

# Ferris State University Academic Senate

*Minutes of the Meeting  
April 7, 1992*

## **ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Members Present. R. Anderson, T. Anderson, Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, Caskey, A. Cook, M.J. Cook, Etienne, Ferdowski, Heidemann, Henry, Holihan, Horn, King, Matrosic, Ovans, Pearson, Pomnichowski, Powell, Ravell, Rumpf, D. Russell, P. Russell, Spaulding, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas.

1.2 Members Absent. Haneline (excused), Key (excused), Lewis (excused), Muccio (excused), Oldfield (excused), Peterson (excused), von der Osten.

1.3 Guests. T. Alberty, C. Conrad, K. Cripe, A. Dakkuri, J. Easter, G. Edgerly, N. Emmanuel, J. Gahrs, M. Hachman, R. Hess, B. Hillary, B. Jacobs, M. Kosciuszko, A. Lweis, M. McCorriston, H. Popovich, P. Sarver, N. Sievert, R. Smith, W. Smith, J. Strohkirch, F. Swartz, S. Sytsma, G. Westendorp.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 The minutes of the March 10 meeting were approved.

## **OPEN FORUM**

4.1 Mary McCorriston, College of Education, noted that April is the Month of the Young Child. She regards Ferris State University as acting as a good solution to problems of young children in the state of Michigan. Children need care, and, therefore, they need caregivers. Over the past ten years, ten Child Development graduates per year working with 20 children per year have affected 11,000 children.

In response to the Program Review of 1990, there has been a realignment of the Child Care Program. The FSU program has a sound "hands-on" quality which makes it unique. Also, FSU serves as the local community college, and, therefore, provides this program to that population of students.

4.2 Keitha Breault, Library and Instructional Services, distributed copies of the Program Screen Database to the Senators. She reported that this document was discussed in a meeting on Friday, April 3, 1992, of the Deans and the President. Programs are ranked; one ranking is of Centrality to Mission of the University. Breault urged Senators to look carefully at these rankings and make their wants known to the Deans.

4.3 Michael Hachman, College of Technology, responded to the C rating given the Automotive Machine Technology Program by the Academic Program Review Council. Hachman asserted that this program was #22 in the university in cost in 1989-90, but costs have been reduced since 1990-91, placing this program between #50 and #60 in cost to the university.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*President Popovich*

5.1 President Popovich directed the Senators' attention to the Draft of the Ferris State University Strategic Plan 1992-1997. She requested that Senators review the draft carefully and make suggestions to the academic leadership. Included in the draft are a working definition of polytechnic, a vision statement, and the board directives for which five-year goals have been developed. The document will follow the outlined procedure. The next step is review with suggestions for modification.

5.2 Popovich commented on the Program Screen Database, which shows the five-year review cycle for programs. Review is intended to be constructive, as is the proposed administrative restructuring of the College of Education. Suggestions regarding this document should be made to the Deans. Popovich said that the University intends to operate in a measured manner with counsel before decisions are made. For example, the Vice President for Academic Affairs will conduct a hearing regarding each reviewed program before acting on the review.

5.3 In response to a question regarding the rumored 50% reduction of supplemental faculty in Arts and Sciences in Fall '92, Popovich asserted that we need resources to serve students well. We can increase our resources by getting more money from the state, receiving gifts from industry, using money more efficiently, and freezing salaries across the university. The goal is adequate funding; size is not a goal.

*Associate Vice President Sytsma*

6.1 Associate Vice President Sytsma explained that, while 1.2 million dollars is annually budgeted for supplemental faculty, 1.8 million dollars is spent annually, with the difference coming from salary savings. Less salary savings is available now, and because it is early in the budget process, it is not clear where the difference will come from this time. In response to the question, "Will there be enough seats in the fall?" Sytsma replied that he hopes so.

*President Russell*

7.1 President Russell announced that Mike Ryan, Mark Curtis, Sally Krumins, and Alex Pomnichowski will serve on the North Central Accreditation Steering Committee, which will be chaired by Don Priebe. One representative is needed from Education/Health Sciences.

7.2 Russell urged the Senators to read carefully the Ferris State University Strategic Plan 1992-1997. The Senate will meet Monday, April 13, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mecosta Room, Rankin Center, to review the Plan. On April 27, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., the Senate will meet in the President's Room, Rankin Center, to endorse the Strategic Plan.

7.3 Russell reported that the Ombudsman Study Committee has refused to reconsider the question of an ombudsman. Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice President for Student Affairs, will be developing surveys to get a sense of what problems students are experiencing. Student Affairs will coordinate an effort to train a cadre of faculty to help students who are having problems.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*University Curriculum Committee*

8.1 Chairwoman Etienne reported that semester transition hearings for 48 programs are completed. Eight program hearings will be held on April 10. This process seems to be going smoothly. If Senators have concerns, they should call or write to Margaret.

*Election Committee*

9.1 Chairman Uniacke announced that absentee ballots are available and may be submitted through April 21. The election will be held on April 22 until 4:00 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Academic Program Review Council Recommendations*

*Child Development Program*

**10.1 Moved by Caskey, supported by Breault, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Child Development Program, that the existing curriculum should be reduced in size and resources. The motion carried.**

*Respiratory Therapy Program*

**10.2 Moved by Burtch, supported by Etienne, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Respiratory Therapy Program, that the existing curriculum should continue with little modification. The motion carried.**

*Automotive Body Program*

**10.3 Moved by Breault, supported by Burtch, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Automotive Body Program, that the existing curriculum should continue with little modification. The motion carried.**

*Automotive Machine Technology Program*

**10.4 Moved by Henry, supported by Thapa, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Automotive Machine Technology Program, that the existing curriculum should be continued but with monitoring and redirection. The motion carried.**

**10.5 Pomnichowski moved that the instruction for the C rating be changed from continue monitoring/redirection to continue monitoring and/or redirection. Valas supported. The motion carried.**

*Biotechnology Program*

**10.6 Moved by Burtch, supported by Heidemann, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Biotechnology Program, that the existing curriculum should be continued but with monitoring and redirection. The motion carried.**

*Opticianry Program*

**10.7 Moved by Uniacke, supported by Burtch, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Opticianry Program, that the existing curriculum should be continued but with monitoring and redirection. The motion carried.**

*Optometric Technology Program*

**10.8 Moved by Uniacke, supported by Burtch, that the Academic Senate endorse the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Program Review Council on the Optometric Technology Program, that the existing curriculum should be continued but with monitoring and redirection. The motion carried.**

*Court and Freelance Reporting Motions*

**11.1 Moved by Breault, supported by M. J. Cook, that the Academic Senate endorse the immediate reopening of admission to the Court and Freelance Reporting Program. The motion carried.**

**11.2 Moved by Travis, supported by Cook, that the Academic Senate endorse a review of the Court and Freelance Reporting Program following the process for review prior to closing admissions as set up by the Academic Senate. Travis withdrew motion.**

#### **OPEN FORUM**

12.1 Wanda Smith, College of Business, gave an update on the Business Administration Program's efforts to gain approval from the Department of Social Sciences for specific courses in the College of Business to meet the general education requirements in global consciousness and social awareness.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

13.1 There will be an Open Hearing held by the Senate at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, in the Mecosta Room of the Rankin Center, to discuss the University Strategic Plan.

13.2 There will be a special meeting of the Academic Senate at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, in the President's Room, Rankin Center, to review the final document of the University Strategic Plan.

13.3 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, May 5, 1992, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

14.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:

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