

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

March 13, 2012

Members in Attendance: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Baker, Berghoef, Brandly, Cook, Daugherty, Dixon, Drake, Fox, Gillespie, Griffin, Haneline, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Joyce, Klatt, Lashaway-Bokina, Liszewski, Maiké, Marion, Moore, Nystrom, Prakasam, Sanderson, Sun

Members absent with cause: Boncher, Ciaramitaro, Dakkuri, Lovsted, Luplow, Nagel, Nash, Thapa

Members absent: McLean, McNulty, Reynolds, Stone

Ex Officio and Guests: Eisler, Erickson, Nicol, Balmer, Blake, Rumpf, Vasick, Holmes, Karafa, Zimmerman, Lukusa-Barnett, Todd, Wancour, Heck

1.	President Doug Haneline convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and opened the floor for comments
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes.</p> <p>Senator Griffin moved to approve the February 7, 2012 minutes as written. Senator Marion seconded. Motion carried</p>
3.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. Piraam Prakasam, Office of International Education director encouraged Senators to participate in the International Festival of Cultures. New activities include a Wednesday wine-tasting event, an outside speaker and a World Affairs Council competition on Friday. The festival has been expanded to include a week of activities ending on April 15th. The festival has also been moved from its previous location in Rankin Student Center to the IRC.</p>
4.	<p>Officer Reports</p> <p>A. President Haneline welcomed Brenda Vasicek, president of the Emeriti Association as a guest. He noted that Jim Rumpf, president of the FAA was also in attendance at his invitation.</p> <p>He also brought up the issue of determining the issue of where the Senate should meet next year. He was taking comments so that the Senate could reserve a space this year. He said that her personal preference was the IRC location which was relatively technology friendly and did not have the setup costs of the West Campus Community Center. Senator Hanna commented that a problem with the current location was an inability to see the other Senators speaking (because of the lecture classroom style setup). Senators Griffin and Jewett agreed with that statement. Senator Drake also agreed, and suggested perhaps the Centennial Dining Room/Founders Room in Rankin. Senator Alspach noted that created parking issues and there was construction going on soon. President Eisler noted that the parking lot in Carlisle/Masselink would not be ready by Fall 2012 and he did not see any major renovations beginning to Rankin for the 2012-2013. President Haneline thanked Senators for the comments and will have a report at the April meeting .</p> <p>B. Vice-President Berghoef said that the task forces on faculty evaluation and the International Educator Award will be presenting their reports today. He thanked the individual members of the committee and asked Senators to make sure that committees get their annual reports in by April. These reports help faculty applying to be on a committee to realize what the committee does.</p> <p>C. Secretary Isler had no report.</p>
5.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Senator Alspach noted the Community Leadership/Public Advocacy program was on the agenda for a vote. This was last meeting at which to get courses approved for implementation in Fall 2012. The committee will be switching to the new forms coming out of the curriculum manual in the fall and they will be hosting a session on using them at Faculty Week.</p> <p>B. Fred Heck gave an update on the outcomes process for the General Education Task Force. The survey will be closing at the end of the day on Thursday, March 15th. They have met with all colleges and gotten</p>

