Minutes Ferris State University Academic Senate Meeting

November 17, 2011

Members in Attendance: Berghoef, Cook, Dakkuri, Dixon, Drake, Fox, Gillespie, Griffin, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Joyce, Klatt, Liszewski, Lovsted, Luplow, Maike, Marion, McLean, Moore, Nagel, Nash, Sun, Morcom Members absent with cause: Alspach, Baker, Boncher, Haneline, Nystrom, Stone, Thapa, Sanderson Members absent: Abbasabadi, Brandly, Daugherty, McNulty, Prakasam, Reynolds Ex Officio and Guests: Laura Dix, Janice Weaver, Jim Rumpf, Andy Karafa, Dan Burcham, David Nicol, Andrew Suhy, Ron McKean, Roberta Teahen, Don Flickinger, Gary Huey, Mark Rusco, Michelle Johnston, Bill Potter, Diane Fleming, Brendan Callahan, Mike Cooper, Greg Zimmerman, Julie Coon, Karen Strasser, Mike Cron, Dean Krager, Larry Schult, Joe Sampson, Greg Gogolin, Steve Jakubowski, Dan deRegnier, Sandy Cook, Gary Todd, Gary Ovans, Ali Konieczny, Paul Blake, Matt Wagenheim

- 1. Vice-President Mike Berghoef began the meeting at 6:07 p.m. He noted that an attendance sheet was going around the room for Senators and guests.
- 2. Approval of APRC general recommendations.

Senator Nagel moved to approve the general recommendations. Senator Jewett seconded. Matt Wagenheim, Chair of the APRC, made comments regarding the recommendations. The first, fourth and ninth recommendations are similar to last years, with a slight change in wording. The second recommendation is based on the programs who would like to allow students to identify with the program earlier. The 5th recommendation suggests a graduate database will assist the programs in carrying out graduate surveys. It like the recommendation to create a committee to oversee minors is to allow for more efficient oversight.

Motion carried.

- 3. Approval of Program Recommendations (presented in order of colleges)
 College of Allied Health Sciences.
 - A. B.S. in Medical Technology / A.A.S in Medical Technology recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Program Recommendations College of Arts and Sciences.
 - A. Minor in African-American Studies recommendation moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. A friendly amendment was made to change the wording under Program value to "paramount in an increasingly interdependent global economy" by Senator Maike. Motion carried.
 - B. B.A./Minor in History recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Senator Joyce asked if any enrollment numbers were available for the minor- Chair Wagenheim noted there were not in part because of a system that allows students to declare late in their course of study. Motion carried.
 - C. Minor in Multicultural Relations in the U.S. recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Motion carried.
 - D. B.S. in Pyschology recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Dixon. Senator Marion made a friendly amendment in the final bullet to change the wording to "seek from University administration the addition of a tenure track faculty member." Senator Hanna said that the original major was focused on industrial and career psychology and asked if the report addressed this issue. Chair Wagenheim said not that he remembered but he had not looked specifically for it. Motion carried with an abstention.
 - E. Minor in Women and Gender Studies recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Senator Cook made a friendly amendment in the final bullet to change the working to "offer WGST 105 on a more consistent basis." Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Program Recommendations College of Business

- A. B.S. in Accountancy and Accountancy/CIS recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Senator Jewett questioned the wording in the final bullet asking the program to consider required internships as soon as economic conditions warrant. Program champion Stephen Jakubowski commented that this was a recommendation from the advisory board, and also related to the lack of mechanism to connect with companies, and the makeup of the student body. Senator Maike asked if the program was going online if they had students who were working. Mr. Jakubowski said that they were not. Senator Cook added that tax season is during Ferris's spring semester which added to the complexity of an internship requirement. Motion carried.
- B. B.S./A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Motion carried.
- C. B.S./Minor in Human Resource Management recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Motion carried.
- D. M.S. in Information Systems Management recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Chair Wagenheim commented that this program is dealing with a shifting market and has had a decrease in international students from 141 to 41. If the program plans to continue to enroll international students they need to work with the office of International Education and they have been asked to report. Motion carried.
- E. B.S. in Marketing recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Program Recommendations College of Education and Human Services

- A. B.S./A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Program chair noted that information on the early education minor was not included in the degrees listed. Chair Wagenheim said that it was too late to be added but the review calendar will be fixed. Motion carried.
- B. B.S. in Elementary Education recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Griffin. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Program Recommendations College of Engineering Technology

