

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Regular Meeting
April 25, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.
West Campus Community Center**

I. Call to Order: President Dakkuri called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. Attendance

Officers Present: President Adnan Dakkuri, Vice-President Robert Loesch, Secretary Douglas Haneline

Officers Absent: None

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Bandstra, A., Bandstra, J., Berghoef, Borst, Carter, Cline, Conati, Cron, Griffin, Hanna, Jewett, Klope, Kouider, Lewis, Liszewski, Lovsted, McMartin, Nagel, Papo, Purvis, Schmidt, Sun, Thapa, Thomas, Tymes, Wheeler, Watson, Weemaes

Senators Absent: Aiken (excused), Heck, Hettiarachchy, Key, McLean, Morton, Potter, *Ex-Officio Members Present:* President David Eisler, VPAA Michael Harris

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Guests: Leonard Johnson, Kevin Miller, Andy Karafa, Tom Oldfield, Michelle Johnston, Bill Boras, Tom Daglis, Diane Maguire, Don Flickinger, Liza Ing

III. Approval of the April 4, 2006 Minutes – Motion by Senator Carter, with support from Senator Jewett, to approve the April 4, 2006. Motion carried.

IV. Open Forum – No comments.

V. Reports

President Dakkuri reported that the *ad hoc* committee of the Strategic Planning Council will be meeting for the first time on Thursday, April 25, 2006. Members of the *ad hoc* committee are: Robert von der Osten, Mike Ryan, Clare Cook, Harold Palmer, and Christine Conley-Sowels. The members of this *ad hoc* committee will be working on the mission and procedures for the newly created Senate committee, the Institutional Strategic Planning Council. The *ad hoc* committee will report to the Senate at August Senate Retreat or the September Academic Senate meeting. Dr. Dakkuri announced that Dr. Douglas Haneline has been reappointed to Chair the Academic Program Review Council and Dr. Leonard Johnson will continue to Chair the University Curriculum Committee.

Vice President Loesch reported that annual reports are coming in. He thanked the Senators for the opportunity to serve the Senate.

Secretary Haneline had no report and thanked the Senators also.

VI. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – UCC Chair Leonard Johnson thanked the members of the University Curriculum Committee for their dedication and hard work. He reported that the UCC processed over 200 proposals this year. Three items for action were on the Senate report of today. Other items reviewed by the Committee are listed in Attachment A of these minutes.

B. Library/Historical/Archival Committee – Keith Jewett, committee member and Senator advised Senators that later in this meeting they would be reviewing a new mission statement for the committee that more closely represents the direction of the committee.

VII. New Business

A. Removal of the BS in Allied Health Education – Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Thapa, to approve the removal of the BS in Allied Health Education. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Resort Management Concentration in the BA in Professional Tennis Management** – Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Thomas, to approve the new concentration. Motion carried.
- C. MBA Concentration and Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Design and Innovation Management** – Motion by Senator Griffin, with support from Senator Thapa, to approve the new concentration. Motion carried.
- D. Academic Program Review Process for Non-Degree Programs** – Motion by Senator Haneline, with support by Senator Papo, to adopt the proposed guidelines for reviewing non-degree programs. Following discussion, the motion carried.
- E. Grade Change Policy** – Motion by Senator Tymes, with support from Senator Carter to support the recommendation of the Academic Policy and Standards Committee. The final sentence of the Grade Change Policy should read: “The appeal process should be initiated as soon as possible, but no later than the fifth working day of the semester subsequent to when the final grade was issued (excluding summer.)” See Attachment B of these minutes. Following brief discussion, motion carried.
- F. Retention of Student Work, Grade Records, and Grade Appeals Policy** – Motion by Senator Kouider, with support from Senator McMartin, to accept the recommendation of the Academic Policy and Standards Committee regarding student work, grade records, and the grade appeals policy (Attachment C) and revise Academic Affairs Policy 04:4, #2 – Following “calendar year” in the first sentence, insert “or the completion of the course”. Following discussion, motion carried.
- G. Mission Statement – Library/Historical/Archival Committee** – Motion by Senator Jewett, with support from Senator Lewis, moved to accept the revised mission statement (Attachment D) for this committee. Motion carried.

VIII. Announcements

FSU President Eisler thanked the Senators for their hard work this academic year. He reported that there is no news to report from the Joint Capital Outlay committee. He presented Dr. Dakkuri with a plaque for his service to the Academic Senate as its President during the past two years.

Michael Harris, Vice President for Academic Affairs reported that an Assessment Fair will be held on April 28 in the Founder’s Room at Rankin Center from 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The Faculty Recognition Dinner was held April 20, with several added awards this year. On May 7, 06 there will be a campus wide power outage, as a result the grade submission period will be extended to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006. He thanked the Senators, stating he appreciates the candid, honest communication. He thanked Dr. Dakkuri for his leadership of the Senate.

Dr. Dakkuri, Senate President, thanked those who will be serving at graduation. He thanked the *ad hoc* APR Committee and discharged them from duty. He extended thanks to Dr. Eisler and Dr. Harris for their open communication and he thanked the faculty for their help and support. He presented certificates of service to those senators leaving the Senate.

IX. Adjournment – 11:04 a.m.

Douglas Haneline, Secretary

Adnan Dakkuri, President