

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, April 30, 2002 – 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:** Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Cron, Conati, Drake, Ek, Ferdowski, Jablonski, Johnson, Griffin, Kantar, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Lovsted, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parks, Parry, Pilgrim, Ryan, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Zobeck

**Senators Absent:** Carlton-Smith, El-Saidi, Hall, Key, Speirs, Peterson-Klein, Westhoven

**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Laurie Chesley, Richard Cochran, Joanne Gerst, Chuck Matrosic, Tom Oldfield, William Potter, William Sederburg, Michelle Johnston, Vincent King, Frank Crowe, Cecil Queen, Sue Pennock, Teresa Brown, Mary Murnik, Andy Karafa, Marc Sheehan, Mike Feutz, Jan Anderson, Ken Lorincz, Michael Walter, Don Flickinger, Susan Morris

III. **Approval of Minutes – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Kowalkoski,** to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2002, and April 4, 2002 Academic Senate meetings. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

**Senator Shepler** expressed a concern regarding the lack of part-time senate representation. An election will be held in the fall for 2 part-time faculty representatives.

**Senator Pilgrim** expressed his feelings regarding the use of FTE's as a synonym for productivity and suggests an open discussion about the way productivity is defined at Ferris State University.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. **Academic Program Review Centers of Excellence Award – Dr. Vincent King**

Dr. King presented the awards to the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Program to the Academic Department Head Mike Feutz and to the Criminal Justice Program Department Head Frank Crowe.

B. **University Curriculum Council – Chuck Drake – Senator Drake** presented Senators with a list of items reviewed by the UCC (See Attachment A). The UCC will meet on Friday, May 3, 2002 to review two items that will require a special meeting of the Senate during finals week.

C. **University-wide Committees – Vice President Papo** informed the Senators of year-end reports included in the Senate packet. As other reports arrive at the Senate office they will be distributed. Senator Parks expressed a concern regarding the use of the fourth Tuesday for other meetings, resulting in committee meetings with low attendance.

V. **Old Business**

**University General Education Committee – President Konrad** updated Senators on the most recent information regarding this committee (See Attachments B and C).

VI. **New Business**

**MISM Interim Report – Dr. Vincent King - Dr. King** advised Senators that this program has undergone extensive reorganization and is now in compliance with the accreditation requirements for the College of Business. A complete review will take place in 2004-2005 (See Attachment D). **Motion by Senator Aiken**, with support from **Senator Nagel** to support the recommendation. **Motion carries.**

**President Konrad** present Dr. King with a gift certificate and thanked him again for his years of dedicated leadership to the Academic Program Review Council.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg** announced that the first stage of plans has been approved for the College of Optometry and Optometry Clinic and distributed to Senators a copy of “Indicators of Health and Success” (See Attachment D).
- B. Vice President Chapman** asked Senators to send comments regarding the Academic Plan to her office no later than May 13. She updated Senators regarding various searches. See Attachment E for complete details. The Summer Task Force Report will be discussed at the Senate Retreat in August, 2002.

**VIII. Open Forum – No comments at this time.**

**IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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Cindy Konrad, President