

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

January 10, 2012

Members in Attendance: Abbasibadi, Alspach, Baker, Berghoef, Brandy, Ciaramitaro, Cook, Dakkuri, Daugherty, Dixon, Drake, Fox, Gillespie, Griffin, Haneline, Hanna, Ilser, Jewett, Joyce, Klatt, Lashaway-Bokina, Liszewski, Lovsted, Luplow, Maike, Marion, McLean, Moore, Nagel, Nash, Nystrom, Prakasam, Reynolds, Stome, Sun, Thapa

Members absent with cause: Sandersson

Members absent: Boncher, McNulty

Ex Officio and Guests: Burcham, Eisler, Erickson, Flickinger, Green, Heck, Johnson, Johnston, Nicol, Pilgrim, Teahen, Strasser, Blake, Cairns, Wright, Norton, Heck, Quigley, Coon, Klarecki

1.	President Doug Haneline convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m and opened the floor for comments. He made a brief comment on two items- the movement of the location of the Academic Senate meeting to IRC 120 in order to accommodate a change in the scheduling system and the fact that Senators received via email that morning a memorandum from Robert vonderOosten commenting on issues with Blackboard training.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Jewett moved to approve the December 6, 2011 minutes as written. Senator Joyce seconded. Motion carried
3.	Open Forum A. Leonard Johnson encouraged Senators to attend the SPARC meeting in the West Campus Community Center on January 17, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.. They will be reviewing the response to the HLC report as sent out by President Eisler in a campus message. B. Senator Nagel said that he agreed with the Blackboard issues raised by vonder Oostern and perhaps the issue needed to be discussed in this meeting. Senator Dakkuri asked before any such discussion, how many senators had actually read the memo? Senator Marion noted that parts of these issues are being discussed by the standards and policies committee and Don Green had expressed an interest in getting input. C. Senator Alspach noted the Sports Speaker Series had Ira Childress, former student/FSU staff coming in to speak on Wednesday January 26 th in the Business Building. D. Senator Prakasam said that they had a new group of 60 international students this semester, and their numbers of 275 are well over the record enrollments for this category. Over half of those students are in the Intensive English Program but will eventually end up in degree granting programs.
4.	Officer Reports A. President Haneline had given his comments at the start of the meeting B. Vice-President Berghoef said that the task forces on faculty evaluation and the International Educator Award will be on the agenda for the February meeting. The library faculty are working on plans to revitalize the LHAC committee and it will be returning in the fall. C. Secretary Isler had no report.
5.	Committee Reports A. Senator Alspach noted that the UCC has four proposals on the agenda for the meeting. She also gave information about key changes in UCC policy operations in 2012 that will occur as a result of the manual changes approved by the Senate. These are found in the appendix of the manual. Key changes include in Appendix A- the encouragement of launching PCAFs, proposals and Gen Ed forms simultaneously, triggering PCAFs by 3 new courses and refining the non-degree offering. More information is being offered to the UCC on an informational basis. Diversity Officer David Pilgrim asked if there was a bottom limit for certificates/minors? Senator Alspach responded that they put minimums in but avoided maximums, although there is a general practice at when certificates become minors. Senaor Nystrom asked how 97 courses relate to faculty workload when a faculty members name is not on it? Senator Alspach responded this is an FFA contract issue which is not addressed in the manual. In Appendix B, participants are required to respond in 10 business days. Senator Dakkuri noted that in Appendix B- the

