

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5, 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, Carlton-Smith, Conati, Cron, Drake, Ek, El-Saidi, Ferdowsi, Hall, Johnson, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Lovsted, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Papo, Parry, Peterson-Klein, Parks, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Westhoven, Zobeck

**Senators Absent:** Griffin (excused), Jablonski (excused), Kantar, Key, Klope (excused), Ngho (excused), Westhoven

**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, John Thorp, Michelle Johnston, Lee Templin, Betsy Brown, David Nicol, Suzanne Chandler, Richard Cochran, Gregory Frazer

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Senator El-Saidi, with support from Senator Aiken,** moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2002 Senate meeting as written. Motion carries.

**IV. Open Forum**

**Senator Ryan** expressed concern regarding the guidelines for distance education.

**Senator Pilgrim** requested a College of Business accreditation status report be placed on the April 2, 2002 agenda.

**Senator Aiken** asked if mid terms grades are mandated. Complete information is available in the Academic Affairs newsletter.

**Senator Vermeer** inquired about the changes in courses that satisfy race, ethnicity and gender and asked that this item be placed on the April 2, 2002 agenda. It affects eight management programs and these faculty members had no input.

**Senator Kowalkoski** suggested the timing of these changes need to be appropriate.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**A. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake, Chair,** presented the Senators with a report of UCC Actions (See Attachment A).

**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. A list of nominees will be distributed campus-wide by the end of the week.

**C. Senator Papo, Senate Vice President,** advised Senators of two policies reviewed and accepted by the Senate Executive Board (See Attachment B). He then introduced Lee Templin, Chair, Athletic Advisory Committee. Mr. Templin asked to be added to the April 2, 2002 agenda, at which time he will present the revised "Excused Absence Policy for Students" policy.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. **English Literature Minor – Motion by Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Aiken,** to discuss and approve the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.
- B. **BS Public Administration Revisions – Motion by Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Aiken,** to discuss and approve the revisions presented. Following discussion, Senator Papo **calls the question. Question carries. Motion carries.**
- C. **Women and Gender Studies Minor – Motion by Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Aiken,** to discuss and approve the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. **Center of Excellence Award – Dr. Vincent King, Chair, Academic Program Review Council,** explained the requirements and the need for the establishment of the award. **Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Ferdowsi,** to approve this award. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo calls the question. Question carries.** Motion carries.
- B. **Masters of Education Option – Philanthropy Education Curriculum and Instruction – Motion by Senator Johnson, with support from Senator Aiken,** to approve the new option. Following a lengthy discussion regarding contact hours, **Senator Pilgrim moves to table, with the support for Senator Abbasabadi. Show of hands vote: 16 yeas, 9 nays.** Additional information will be forwarded to Senators and the item will be placed on the April 2 Academic Senate agenda.
- C. **Elementary Education Language Arts Minor – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Papo,** to discuss and approve the new minor. Following a short discussion, motion carries.
- D. **Desktop Publishing Minor – Motion by Senator Conati, with support from Senator Papo,** to discuss and approve the new minor. Following a short discussion, motion carries.
- E. **Motion by Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Parry,** to allow the Academic Senate Executive Committee authorization to schedule an additional Senate meeting on **March 19, or March 21, 2002, at 10 a.m.** for the purpose of clarification and discussion of the Masters of Education Option – Philanthropy Education Curriculum and Instruction. Motion carries.
- F. **College Name Change – Motion by Senator Cron, with support from Senator Aiken,** that the Academic Senate express to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President to consider an alternative name for the College of Allied Health Sciences. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Parry, with support from Senate Nelson,** calls the question. Question fails. Discussion continued, concluding with a show of hands vote: nine (9) yeas, nineteen (19) nays, motion fails. **Motion by Senator Pilgrim, with support from Senator Parry** to support the Board Resolution (Attachment C) as written regarding the name change for the College of Allied Health Sciences. Show of hands vote: twenty-two (22) yeas, six (6) nays. Motion carries.

**IX. Announcements**

- D. President Sederburg** provided Senators with a brief update on campus issues. The Timme Center for Students Services will be completed by June 1, 2002. Enrollment is looking good for Fall with the increased admission standards. (See Attachment D)
- E. Vice President Chapman** updated Senators on various searches and other items of interest. The Distinguished Teacher Award monetary amount awarded will be increased to \$1500 effective this year. (See Attachment E)
- F. President Konrad** advised Senators that they would meet with Dean Hammersmith on Thursday, March 7, at 11 am in the President's Room.

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

**XI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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Cindy Konrad, President