

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

April 24, 2012

Members in Attendance: Abbabasabadi, Alspach, Baker, Berghoef, Brandy, Ciaramitaro, Cook, Dakkuri, Daugherty, Dixon, Drake, Fox, Gillespie, Griffin, Haneline, Isler, Jewett, Joyce, Lashaway-Bokina, Liszewski, Luplow, Maike, Marion, McLean, Moore, Nagel, Nash, Nystrom, Prakasam, Stone, Sun, Thapa

Members absent with cause: Hanna, Klatt, Sanderson, Lovsted

Members absent: Boncher, McNulty, Reynolds,

Ex Officio and Guests: Burcham, Cron, Erickson, Flickinger, Nicol, Blake, Vasicek, Quigley, Tymmes, Walling, Strasser:

1.	President Doug Haneline convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m and opened the floor for comments
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes.</p> <p>Senator Jewett moved to approve the April 3, 2012 minutes as written. Senator Marion seconded. Secretary noted the changes under the annualized workload policy of the “#” and the phrase “the will to may” in quotations. Motion carried</p>
3.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. Senator Thapa made a comment about the use of chewing tobacco and how he wishes it to be banned within a building in the way that smoking has. Vice-President Burcham said that he would review the rules relating to that. .</p>
4.	<p>Officer Reports</p> <p>A. President Haneline said that the SEC will have one final meeting to vote on the recommendations about the Distinguished Teacher Committee by as presented by Senator Dakkuri at the April 3rd meeting</p> <p>B. Vice-President Berghoef said that the committees have worked very hard this year and three have reviewed suggestions for a proposed restructuring (Athletic Advisory Committee, International Education Committee and Library/Historical/Archival Committee) While 100% of the student seats have been filled, he hopes the new vice-president will continue to work with Student Government to make sure that they are active participants. There is still more work to do with other committees.</p> <p>C. Secretary Isler had no report.</p>
5.	<p>Revised Mission Statement- Athletic Advisory Committee</p> <p>Senator Nagel moved to accept the revised mission statement of the Athletic Advisory Committee members. Senator Griffin seconded. Committee chair Phil Walling was present to answer questions. Senator Nagel thanked Chair Walling for making the changes suggested at the April 3rd meeting. Motion carried.</p>
6.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Senator Alspach reviewed the annual report for the University Curriculum Committee. The new manual and procedures will be going into effect in the fall semester- and they will be having training during Faculty Week. She emphasized the process and efficiency, including the meetings outside of the UC meeting with registrar staff. Senator Drake asked if this was a change from past procedure that was changing the faculty role? Senator Alspach said no- it was a pre-meeting had with registrar staff to clear up technical issues/paperwork that used to occur as part of the regular meeting.</p> <p>B. Associate Vice-Provost Flickinger noted that survey results are being reviewed and the categories in which outcomes are achieved (within major, outside major, outside of a course). The final outcomes list will be ready for the Senate retreat. The next year will be spent on the implementation of achieving those outcomes. He thanked the chairs Doug Haneline and Fred Heck for all of their hard work.</p>
7.	<p>Senate Substance Abuse Committee Name Change to Health Promotions/Substance Abuse Prevention.</p> <p>Senator Liszewski moved to change the name to the Health Promotions/Substance Abuse Promotion. Senator Thapa seconded. Senator Liszewski spoke about the history of the committee and how it was originally named based on FIPSE grants which are no longer in existence. Senator Nagel asked if the substance abuse problem has</p>

	decreased since the committee was named? Senator Liszewski said yes, but it is still a part of what they do. The new name reflects the wider scope of what the committee is actually doing (including participation in Relay for Life) and will help to recruit faculty members. Senator Berghoef asked if this type of name is more common for this type of committee. Senator Liszewski said yes. The motion passed.
11.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. President Eisler thanked the 2011-2012 senate for all the work that they have done.</p> <p>B. Provost Erickson said that the College of Engineering Technology deans search has been completed and he hopes to make announcements about the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Health Professions shortly. There was a change in faculty awards- they had a private dinner for winners and were announced at the employee service awards. There will be a larger faculty celebration after the Senate retreat during faculty week. The Jim Crow dedication on April 26 has attracted a lot of positive nation attention.</p> <p>C. President Haneline recognized outgoing senators and all those who participate in the well functioning committee system. He also thanked Paula Hadley, without whose assistance, the Senate would not work as well.</p>
11.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. Senator Nagel noted the major changes in the UCC manual and TracDat as issues that continue to change and may warrant further faculty training</p> <p>B. Senator Griffin thanked the Senate Executive Committee for all the work they do</p> <p>C. Senator Cook said that greater participation needs to be encouraged for faculty week.</p> <p>D. Director of Grants and Research Karen Strasser encouraged faculty to come to the Research Renegades reception to learn about what is being done. Senator Stone noted while the new incentives are nice, the lack of ability to take time off precludes some departments from being able to utilize them.</p>
12.	Senator Thapa moved for adjournment at 10:47. Senator Jewett seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary