

Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, February 05, 2002 – 10:00 a.m.
President's Room, Rankin Center

I. **Call to Order: President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Carlton-Smith, Conati, Cron, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Griffin, Hall, Jablonski, Johnson, Kantar, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Lovsted, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Parks, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Westhoven, Zobeck

Senators Absent: Ek (excused), Pilgrim (excused)

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, Laurie Chesley, Chuck Matrosic, Vincent King, Sue Hammersmith, William Sederburg, Joanne Gerst, Heather Kchodl, Don Flickinger, Susan Morris, Don Roy, David Frank, Charles Bacon, John Thorp, Dan Adsmond

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Ryan, moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2002 Senate meeting as written. Motion carries.

IV. **Open Forum**

President Konrad introduced the new Student Government representative Heather Kchold.

Senator Ryan thanked Dr. Chapman for the late enrollment information and suggested a regular meeting or review for all departments involved with enrollment.

Dean Hammersmith invited all Senators to a meeting on March 7 at 11 a.m. in the President's Room. As the chair of the Internal Assessment Committee, she urged Senators to attend.

VI. **Committee Reports**

A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake,** Chair, presented the Senators with a report of UCC Actions (See Attachment A). He advised Senators that there is an effort to get the "On Course" part of SIS operational, so a decision must be made regarding the term to be used. Following discussion, it was decided that "concentration" would be the word designated for the computer system.

B. **Academic Senate Elections – Senator Johnson, Chair, Senate Election Committee,** advised Senators that election of new members will be held on March 26 & 27, 2002 and distributed the apportionment memo (See Attachment B. Information will be distributed soon regarding these elections.

V. **Old Business**

A. **Academic Senate Policy and Procedures – Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Aiken,** moved to approve the following:

1. Conference Committee Process
2. Filling A Vacant Senate Seat, and
3. Selection of Committee Members

Following a lengthy discussion, motion carries. **President Konrad** advised Senators that the Senate Executive Board would meet with Dr. Chapman in the near future regarding this issue.

- B. **University Graduate and Professional Council Mission Statement – Senator Loesch, with support from Senator Ryan**, moved to reopen discussion and approve the University Graduate and Professional Mission Statement (See Attachment C). **Senator Peterson-Klein** distributed copies of Standard of Accreditation imposed upon the Michigan College of Optometry for consideration (See Attachment D).

Senator Lovsted, with support from Senator Cron, offered a friendly amendment to main motion “*strike and Professional*” from the document. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Parry** calls the question. Question carries. Motion to amend fails.

Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Griffin, offered a friendly amendment to main motion to include the following definition in the mission statement: “For the purposes of this document the term professional refers to the OD degree and the PharmD. degree on this campus.” Motion to amend carries.

Senator Parks, with support from Senator Abbasabadi, offered a friendly amendment to main motion to include the following statement in objective number one of the proposed mission statement: “These recommendations should not supercede the requirements of accrediting bodies for those programs with accrediting bodies.”

Senator Papo calls the question. Question carries. Motion to amend main motion fails.

Senator Drake, with support from Senator Nagel, moves to strike the work “curricular” from the reporting procedure statement of the mission statement. Motion carries.

VII. New Business

- A. **Bachelor of Arts – Chemistry Major – Senator Abbasabadi, with support from Senator Griffin**, moved to approve the new major. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.
- B. **Bachelor of Arts – English Literature Minor – Senator Carlton-Smith, with support from Senator Jablonski**, moved to approve the new minor. Following a short discussion, **Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Ferdowski**, moved to table the remaining agenda items to the regular March 5 Senate meeting. Motion carries, 21 yeas, 12 nays.

VIII. Announcements

- A. **President Sederburg** provided Senators with a brief update on campus issues. (See Attachment E).
- B. **Vice President Chapman** updated Senators on various searches and other items of interest. (See Attachment F)
- C. **President Konrad** advised Senators that Dr. Jack Buss would be the Chair of the Academic Program Review Committee. Members are needed from the following colleges: FLITE, Optometry and Education. She reminded Senators that the Quality Improvement Committee is also seeking a representative from the Senate.

IX. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

David Aiken, Secretary

Cindy Konrad, President