

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, November 6, 2001 – 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, Conati, Cron, Drake, Ek, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Jablonski, Kantar, Konrad, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Ngoh, Parks, Parry, Papo, Pilgrim, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber

**Senators Absent:** Carlton-Smith, Hall, Key (excused), Klope (excused), Kowalkoski (excused), Nelson (excused), Peterson-Klein (excused), Westhoven (excused), Zobeck (excused)

**Guests:** Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, David Nicol, Laurie Chesley, Teresa Carson, Joanne Gerst, Richard Cochran, Gregory Frazer, Richard LaBarre, John Schmidt, Ellen Haneline, Chuck Matrosic, William Sederberg, Vincent King

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Senator Conati, with support from Senate El-Saidi,** to approve the October 2, 2001, 10:00 a.m. minutes as written. **Motion carries.**

**IV. Open Forum**

**Senator Nagel** inquired about the curriculum approval process for off-campus sites. **UCC Chair Drake** stated that the UCC does not have much input into off campus proposals; they do review new degree proposals. **Senator Nagel** also requested the status of the Masters in Humanities degree. **Senator Aiken** responded that there is no written procedure and no decision has been reached at this date.

**Senator Ryan** commented regarding mid-term grades. There is an SIS screen (SP3) where mid-term grades may be viewed. Also, faculty may be able to use a different grading scale for mid-term grades.

**V. Committee Reports**

**Senator Drake, UCC Chair,** distributed a UCC member list and proposals currently before the UCC (Attachment A). He reported that the web page now has a tracking chart.

**Senator Papo** updated Senators on University-wide committees. There are a few openings on some committees. Please contact the Senate Office if interested.

**VIII. Old Business**

**“Sunset Policy”, Academic Policy and Standards Committee** - Dr. John Schmidt, Chair, stated Dr. Chapman presented this policy to the committee last year. Any changes will be included in the Student Handbook and the college catalogue.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Voting Rights for Senate Representation on University-wide Committees – Motion by Senator Papo, with support from Senator Griffin** to allow Senate Executive appointees to University-wide committees the same voting privileges as other committee members. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.
- B. Graduate and Professional Curriculum Committee – Motion by Senator Papo, with support from Senator Abbasabadi**, to accept the new committee as a University-wide committee that reports to the Senate. **Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Griffin, moves to add a friendly amendment** that accepts the Library representative as a voting member of the committee. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Nagel, with support from Senator Speirs, moves to table** the discussion. Motion carries.
- Motion by Senator Papo, with support by Senator Aiken**, for the President Konrad to establish an ad hoc committee to discuss concerns relating to the Graduate/Professional Curriculum committee. Motion carries.
- C. Small Business and Entrepreneurship Modifications – Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator El-Saidi, moves** to approve the modifications to the program. Motion carries.
- D. Bachelors of Health Science – Motion by Senator Parry, with support from Senator Aiken, to approve the new bachelors degree.** Following a short discussion, motion carries.
- E. Career Services Student Advisory Board – Ladi Terry, Director of Career Services**, introduced Jason Horn and other members of the student advisory board. They presented the Senate with a list of concerns (Attachment B) and possible solutions regarding the Job Fair and Career Success conferences.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. President Sederburg** addressed the Senate briefly (See Attachment C). The largest concern is the state budget. The University may experience a budget cut from the state.
- B. Vice President Chapman** spoke to the Senate regarding the planning process and other items. Announcements regarding the Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Services will be forthcoming very soon. See Attachment D for other discussion items.
- C. President Konrad** reminded the Senate that the November 27 Senate meeting is for discussion of the Academic Program Review recommendations.

**IX. Open Forum – No comments at this time.****X. Adjournment – Senator Klope with support from Senator Ryan moved to close the meeting at 12:04 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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David Aiken, Secretary

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Cindy Konrad, President