

Ferris State University

Academic Senate

Minutes of the Meeting

April 6, 1993

Attendance

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, Bacon, Bandstra, Bartholome, Beetley, Billings, Breault, Brown, Burch, Caskey, Conati, Cook, Etienne, Griffin, Haneline, Heidemann, Horn, Kebler, Key, Keys, Kosanovich, Matrosic, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Rupe, Russell, C. Slywka, G. Slywka, Spaulding, Teferra, Thapa, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten, Whitmore.

1.2 Members Absent. Holihan (excused), King (excused), Totten.

1.3 Guests. I. Barnes, A. Breitenwischer, R. Gifford, M. Gillette, S. Hammersmith, J. Hansen, H. Popovich, F. Swartz.

Call to Order

2.1 President Breault 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 9, 1993, meeting were approved.

3.2 The minutes of the March 16, 1993, meeting were approved.

Open Forum

4.1 No concerns were expressed at this time.

Announcements

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich reported that she and Mark Curtis have met with faculty in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Business to review the 1993 draft of the Strategic Plan. She recommends that Senators ask their deans to have her and Curtis meet with faculty in their colleges to answer questions regarding the plan. Positive statements have been received from several individuals; all suggestions for change are due by May 7.

5.2 Popovich announced that, for next year's budget, the state Higher Education Appropriation Committee has recommended no increase in operating funds. Our request for capital improvement funds for Arts and Sciences remodeling and expansion has passed the Senate and the House. The House has passed the request to raise the bonding cap. This will go to the Senate after the Easter break, and then to the governor.

5.3 Popovich noted that plans are going forward for remodeling West Campus. Closing one dining facility will result in some layoffs of personnel. Efforts will be made to minimize the effects of these layoffs for the people involved.

President Breault

6.1 President Breault announced that she has met with the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Program Review. The committee members are Jennifer Parks, Chairwoman, Pete Smania, Bob Palmer, Cindy Conrad, Roland Ream, and Steve Clark. The committee is meeting and will have a document ready by the end of April.

6.2 A special meeting of the Senate will be held on April 27 to receive the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Program Review. In addition, the Academic Program Review Committee will have recommendations for the seven programs currently under review and the Undergraduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee will have recommendations on certificate programs.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairwoman Etienne had nothing new to report.

Senate Election Committee

8.1 Chairman Peterson reported that the list of candidates for the Senate election has been published. Two additional candidates are needed, one from Arts and Sciences and one from Business. Peterson encouraged write-in votes for candidates in those colleges.

Old Business

Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement

9.1 **Peterson moved that the motion to endorse the Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement be removed from the table. Etienne supported. The motion carried.**

9.2 **The motion to endorse the Outcomes Assessment Policy Statement carried.**

New Business

Change in Associate Degree Math Proficiency Requirements

10.1 **Keys moved to endorse the proposed change in associate degree math proficiency requirements. Heidemann supported. The motion failed by a vote of 14 to 16, with two abstentions.**

Revision of Requirements for Academic Honors Convocation

11.1 **Bartholome moved to approve the proposed revision of requirements for the Academic Honors Convocation. Heidemann supported.**

11.2 **Haneline moved to amend the motion to read**

1. **The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 for the previous two semesters (the summer semester may be excluded).**

Burtch supported. The amendment was withdrawn.

11.3 **Russell moved to refer the document back to the Academic Honors Convocation Committee. von der Osten supported. The motion carried.**

Development of Policies Relative to Special Topics and Special Studies Courses

12.1 **Valas moved that the Academic Senate direct the University Curriculum Committee to develop and/or clarify the policies and procedures for offering Special (Independent) Studies courses, designated as 297 and 497 under semester conversion, and Special Topics (Experimental) courses, designated as 290 and 490 under semester conversion. (Current designations are 299/499 for special studies and 289/489 for special topics.)**

Haneline supported.

12.2 **Travis moved to amend the motion by adding "and the number of substitutions of Special Studies and Special Topics courses allowed for graduation." Cook supported. The amendment was withdrawn.**

12.3 **The motion carried.**

Resolution regarding Violence on Campus

13.1 **Burtch moved that the Academic Senate endorse the resolution regarding violence on the Ferris State University campus. Caskey supported.**

13.2 **Matrosic moved to amend the motion by deleting "the members of the" from the third paragraph. Keys supported. The amendment carried.**

13.3 **Haneline moved the previous question. Caskey supported. The motion passed.**

13.4 **The main motion carried unanimously.**

Strategic Planning Document

14.1 Caskey moved that the Academic Senate extend first reading acceptance to the Strategic Planning Document. Whitmore supported.

14.2 Cook moved to table the motion. G. Slwyka supported. The motion failed.

14.3 Russell moved to postpone first reading acceptance. Heidemann supported. The motion carried.

Senate Election

15.1 Peterson moved that in the absence of specific guidance in the Senate Charter, in order to provide a more even distribution of terms for Senators from the College of Business, three Senators be elected to two-year terms and one Senator be elected for a one-year term in the 1993 election. Kebler supported. Breault ruled the motion out of order.

Open Forum

16.1 Russell reminded the Senate that references to terms in the Senate Charter need to be changed to semesters.

Next Regular Meeting

17.1 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be Tuesday, May 4, 1993, at 10:05 a.m. in the Mecosta Room, Rankin Center.

Adjournment

18.1 President Breault declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
