan, Shepler, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Westhoven, Zobeck

Senators Absent: Abbasabadi (excused), Hall, Kowalkoski (excused), Ngoh (excused), Speirs (excused), Thapa (excused)

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, Laurie Chesley, Richard Cochran, Sue Hammersmith, Chuck Matrosic, David Nicol, William Sederburg, Vincent King, Clare Cook, Ron McKean, Andy Karafa, David Frank, Don Flickinger, David Hanna, John Schmidt, Dan Adsmoond, Keith Jewett, Susan Morris, David Kelson, Lee Templin, Kathy Radford

III. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Papo, to approve the March 5, 2002, and the March 19, 2002 meeting minutes. Motion carries

IV. Open Forum

Senator Zobeck informed the Senate that the Library/Historical/Archival Committee approved an increase in the lost book fee. Additional information will be provided to Senators via email.

Senator Pilgrim suggested that this issue should be discussed further.

Senator Ryan expressed a concern regarding the process for reviewing part-time faculty who are not on campus and part-time faculty who are not part of Ferris State University.

V. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – Chuck Drake, Chair, provided the Senators with a report of actions taken by the UCC during the past month. Information is also available on the FSU Web site. See Attachment A for complete details.

B. Senate Election Committee – Leonard Johnson, Chair, informed Senators that election results were distributed campus-wide via email and thanked all those who assisted with the election. He reminded Senators that the election of officers for the next academic year will take place during the second hour of the April 30 Senate meeting.

VI. New Business

A. New Bachelor of Arts Major – Biochemistry- Motion by Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Ferdowski, to discuss and approve the new major. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.

B. Curriculum Update – Computer Networks and Systems Program – Motion by Senator Klope, with support from Senator Aiken, to discuss and approve the updates to the curriculum. Motion carries.

C. Academic Program Review – International Business Interim Report – Dr. Vincent King Motion by Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Klope to discuss and approve the recommendations provided. Following a short discussion, motion carries.

- D. **Athletic Advisory Committee – Lee Templin, Chair – Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Nagel** to discuss and approve the “Excused Absence Policy” for University sponsored activities. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo calls the question, question carries. Show of hands vote on approval: 11 yeas, 17 nays, motion fails.**
- D. **College of Business Accreditation Report – Dr. David Nicol**, provided Senators with an oral report on the progress of the accreditation to be completed in the 2003-2004 academic year.
- E. **Race/Ethnicity/Gender Requirements – Dr. Laurie Chesley** provided Senators with a list of currently approved courses that satisfy the Race/Ethnicity/Gender requirements (See Attachment B). Following a lengthy discussion, **President Konrad** ended discussion and advised Senators this issue and the remaining agenda items would be discussed at the April 4, 2002, 11 a.m. Academic Senate meeting.

VII. Announcements

- A. **President Sederburg** provided Senators with a brief report of activities in his office. See Attachment C for details.
- B. **Vice President Chapman** updated Senators on searches being conducted, advised Senators that final reports on Post-Tenure review and the SAI had been received and would be forwarded to Senators very soon. She reminded Senators that Academic Honors Convocation would occur on Sunday, April 7 and the Faculty Recognition Dinner would be held on April 24.
- C. **President Konrad** reminded Senators of the meeting on Thursday, April 4, at 11 a.m.

VIII. Open Forum

Senator Nelson reminded Senators that the “Excused Absence Policy” defeated today does not only affect athletes; it affects any student who might travel to any university-sponsored field trip.

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

David Aiken, Secretary

Cindy Konrad, President