

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Regular Meeting
April 26, 2005 – 10:00 a.m. Session
West Campus Community Center**

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

II. Attendance

Officers Present: President Adnan Dakkuri, Vice-President Robert Loesch, Secretary David Aiken

Officers Absent: None

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Bandstra, A., Bandstra, J., Berghoef, Heck, Cairy, Carter, Cline, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Griffin, Hanna, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Johnson, Key, Liszewski, Lewis, Miller, Morton, Nagel, Potter, Papo, Schmidt, Tymes

Senators Absent: Jones, Lovsted (excused), Martin, McLean, Morton, Potter, Sun, Vermeer, Watson

Ex-Officio Members Present: President David Eisler, Vice President Academic Affairs Michael Harris, Government President Maria Knirk

Ex-Officio Members Absent: none

Guests: Jacqueline Hooper, Michelle Johnston, David Nicol, Doug Haneline, Tom Oldfield, Roxanne Cullen, Stephen Durst, Bill Boras, Charles Spaulding, Susan Hastings-Bishop, Cheryl Thomas, Khagendra Thapa, Liza Ing, Diane Fleming, Denise Mitten, Trudy Borst, Elies Kouider

III. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the April 5, 2005 regular Senate meeting are approved as written.

IV. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

V. Announcements

Senate President Dakkuri had no report at this time.

Senate Vice President Loesch reported that the surveys distributed last month will be tabulated and the findings will be distributed at the Academic Senate Retreat in August. If you have not returned your survey please do so as quickly as possible.

Secretary Aiken confirmed that a quorum was present for this meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

A. University Curriculum Committee – Chair Drake provided a written report on the curriculum items reviewed by the committee during the past month. That report is Attachment A of these minutes.

VII. New Business

A. Optometry Second Year Revision - Motion by Senator Aiken, seconded by Senator Carter to approve the curriculum revision. Motion carried.

B. Optometry Third Year Revision - Motion by Senator Drake, seconded by Senator Aiken, to approve the curriculum revision. Motion carried.

C. New Courses for PharmD/MBA – Motion by Senator Drake, seconded by Senator Aiken, to approve the new courses. Motion carried.

D. Create New PharmD/MBA Track – Motion by Senator Drake, seconded by Senator Aiken, to approve the new track. Motion carried.

E. BS Degree – Early Childhood Education – Motion by Senator Drake, seconded by Senator Griffin, to approve the degree. Motion carried.

F. Master of Curriculum & Instruction – Experiential Education Concentration – Motion by Senator Drake, seconded by Senator Griffin, to approve the new concentration. Motion carried.

VIII. Announcements

President Eisler thanked Senators for their year of hard work and dedication. He reminded Senators of the Service Awards Dessert Luncheon at 3 p.m. in at the Holiday Inn. He reported that many classrooms will be repaired and that a computer replacement approach will be reviewed. Although it is difficult to say where the State budget is, it appears that Ferris will receive a \$956,000 cut in its funding and there will likely be a tuition increase for fall 2005-2006.

Vice President Michael Harris thanked the Senate for working together for the betterment of Ferris. He reminded Senators that he would be hosting a "Table Topics" lunch at noon on Wednesday in the Centennial Dining Room, Rankin Center. On Thursday, April 28, there will be a divisional lunch in the Granger Building Atrium, beginning at 11:30, with a presentation at 12:30.

President Dakkuri thanked Senators for their hard work this year. He reported that he has enjoyed leading the group and is happy with the success they have achieved together. He continued by stating that there are challenges to be faced and as a group the Senate will work together to find solutions.

IX. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

X. Adjournment – 10:35 a.m.

David Aiken, Secretary

Adnan Dakkuri, President