

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 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, Conati, Cron, Drake, Ek, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hall, Jablonski, Johnson, Kantar, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Lovsted, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Parks, Pilgrim, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Weber, Westhoven, Zobeck

Senators Absent: Carlton-Smith, Tomczyk (excused), Vermeer

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, David Nicol, Laurie Chesley, Chuck Matrosic, Vincent King, Richard Cochran, Sue Hammersmith, William Sederburg, Michael Terry, Katherine LaPietra, Don Flickinger, Gretchen Potter

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator El-Saidi, with support from Senator Aiken, moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2001 and the December 6, 2001 meetings as written. Motion carries.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Pilgrim announced that Martin Luther King Faculty/Staff In Service would be held on Monday, January 21, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the President's Room and concluding with a luncheon at noon. If you would like to attend lunch, please contact John Thorp at Ext. 2760.

VI. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake, Chair, advised Senators that the committee is reviewing ten (10) new proposals. The status of each proposal is listed on Attachment A of this document.

V. Old Business

A. Academic Program Review Committee General Recommendations – Motion by Senator Klope with support from Senator Aiken, to approve the general recommendations made by the Academic Program Review Committee in their memo dated November 27, 2001. Motion carries.

B. Ad Hoc Graduate Committee Mission Statement and Objectives - Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nagel, **to discuss and approve the mission statement and objectives distributed to Senators at the beginning of the meeting (See Attachment B).** Friendly amendment to main motion by Senator Johnson and accepted by Senators Aiken and Nagel **to delete the second sentence of the mission statement.** Friendly amendment by Senator Lovsted **to delete "and professional" from mission statement is rejected by Senators Aiken and Nagel.** Following a lengthy conversation, **motion carries. 18 yeas, 8 nays.** Motion by Senator Drake, with support from Senator Aiken, **to table discussion until the February 5, 2002 meeting. Motion carries.**

President Konrad asked Senators to send changes or comments to Paula at the Academic Senate Office, Bishop 626.

VII. New Business

- A. Academic Senate Policy and Procedures – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Klope** to open discussion of the first three policy and procedures documents (1. Conference Committee Process, 2. Filling Vacant Senate Seat, and 3. Selection of Committee Member – See Attachment C). Following a lengthy discussion, President Konrad closed discussion and asked Senators to send their comments and concerns to Paula at Bishop 626 or email them to her at Hadley-p@ferris.edu.
- B. Theater Arts Minor – Senator Loesch, with support from Senator Nagel, moved to support the new minor.** Following a brief discussion, motion carries.

VIII. Announcements

- A. President Sederburg** updated the Senators on the latest budget issues and other matters. He urged Senators to email support of the broadband legislation to the Governor's Office or to local legislators if interested. See Attachment D for complete list of items discussed.
- B. Vice President Chapman** updated Senators on ongoing searches, the planning process and the implementation of retention related recommendations. See Attachment E for complete list of items discussed.
- C. President Konrad** reminded Senators of the February 5 meeting. The E-Board will be contacting some members of the Senate to act as representatives for the Senate election.

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