- A. B.S. in Construction Management/A.A.S. in Building Construction Technology/ A.A.S. in Civil Engineering Technology recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Senator Hanna made a friendly amendment to change the wording under the first bullet in section V. to "should explore the proposed masters program." Also, in the second bullet, strike the word sustainability. These word choices do not reflect conversations with the program faculty. Motion carried.
- B. B.S. in Facility Management/A.A.S. in Architectural Technology recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Senator Sun asked why the program has difficulties in retaining students. Chair Joe Sampson commented that many students enter the program but do not realize what architecture involves- both in details and presentations. Senator Dakkuri asked why only this program in CET lists the lack of a permanent Dean as a recommendation. Senator Hanna suggested that this recommendation be added to all CET programs reviewed. Senator Nagel noted it should be in all of them or none- and that the previously reviewed program would have to be reopened. Senator Nash asked why this recommendation could not apply to all colleges with interim deans. Chair Wagenheim agreed to add to the general recommendations after finishing the review of the programs. Motion carried.
- C. A.A.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Program faculty Gary Ovans noted the memo was sent to Doug Chase, who had retired. Chair Wagenheim acknowledged the error and it will be corrected. Senator Dakkuri asked why the section about ABET accreditation did not have a number. Chair Wagenheim said that this was just a recommendation and not something that needed to be in the report. Motion carried.
- D. B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Faculty member Gary Ovans asked that the wording be changed to Manufacturing Engineering Technology. Chair Wagenheim noted that the program has been asked to report on the projections into the future. Senator Hanna asked if the faculty agreed with the idea of seeking ABET accreditation. Chair Wagenehim referred to page 49 of the report where faculty said that they plan to seek accreditation within 3-5 years. Motion carried.
- E. B.S. in Quality Engineering Technology closure recommendation moved for approval by Senator Nagel.

Seconded by Senator Jewett. Senator Sun asked how many students were in the program and what would happen to them. Coordinator Mark Rusco responded about 25. Provost Erickson said that all students would be allowed to finish and Vice-Provost Flickinger added that the usual process is to close the program for new enrollment. Senator Hanna asked if this was setting a precedent for closing a program for not turning in the report. Chair Wagenheim said yes. Senator Hanna added that this type of the response was atypical given the way that other programs such as printing management had been dealt with in the past. Senator Nagel noted that the program had been given multiple opportunities to work with the APRC in giving them the needed information this year. Senator Maike said was not comfortable voting to close the program without more information. Senator Dakkuri asked if a program representative was present. Coordinator Mark Rusco was and spoke about how this was a program offered only in GIR and he does have not the resources there to focus on providing the type of data needed for the report and the committee meeting times (Tuesday/Thursday nights) conflicted with his teaching schedule. Chair Wagenheim noted that meeting times were a problem for the first year but this year was not as there was just a lack of response. Chair Rusco said he did not submit a new report because he had no new information to add to last year's report. Senator Marion asked if programs had examples of other reports as resources. Chair Wagenheim said it is part of the manual and he meets in the fall to review questions with al programs being reviewed. Senator Joyce asked if Rusco had not been involved with a previous APR coming out of Grand Rapids. Rusco replied that he was listed but was not involved with any of the meeting. Senator Hanna said that his sympathies lay with the APRC but he felt part of the problem was the problematic administrative structure in the College of Engineering Technology and he noted no administrators have spoken on this issue. Provost Erickson commented that he felt that this process was better than those of most schools and he was more supportive of faculty that take it seriously and find a way to get what they need. Chair Wagenheim noted the successful review of the digital animation and game design program (also in Grand Rapids) in the 2010 review process. The motion passed with one no vote and one abstention.

8. Approval of Program Recommendations Michigan College of Optometry.

A. O.D. in Optometry recommendations moved for approval by Senator Nagel. Seconded by Senator Jewett. Senator Dakkuri asked for clarification on the issues with the library liaison. Senator Isler made a friendly amendment in the second bullet on part V to read "regular contact with a formal library liaison." Motion carried.

9. General Recommendations

The general recommendations were reopened. Senator Griffin made an amendment to add a bullet #10 to read "Administrative structure within colleges with interim deans must be stabilized in the form of a permanent dean." Seconded by Senator Nagel. Amendment approved to the general recommendations

14. Senator Jewett moved for departure at 7:50 p.m. Senator Griffin seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda Isler Secretary