

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Regular Meeting
February 7, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.
West Campus Community Center**

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

II. Attendance

Officers Present: President Adnan Dakkuri, Vice-President Robert Loesch, Secretary Douglas Haneline
Officers Absent: None

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Aiken, Bandstra, A., Bandstra, J., Berghoef, Borst, Carter, Conati Cron, Griffin, Hanna, Heck, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Key, Klope, Kouider, Lewis, Liszewski, Lovsted, McLean, McMartin, Miller, Morton, Nagel, Papo, Potter, Purvis, Schmidt, Tymes, Wheeler, Watson

Senators Absent: Cline (excused), Potter, Sun (excused), Thapa (excused), Thomas, Weemaes

Ex-Officio Members Present: President David Eisler, Assoc. VP Roxanne Cullen represented the Academic Affairs Office, Jon Gaskell for Student Government at FSU

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Guests: Roberta Teahen, Bill Smith, Jon Gaskell, Leonard Johnson, Richard Cochran, Matthew Klein, Ellen Haneline, William Boras, Cheryl Cluchey, Don Flickinger

III. Approval of the January 10, 2005 Minutes – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Griffin, to approve the January 10, 2005. Motion carried.

President Dakkuri asked for the consent of the Senate to change the order of business for the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Watson asked for clarification on the “Repeat a Course” Academic Affairs Policy. Dr. Cullen will seek an answer to his question.

V. Reports

President Dakkuri reported that Kevin Miller has resigned from the Senate as a result of accepting an administrative position in the College of Arts and Sciences. Kent Sun will be replacing Miller for the remainder of his term. Marshals and Mace Bearers are needed for Spring Commencement; interested Senators should notify Dr. Dakkuri if they are interested in participating.

Vice President Loesch reported that appointments to the International Education Committee have been made. Twenty-one application letters were received.

Secretary Haneline had no report.

VI. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – UCC Chair Leonard Johnson updated Senators on the items presented to the committee since the last meeting. That document is Attachment B of these minutes. Dr. Johnson reported that proposals for courses or programs slated to begin in Fall 2006 must be at the Senate Office no later than Friday, February 17, 2006 for distribution to the UCC.

B. Senate Elections Committee – Election Committee Chair Jay Hettiarachchy notified Senators that election for the 2006-2007 Academic year will be held on March 21, and 22, 2006 and distributed a document containing complete election information (Attachment C). Interested persons may file for election through March 5, 2006. Nomination forms will be emailed to each faculty member after the February 13, 2006 Senate Executive Committee meeting. A list of nominated candidates will be distributed via email to faculty on March 13, 2006. **Senator Cron** inquired about the rotation of Senators in Arts & Sciences and Business, noting that the majority of Senate seats expire this year for A & S, and

next year for Business. **President Dakkuri** stated the Executive Committee will discuss this matter at its meeting on February 13, 2006.

VII. New Business

A. Online Degree Programs – Dr. Roberta Teahan, Dean, University Center for Extended Learning

Senator Bandstra, with support from Senator Haneline, moved the Academic Senate support in principle the request submitted by the University to the Higher Education Commission to enable Ferris' departments to deliver their programs full on-line when appropriate.

Dr. Roberta Teahan distributed to Senators the Executive Summary (Attachment A of these minutes) of a request to be presented to the Higher Learning Commission. If the request is granted, Ferris will be able to initiate on-line degree programs without securing approval for each one, as is now the case. She gave a brief overview of the proposal and responded to questions and comments from the Academic Senate. She explained this process could take one year or more and involves campus visits, as well as extensive review by HLC. Following a lengthy discussion, Senator Papo called the question. Question carried. Main motion carried.

Senator Loesch, with support from Senator Griffin, moved that the Academic Senate authorize the Senate Executive Committee to form an *ad hoc* committee to make recommendations regarding appropriate policies, procedures, and technology necessary to support the approval by the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Senate of on-line degree programs. Following approval of such recommendations, they will be incorporated into the Curriculum Planning and Procedures Manual. The committee will report to the Academic Senate at its first meeting of Fall semester 2006. Following a lengthy discussion, **Senator Papo** called the question. Question carried, main motion carried.

VIII. Announcements

President Eisler thanked Senators for their work on the Academic Senate. He reported that the Governor's budget will be released on Thursday, February 9, 2006. Senate testimony will begin February 24, 2006 in Kalamazoo, House of Representative testimony begins April 26, 2006. On the federal level, President Bush's higher education budget proposal, if enacted, would eliminate huge amounts of funding for vocational education (Perkins and technical education). Ferris has five nights scheduled around the state for Student Recruitment. University fundraising has been great, and cash receipts are ten percent ahead of what they were one year ago. University endowment contributions have increased as well.

Associate Vice President Cullen, attending as the representative for the Academic Affairs Office, reported that four candidates for the Dean of Technology position will visit campus, beginning on Thursday, February 9, 2006. **Ellen Haneline** has been appointed Interim Dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences, with **Roger Daugherty** accepting responsibilities as Interim Department Head for Clinical Lab/Respiratory Care/Health Admin Programs. A search for the new dean of Allied Health will begin in Fall 2006. Dr. Cullen reported that eight sabbaticals will be granted, totaling \$127,000.00. **Senator Heck**, member of the Faculty Research Committee inquired about the possibility of providing additional funding for research proposals, if appropriate justification could be provided. Dr. Cullen stated that Dr. Harris may add more funding for research, pending appropriate justification.

IX. Open Forum

Senator Berghoef reported that he is working on a document pertaining to plagiarism. **Senator Nagel** reported that all College of Arts and Science faculty attach the college plagiarism policy to their course syllabi.

X. Adjournment – 11:22 a.m.

Douglas Haneline, Secretary

Adnan Dakkuri, President