

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 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, Carlton-Smith, Conati, Cron, Drake, Ek, El-Saidi, Ferdowski, Griffin, Hall, Jablonski, Johnson, Kantar, Key, Klope, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Liszewski, Loesch, Lovsted, Nagel, Nelson, Parks, Parry, Papo, Peterson-Klein, Pilgrim, Ryan, Speirs, Shepler, Thapa, Tomczyk, Vermeer, Weber, Zobeck,

Senators Absent: Ngoh, Westhoven (excused)

Guests: Barbara Chapman, Tom Oldfield, David Nicol, Laurie Chesley, John Schmidt, Teresa Carson, Ken Kuk, Don Flickinger, James Hoerter, Susan Hastings-Bishop, Renato Cerdena, Kali Majumdar, Kathy Palazzolo-Miller

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Senator Kowalkoski, with support from Senate Griffin, to approve the April 24, 2001, 10:00 a.m. minutes as written. **Motion carries.**

Motion by Senator Parry, with support from Senator Johnson, to approve the April 24, 2001, 11:00 a.m. minutes as written. **Motion carries.**

Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Johnson, to approve the August 21, 9:00 a.m. minutes as written. **Motion carries.**

IV. **Committee Reports**

- A. **University Curriculum Committee – Senator Drake** advised the Senators that the UCC Manual is ready for distribution. **Senator Lovsted**, past committee chair, distributed to Senators a list of actions taken during the summer by the UCC (See Attachment A). Concerns regarding the closure of programs without information being brought to the Senate were expressed.
- B. **University-wide Committees – Senator Papo** urged Senators to return the University-wide Committee preference forms to the Senate Office by September 7, 2001. Assignments will be made on September 13. **Senator Papo** reminded Senators that according to the Senate Charter, all Senators should serve on a committee.

V. **Open Forum**

Senator Lovsted expressed a concern regarding the closure of FLITE computer labs and other computer labs on campus during the holiday weekend, leaving students with no area to study and use WebCT.

Senator Parry reminded Senators of the Relay for Life on September 23. She is available to take donations.

Senator Shepler expressed a concern regarding the abbreviations used to represent days of the week on SIS. Many of her students missed the Tuesday class as a result, believing that TR represented Thursday.

President Konrad introduced Teresa Carson, ASG representative and welcomed her.

VI. New Business

- A. Human Resource Management Minor – Motion by **Senator Vermeer, with support from Senator Lovsted**, to approve the new minor. **Senator Parry** pointed out a possible error in the check sheet for the program. **Senator Papo, with support from Senator Ferdowski**, moves to postpone the approval of the new minor until the October Senate meeting when members of the originating department are available to answer questions. Motion carries.
- B. Biology Minor – Motion by **Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Nagel**, to approve the new minor. Following a brief discussion, motion carries.
- C. Academic Policy and Standards Committee Report – Motion by **Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Key** to bring forward for discussion the Annual Report of the Academic Policy and Standards Committee and the recommendations therein. Committee Chair Dr. John Schmidt was present to respond to questions and comments. Following a lengthy discussion, President Konrad closed discussion and stated that this document would be added to October agenda. A complete copy of the report is Attachment B.

VII. Old Business

Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Key, moves to re-open discussion and approve of the **Health, Illness and Society Minor**. Following a lengthy discussion regarding overlap of courses with Allied Health courses, motion carries.

VIII. Announcements

- A. **President Sederburg** was unable to attend, sending a brief report. See Attachment C.
- B. **Vice President Chapman** distributed a report (Attachment D) highlighting events 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.

IX. Open Forum

X. Adjournment

Senator Klope, with support from Senator Key moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

David Aiken, Secretary

Cindy Konrad, President