	<p>input from a variety of faculty. They still hope to bring to the Senate in April revised outcomes- including the global criteria.</p> <p>C. President Haneline, for Senator Ciaramitaro , the chair of the elections committee (excused absence) went through the forms sent to the Senators about the elections. If anyone still wishes to run, it is not too late to turn in a nomination form- one does not need to run as a write-in. Paula Hadley-Kennedy said that each college will get a link which will connect them to the election ballot on March 28th. The ballots will be open for 48 hours.</p> <p>D. Student Government president Danielle Balmer gave her report. She reported on the annual W.I.L.L. conference, United we Stand event and the upcoming Big Event. Faculty/staff volunteers should contact Sherry Hayes. They will also be looking forward to faculty participation in the Pancakes with the President event on April 30th.</p> <p>E. Mary Holmes and Gloria Lukasa came to give an update on the Blackboard 9.1 project. She provided a brochure which lists faculty mentors and training schedules. 470 have begun the training, including 85 who have chosen the self-paced training. Phase 1 training will continue in May, June and July 2012. All courses must be run on Blackboard in Fall 2012. Dr. Lukasa passed out the checkoff scheduled and urged faculty to make sure that everyone knows the schedule and completes that. They need to understand the new system and be aware of Quality Matters issues. There are still 350 faculty who have not been checked off. Without being checked off, faculty cannot get a development shell. Senator Maiké asked if the Vista product will still be available for teaching in Summer 2012. Ms. Holmes said yes. Senator Cook asked when the patches were to be scheduled. Ms. Holmes said they were aiming for post-graduation but if that did not happen it would be at the end of summer classes. They will also at the same time be moving back to a self-hosted model. Senator Drake asked if Vista classes will be made available for transfer if not being taught again until Spring 2012. Ms. Holmes said yes but it would be much slower as servers were being transferred. Senator Marion reminded people that in Blackboard it is easier to rebuild than to transfer. Emeriti President Vasicek asked if emeriti who still taught needed to do the training. Ms. Holmes said yes if they were needing a development shell. Student Government President Balmer asked if the phone application had been activated. Ms. Holmes said yes but it only worked where wifi was available or on a Sprint plan.</p> <p>F. Senator Alspach reported on Ferris First activities. Copies of the most recent minutes were part of the Senate packet. She noted this group worked on proposals which are generated from multiple colleges. Any proposals should go to Susan Jones, College of Business. Later in the meeting Susan Wancour co-chair of the Academic Strategic Planning Council, said she attended her first meeting as the Senate representative.</p>
6.	<p>New Program in Community Leadership/Public Advocacy. Senator Alspach moved to approve the proposal. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Senator Alspach gave a history of the program and the changes made to accommodate requests from Business on the consultation forms This program has a multidisciplinary course checksheet and involves a practicum/mentoring component. Motion passed.</p>
7.	<p>Online Faculty Evaluation Task Force Recommendations Senator Berghoef moved to approve this report Seconded by Senator Marion. He thanked members of the task force. There are 3 tiers of recommendations- among the immediate ones are to house faculty evaluation through Academic Affairs with adequate clerical support and investigate the use of incentives. Senator Drake asked if it was possible to withhold a grade without doing the evaluation. Vice-President Berghoef said it was technically possible. Senator Lashaway-Bokina asked which colleges were using which form. Task force member Karafa did not have exact numbers but said that two colleges mandated the IDEA form and the College of Arts and Sciences was about 1/3 on it. Senator Isler asked what percentage of faculty evaluations were done online. That data was not calculable. Motion passed.</p>
8.	<p>Athletic Advisory Committee Mission President Haneline gave a brief report on this issue. Dr. Phil Walling, chair of the committee will be presenting at the April meeting. A consultant from the NCAA suggested a different committee structure in which it was appointed by the president. The committee likes the current model of faculty oversight and is working out how to combine both functions into a single committee. President Eisler said he is happy with the model of a faculty oversight committee.</p>

9.	<p>International Education Task Force Recommendations.</p> <p>Senator Joyce moved to approve this proposal. Seconded by Senator Sanderson. Task Force chair Dr. Christine Vonderhaar summarized the process and the recommendations. The committee should continue to exist, monitor the awards and support academic excellence in international education at FSU. She mentioned areas that are not quite within the scope of the task force charge but should be looked at- the role of further advisory committees and the issue of study abroad. OIE director Piraam Prakasam said that his office would welcome help from the committee in dealing with the curriculum nature of study abroad trips. Emeriti President Vasicek asked where the recommendation goes if passed. President Haneline said that the committee would be restructured to handle its new mission if necessary. Motion passed..</p>
10.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. President Eisler said Ferris did well with the governor’s proposed budget although he was uncertain how it would fair in the House. Under the proposed 4 metrics, Ferris would stand to gain \$2.25 – 2.5 million one-time increase in addition to the 3% increase. The Senate Higher Education committee may not have hearings but he has a meeting scheduled with the chair. The community college baccalaureate bill has been stalled in the Senate Committee, in part because of Senator Judy Emmons who will be representing Ferris under the restricting. The budget also provides some additional funding for MSPRS responsibility. He also noted that he was very proud of the final HLC recommendation which was a 10 year recommendation with no interim visits or reports.</p> <p>B. Provost Erickson after spending the week prior to Spring break doing airport interviews, he looked forward to a series of candidates coming in over the next 3 weeks for the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering Technology and College of Allied Health. Optometry has just posted their position. All new deans should bge in place by July 1, 2012. At a recent Deans council meeting, there was a presentation by Mike McKay and Chris Weber about making all labs OSHA compliant.</p>
11.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. Senator Drake encouraged all to attend the statewide MathCounts which was being held at Ferris on Saturday March 17th.</p> <p>B. FFA President Rumpf encouraged all senators to vote in the upcoming FFA officer elections.</p> <p>C. Senator Nystrom said that like Provost Erickson, he had been encouraged during recent job searches (2 completed successfully) to talk about all the positive things going on, on campus.</p>
12.	<p>Senator Marion moved for adjournment at 11:26 a.m. Senator Drake seconded. Motion passed.</p>

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary