

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Thursday, April 4, 2002 – 11:00 a.m.  
President's Room, Rankin Center**

**I. Call to Order: President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

**II. Attendance**

**Senators Present:** Aiken, Bandstra, Cron, Carlton-Smith, Conati, Ek, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Hall, Jablonski, Johnson, Griffin, Kantar, Key, Klope, Konrad, Liszewski, Lovsted, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parry, Ryan, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Zobeck

**Senators Absent:** Abbasabadi (excused), Drake (excused), Hall, Kantar, Key (excused), Kowalkoski (excused), Ngoh (excused), Parks (excused), Speirs (excused), Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim (excused), Westhoven (excused)

**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, Laurie Chesley, Roxanne Cullen, Kenneth Kuk, David Frank, John Schmidt, Mary Murnik, Andy Karafa.

**III. Open Forum**

**Senator Nagel moved, with support from Senator Griffin** to reverse the order of the agenda for today's meeting. Motion carries.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Academic Affairs Policy Letters – Dr. John Schmidt**

**Motion by Senator Papo, with support from Senator Aiken,** to open for discussion the Academic Affairs Policy letters dealing with second degrees and graduation. Motion carries.

**Dr. John Schmidt, Chair, Academic Policies and Standards Committee,** distributed all policies addressed by this committee. Policy letter 02:06 (revised March 22, 2002) deals with a second baccalaureate degree or second Associates degree. Policy letter 02:07 (revised April 3, 2002) deals with graduation. (See Attachment A)

**B. Race/Ethnicity/Gender Requirements – Dr. Laurie Chesley** distributed to Senators a list of courses recently receiving an "R" designation.

**Motion by Senator Klope, with support from Senator Aiken,** that all Race/Gender/Ethnicity courses be kept the same as those effective on August 20, 2001, from now until the end of the 2002-2003 academic year. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo with the support of Senator Aiken,** added the friendly amendment that courses listed on the handout ("green sheet" entitled Courses that meet the Race/Ethnicity/Gender Criteria – See Attachment B) presented to the Senate on April 2, 2002, be added to courses already receiving the "R" designation for a period of one year. **Senator Thapa calls the question. Question carries. Main motion carries.**

**V. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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Cindy Konrad, President