

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2001 – 10:00 a.m.
Centennial Dining Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order:** President Konrad called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, Conati, Drake, Ek, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hall, Jablonski, Kantar, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Ngoh, Parks, Parry, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Westhoven, Zobeck.

Senators Absent: Carlton-Smith (excused), Cron (excused), Johnson (excused), Pilgrim

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, David Nicol, Laurie Chesley, Teresa Carson, Don Flickinger, Richard Cochran, Bruce Forintos, Joanne Gerst, Sue Hammersmith, Chuck Matrosic, William Sederberg, Bev DeMarr, Alex Pomnichowski, Susan Morris, Vince King, Clayton Rye

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Senator El-Saidi, with support from Senate Aiken, to approve the September 4, 2001, 10:00 a.m. minutes with a correction in V. Open Forum, Senator Parry reminded Senators of the Relay for Life. **Motion carries.**

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Shepler advised the Senators of problems she is having in the Science Building classrooms. Some of those problems are: burned out lights not being replaced in a timely manner, loose rugs and mats, and leaking roof. Work orders have been completed, but not responded to.

Senator Papo, with support from Senator Nagel, again expressed a concern about the number of credit card vendors on campus. It was suggested that if they were allowed to set up, perhaps there should be no incentives offered to students for applying for the cards.

V. **Committee Reports**

A. University-wide Committees - Senator Papo reported that assignments to university-wide committees are finished and will be distributed later this week. There are some vacancies, please talk to your colleagues about filing these vacancies. Student government will be filling the student vacancies in the near future. The Student Assessment of Instruction Committee will be distributing surveys soon on process and Post Tenure Review. Please complete and return in a timely manner to your department secretary.

Senator Nagel asked if the Information Officer of the Senate could inform Senators of committee meeting dates and actions of the University-wide Committees.

B. University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake distributes a list of committee members and items that the UCC has been working on. See Attachment A.

VI. Old Business

- A. Human Resource Management Minor - Motion by Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Klope** to reopen discussion of the **Human Resource Management Minor** for approval. A correction in the NOTE section of the check sheet is needed: change certificate to minor. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Klope** calls the question, with support from **Senator Thapa**. Question passes. Main motion passes.
- B. Motion by Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Griffin** to reopen discussion on program closures reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee. See Attachment B distributed prior to Senate meeting. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo, with support from Senator Speirs** to support the closure of the Insurance and Insurance/Real Estate Program. Motion carries. **Motion by Senator Lovsted, with support from Senator Griffin** to support the closure of the following programs: Quality Productivity Management, CIS/Marketing, and Real Estate A.A.S. Motion carries.
- C. Master of Arts – Interdisciplinary Humanities - Motion by Senator Aiken, with support for Senator Griffin** to reopen discussion of the degree and the decision of Vice President Chapman to not offer the degree. **Senator Aiken** distributed to Senators a copy of the Senate Charter Preamble (See Attachment C) and asked what the procedures are if there is disagreement with the decision. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Aiken, moved to form an ad hoc committee appointed by the Senate Executive Board to meet with Dr. Chapman and report to the Senate the reasons for the denial of the degree.** Following a lengthy discussion, motion fails. **Senator Klope, with support from Senator Papo moves to close discussion. Motion carries.**

VII. New Business

Transfer Credits – Academic Policy and Standards Committee Report – Senator Jablonski, with support for Senator Kowalkoski, moves to open discussion on transfer credits. Committee member Jablonski answered questions concerning exceptions, a “sunset” policy, articulation agreements and electronic courses. **President Konrad closed discussions.**

VIII. Announcements

- A. President Sederburg** provided Senators with a brief update on many issues. See Attachment D.
- B. Vice President Chapman** distributed a report (Attachment E) detailing Planning Priorities of the Office of Academic Affairs. She informed Senators that the University will not be going forward with the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Humanities and answered questions regarding that decision and other topics of concern.

XI. Open Forum – No comments at this time

- X. Adjournment – Senator Klope with support from Senator Ryan moved to close the meeting at 11:55 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

David Aiken, Secretary

Cindy Konrad, President