	<p>word “business” was left one under one bullet.</p> <p>B. Associate Vice-Provost Don Flickinger introduced the new Associate Vice-Provost Paul Blake who will be taking his co-chair spot on the General Education Task Force. He will continue to serve as a member. Fred Heck, task force member had come to present to the Senate on rubrics. In trying to come up with rubrics, it was realized that what was really needed was a criteria list for each outcome about what students are expected to accomplish. He presented a document of defining criteria and said that there would be a series of meetings scheduled at a college/departmental level in order to get better feedback than had been occurring in the open town hall formats. It will also be presented at leadership council, deans council and any other groups that people would let him know about. They need as much input as possible. Senator Prakasm asked why globalization is not a separate criteria although it is mentioned. Senator Ciaramataro agreed it needed to be its own criteria and cannot be combined with culture. Senator Griffin said that he was working with Tracey Busch to develop a set of outcomes/assessment on this project. Heck asked where would this fit into the philosophy statement. Does it need to be a specific added outcome? How would it be worded? Leonard Johnson, task for member, noted that this was the first step, which is to figure out where these outcomes fit coursewise. Senator Alspach agreed that it needed to be up front. Senator Nystrom asked on page 9 what was meant by a lifestyle outcome- he felt it was a poor word choice and should General Education be reflecting the nanny state. Senator Hanna and Griffin agreed it was a poor word choice. Senator Nagel, while he thought the model for critical reasoning was very good, the better term might be critical thinking. President Eisler commended all the task force members for all the work they have put into this document.</p>
6.	<p>Ornamental Horitculture Certificate Closure.</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to close the certificate. Seconded by Senator Griffin Senator Alspach noted was a cleanup as the program had already been previously deleted. Senator Nystrom asked if this affected any courses. Dean Strasser said no as the courses had already been deleted. Senator Joyce asked if the system had the checks and balances to prevent the issue where parts get deleted and others get overlooked. Dean Strasser said it was her error in following the processed back in the time while she was Biology Department head. Motion passed.</p>
7.	<p>BS Biology (Pre-Pharmacy)</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to accept this new concentration.. Seconded by Senator Nagel. Senator Alspach explained that with the new model of 3 years in pre-pharmacy, this will allow students to get a biology degree with only 1 more year and provide alternative careers for those who do not get into pharmacy school. Dean Strasser said that it also allowed students to earn both degrees. Vice-President Burcham said that this program is a great idea because it will help Ferris in increasing the completion rate. Senator Hanna asked if this will create any decreases for existing time. Dean Strasser said no, all of these courses and faculty are all ready in place. Motion passed.</p>
8.	<p>A.A.S. in Graphic Media Management.</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to accept the redirection of the PDGI AAS. Seconded by Senator Maike. Program coordinator Pat Klarecki was there to explain that the retirement of faculty and the redirection of the program resulted in a need to make radical changes. The profession is now more closely aligned with a business and marketing focus. This degree is necessary because of the TIP program and the need for a laddering degree. It is more well rounded than the previous program because it focuses less on the technical side. Motion passed.</p>
9.	<p>B.S. Graphic Media Management</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to approve the redirection of the BS in Graphic Media Management. Seconded by Rick Griffin. Senator Maike asked how many transfer in from the associates? Klarecki said not as many as they would like, but they are also targeting Illinois students who do not have an option within their state to get the 4 year degree. Senator Cook asked how this will fit into the Business Core and overload on current Business Faculty. Klarecki said that their existing 65 students are already taking a large part of the business core. Senator Hanna asked what portion of the curriculum is new? Klarecki said that at least 70% is semi-exisiting. Senator Moore asked where students are coming from? Klarecki noted that some start out in the graphic design program and end up in this program. Senator Hanna asked if this was a stand along vote on the curriculum or was it a vote on the placement of the program in the College of Business. Provost Erickson said the reorganization had already been voted on by the Senate last May. Senator Alspach said it was only a vote on the curriculum. Senator Cook asked where the program will physically go. Klarecki said this was still being worked out. Motion passed.</p>
10.	<p>Announcements</p>

	<p>A. Student Government President Danielle Balmer gave reported that their fist meeting was that evening. Upcoming events include the United We Stand event on February 8th (a 5 star event), the WILL conference on February 28th which they are working on with women’s organizations and the Big Event on April 14th. Senator Cook asked if they had contacted emeriti. President Balmer said she had not. Senator Sun suggested doing so through Mary Kay MacIver.</p> <p>B. President Eisler said that on January 18th the Governor would be giving his State of the State address. He also said that on January 25th he would give his presentation to the Senate Education Committee on the issue of community colleges giving baccalaureate degrees (this was rescheduled). There was a series of articles being published on the cost of higher education which while meant to create support for higher ed, may end up creating media interest in netprice.</p> <p>C. Provost Erickson noted that the biology program creation is an example of how Ferris State University is an academically nimble organizations. He recognized the international program for their growth and efforts. Feedback on the FLITE dean finalists are due to him by Friday. February 3rd in the first screening date for searches in Arts and Sciences, Allied Health Sciences and Engineering Technology. He also welcomed Paul Blake as the new Associate Provost. Engineering Technology has begun a planning process for their future and Bob Eastley has agreed to chair the committee</p>
11.	Open Forum
12.	Senator Griffin moved for adjournment at 11:45 a.m. Senator Joyce seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary