

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Regular Meeting  
October 4, 2005 – 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, Heck, Jewett, Key, Klope, Kouider, Liszewski, Lewis, Lovsted, McLean, McMartin, Morton, Nagel, Papo, Schmidt, Thomas, Tymes, Watson, Weemaes, Wheeler

Senators Absent: Cline, Hanna, Hettiarachchy (excused), Miller (excused), Potter, Thapa

Ex-Officio Members Present: President David Eisler

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Vice President Michael Harris

Guests: Jacqueline Hooper, David Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Roberta Teahen, Leonard Johnson, Daniel Burcham, Pat Klarecki, Kristen Salomonson, Andrew Karafa, Daniel Cronk, Robert Krueger

**III. Approval of the September 4, and September 20, 2005 Minutes** – Motion by Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Haneline, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**IV. Open Forum**

**Senator Klope** expressed his concern over the lack of order at the Senate meeting of September 20, 2005. He suggested some instruction on Robert's Rules of Order.

**V. Reports**

**President Dakkuri** stated that Senator Hettiarachchy will chair the Senate Election Committee. Marshals and macebearers for the December 2005 graduation ceremony will be Sandra Burns, Nancy Hogan, John Schmidt, Kevin Miller, Michael Berghoef, and Jay Hettiarachchy. He further stated that at the September 20, 2005, a motion had been made but not acted upon, and he indicated he would like to dispose of this motion (see VII. A.).

**Vice President Loesch** reported that 86 faculty members volunteered for committee vacancies. Only 5 seats remain vacant, 8 out of college assignments were made. Senator Griffin thanked Vice President Loesch for the tremendous job he has done with the Senate committees and assignments.

**Secretary Haneline** had no report at this time.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**A. University Curriculum Committee** – Dr. Johnson distributed a report of the activities of the committee since the last Senate meeting. That document is Attachment A of these minutes. He reported that two additional members had been appointed: Andrew Purvis, College of Prof. and Tech. Studies, GR and Barbara Ross, Allied Health Sciences.

**B. Arts and Lectures Committee** – Dan Cronk, Chair, advised Senators of the 2005-2006 Performing Artists Series and distributed a brochure describing the season. He explained that the Arts and Lectures Committee is subsidized, as are most presenting organizations on campus, with limited resources. As a result, some events will be held off campus, and some will be held in Rankin Center at the Dome Room. At the October 11 meeting of this committee, Mr. Cronk will be bowing out as chair. He urged all Senators to support this series in every way that they can and try to attend the wide variety of events sponsored during this season. He thanked the Senators for the pleasure of serving on the committee and urged their attendance at the scheduled events.

He asked Senators to support the series by attending the Tommy Emmanuel Concert on October 18, at 7 p.m. in the Big Rapids High School Auditorium.

- C. Athletic Advisory Committee** – Dr. Robert Krueger, Chair, advised Senators that the committee is in the process of completing the NCAA Division II Self Study. The submission date for the document is June 1, 2006. He invited Senators to attend campus-wide meetings that will be held prior to submission for input from interested parties.

## VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Research and Development Committee Guidelines – Motion by Senator Haneline, with support from Senator Papo** to refer the proposed guidelines to the Academic Policy and Standards Committee for further study and review. The committee was to return to the Senate in November 2005, with its findings.

**Senator McMartin** offered the friendly amendment to change the return to the December 2005 Academic Senate meeting, which was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

**Senator Papo** called the question. Question carried. Main motion carried.

## VIII. New Business

- A. BA in Psychology Curriculum Changes – Senator Aiken, with support from Senator Nagel**, moved to approve the proposed Psychology Curriculum changes. Following a brief discussion, motion carried.

- IX. Presentation – Graduation Rates at Ferris – Kristen Salomonson, Director of Institutional Research and Testing - Ms. Salomonson** distributed information to the Senators regarding graduation rates at Ferris, what the numbers mean, and how the numbers are used by State and Federal officials, what kind of results we are seeing and what we can expect in the future. That document is Attachment B of these minutes. Following a PowerPoint presentation, Salomonson responded to questions and comments from the Senate.

## X. Announcements

**President Eisler** advised Senators that FLITE was highlighted in the Chronicle of Higher Education and that the appropriation for Ferris's budget had been approved on Monday, Oct. 3, 2005.

**Assistant Vice President Klarecki** told Senators that new faculty orientation feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Comments received will be used to enhance next year's program for new faculty members. The hiring process for some 20 additional faculty members for Fall '06 is underway, with deans and department heads being notified to begin the process. In response to Academic Program Review Council recommendations made in 2004, all were addressed through Deans and Department heads. A list is available at the Academic Affairs website.

**Senate President Dakkuri** advised the Senate that a task force has been formed, at the recommendation of the Student Life Committee, to look into Greek life at Ferris State University. Senate appointees to this committee are Robert Loesch and Elsie Lovsted.

## XI. Open Forum

## XII. Adjournment – 10:35 a.m.

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Douglas Haneline, Secretary

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Adnan Dakkuri, President