

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 27, 2001 – 7:00 pm
President's Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order:** **President Konrad** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Conati, Cron, Drake, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Jablonski, Kantar, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Loesch, Nagel, Nelson, Parks, Parry, Papo, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Zobeck

Senators Absent: Carlton-Smith, Ek, Griffin (excused), Hall, Johnson, Klope (excused), Liszewski (excused), Lovsted (excused), Ngho (excused), Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Westhoven

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, David Nicol, Laurie Chesley, Richard Cochran, Chuck Matrosic, William Sederberg, Vincent King, Clayton Rye, Norwood Neumann, Dan Skurski, Jack Buss, Rick Kowalkoski, Michelle Johnston, Sue Hammersmith, Ron McKean, Gary Ovans, Lianne Briggs, Sandy Alspach, Bill Potter, Bill Smith, Doug Fonner, Jim Mayhew, John Kane, David Frank

III. **Open Forum**

Senator Ryan advised Senators that the Industrial Technology and Management degree for the College of Technical and Professional Studies in Grand Rapids is to be approved by the Board at the November 30 meeting. Will this program fall under the same review procedures as Big Rapids campus programs? Dr. Vincent King, Chair of the Academic Program Review Council commented that he is under the assumption that this program will be reviewed as others are.

Senator Aiken advised Senators that he recently had to accept a D- transfer grade.

V. **New Business**

Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from **Senator Vermeer**, to open first reading discussion of the recommendations for programs reviewed in the 2000-2001 cycle.

President Konrad introduced **Dr. Vincent King, Chair, Academic Program Review Council**, who introduced the members of the council. **Dr. King** began by introducing members of the committee and thanking them for their many hours of service. Committee members are: **Jack Buss, Douglas Fonner, Richard Kowalkoski, Jim Mayhew, Norwood Neumann, Dan Skurski, William Smith, Joe Weber and Randy Stein.**

A summary of the preliminary recommendations is listed below. The complete **Academic Program Review** document is **Attachment A** of this document.

Programs to be continued are:

- Applied Speech Communication
- Industrial Chemical Technology
- Legal Assistant
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Social Work
- Computer Networks and Systems

- Industrial Electronics Technology
- Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology
- Quality Engineering Technology

Programs to be enhanced are:

- Restaurant Food Industry Management
- Hotel Management
- Criminal Justice

The Academic Program Review Council also made the following general recommendations:

- Periodic review should be conducted for other divisions of the University
- Consolidation and interrelation of information (enrollment, costs, alumni, employers, contributions, etc.) would aid programs being reviewed
- Information acquisition and analysis should be done through the Institutional Research Office
- Existence of university policy on carry-over funds for equipment replacement, repair and preservation needs to be more actively communicated to programs
- University-wide graduate program guidelines need to be established
- Communication from the University to the APRC on the status of general recommendations would be helpful

President Sederburg thanked the committee for their many hours of work and stated that the review of other campus divisions will take place this year.

President Konrad thanked the committee and Dr. King for their work. She reminded Senators that the committee was a member short this year (College of Education and Human Services was not represented). The search for new committee members will begin in the Spring. **President Konrad** announced that Dr. King will be retiring at the end of this year and thanked him for his quality leadership of the past few years.

VI. Announcements

Vice President Chapman thanked the APRC Committee and participants to their work. The search for the Center for Teaching, Learning and Faculty Development Director is progressing with video interviews quickly approaching. The Dean of Technology candidates will be interviewed on campus very soon. Bill Potter will be acting as Interim Dean for the College of Education and Human Services.

President Konrad reminded Senators of the monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at which time the information discussed tonight will be voted on.

VII. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

VIII. Adjournment – Motion by Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Kowalkoski, to adjourn. Motion unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

David Aiken, Secretary

Cindy Konrad, President