

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, October 6, 1998 – 10:00 a.m.  
Presidents' Room, Rankin Center**

- I. **Call to Order: President** Key called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Presidents' Room, Rankin Center.
  
- II. **Attendance**  
**Senators Present:** Abbasabadi, Anderson, Bonning, Conati, Dakkuri, Daugherty, Ferdowsi, Haneline, Hanna, Hartman, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Jackson, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nikkari, Papo, Pilgrim, Ryan, Rye, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stern, Thapa,  
  
**Senators Absent.** Green, Huey (excused), Kane (excused), Nista (excused), Stephen, Wininger (excused), and Westhoven.  
  
**Guests.** Barbara Chapman, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, William Sederburg, Linda Travis, Tom Oldfield, John Hansen, Mike Cairns, Terry Doyle, Sally DePew, Joan Totten
  
- III. **Approval of September 1, 1998 Minutes** – Minutes for the 10:00 a.m. session were approved as written.
  
- IV. **Open Forum**  
  
**Senator Anderson** again suggested that the recruitment packets sent to students also be sent to Senators for distribution to faculty members who are responsible for recruiting.  
  
**Senator Dakkuri** announced that nominations are being sought for the MAGB award. Please contact him for further information.  
  
**President Key** introduced Keith Kern, the representative from Associated Student Government.
  
- V. **Committee Reports**  
  
**Senate Governance Committee – Senator Heidemann** - University Wide Committee list has been distributed to all Senators. There are a few vacancies, some created very recently. Every effort was made to include each college on each committee. If a member was appointed from a different college when there was an opening, that member was appointed for a time period of one year only. Also, in the Strategic Plan there is a suggestion that some continuous improvement teams be formed, which will include administration, faculty, staff and others as appropriate for the area of the committee. The Academic Senate will be the vehicle for getting faculty representation on the teams. The first meeting of the University Planning Committee is October 15. More information will be forwarded after that meeting.

**University Curriculum Committee – Senator Lovsted – See Attachment A** – The UCC is now current on their reviews. The UCC Manual has been revised and is available on-line and can be obtained by contacting Paula at the Senate Office.

## VI. Old Business – University Retention Committee Recommendations

**Motion by Senator Nagel, with support by Senator Jackson** to return the University Retention Committee Recommendation to the floor.

**Motion by Senator Nagel, with support by Senator Jackson** to adopt the University Retention Committee's recommendation as a whole. After a lengthy discussion, **Senator Konrad calls the question, with support from Senator Thapa**. Question passes.

**Senator Konrad moves** to add a friendly amendment to the original motion "*that the recommendations be voted on individually*", **with support from Senator Nagel**.

Recommendation #1 – Passes  
 Recommendation #2 -- Passes  
 Recommendation #3 – Passes  
 Recommendation #4 – Passes  
 Recommendation #5 – Passes  
 Recommendation #6 – Fails (13  
 yea/14 nays)  
 Recommendation #7 – Passes

Recommendation #8 – Passes (18  
 yeas/12 nays)  
 Recommendation #9 – Passes (16  
 yeas/9 nays)  
 Recommendation #10 - Passes  
 Recommendation #11 - Passes

## VII. New Business

### A. Academic Action Plan

**Motion by Senator Dakkuri, with support from Senator Nagel** that "*Whereas the academic action plan of the program/department/college is supposed to reflect the collective vision and expectations of the faculty of the academic unit, that the plan be voted on by the faculty of the unit before its submission to the Vice President for Academic Affairs*". After a lengthy discussion, Senator Ryan makes a friendly amendment to the original motion, replacing the word *voted* with *approved*, with support from Senator Abbasabadi. Senator **Ryan** suggests inserting "*submitting*" before the word unit as a friendly amendment to the main motion, **with support by Senator Thapa**. Senator Ryan withdraws his first friendly amendment.

Motion will be as follows: "*Whereas the academic action plan of the program/department/college is supposed to reflect the collective vision and expectations of the faculty of the academic unit that the plan be voted on by the faculty of the submitting unit before its submission to the Vice President for Academic Affairs*". **Motion passes.**

**B. Dissolution of Summer Semester Study Committee**

**Moved by Senator Heidemann, with support from Senator Haneline**, that the Summer Semester Study Committee be dissolved. After a brief discussion, **Senator Pilgrim calls the question**. Question passes. Motion passes.

**VIII. Announcements**

**President Sederburg** – President Sederburg advised the Senators that he has asked Vice President Chapman to develop a Strategic Academic Plan for the University Planning Committee. He also presented a number of budget changes that will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the October 9 meeting. The University was able to get a 2.84% base budget increase in appropriations (approximately \$409K), \$600K for technology and infrastructure improvements (one-time expenditure), and a \$600K Job Commissions Collegiate Skills Program Grant. Budget priorities are scholarships and Academic Affairs. See **Attachment B** for additional discussion items. Concerns expressed by Senator Nagel were the possibility of not raising tuition and being able to use that fact as a marketing tool, and also the severe lack of faculty development funds.

**Vice President for Academic Affairs Chapman** – Dr. Chapman briefed the Senators on issues including:

- Dr. Paul Landen has been hired as the Director of International Affairs
- Searches have been initiated for the Dean of the University College and the Dean of the College of Technology
- A recommendation to move the Opticianry Program back to the College of Allied Health is being made
- Post Tenure Review work is progressing
- Student Assessment of Instruction Tool is moving along
- A Summer Semester Committee is being established according to the faculty bargaining agreement
- Unit Action Plan Handbook is being published

**IX. Adjournment**

President Key adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m., stating that any agenda items not discussed will be attended to at the beginning of the next regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

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Greg Key, President