

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2004
West Campus Community Center**

I. Call to Order: President Dakkuri called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

II. Attendance

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

Officers Absent: None

Senators Present : Abbasabadi, Bandstra, Berghoef, Carter, Cline, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Green, Griffin, Hanna, Heck, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, Key, Lewis, Liszewski, Lovsted, Martin, McLean, Miller, Morton, Nagel, Papo, Parry, Potter, Schmidt, Tymes, Vermeer

Senators Absent: Marine, Watson

Ex-Officio Members Present: University President David Eisler, Academic Affairs Vice President Michael Harris

Guests: David Nicol, Chuck Matrosic, Tiffany Doyle, Don Flickinger, Andy Karafa, Roxanne Cullen, Sally Depew, John Nickisson, Clayton Rye

III. Approval of Minutes – The Senate approved the minutes as written by unanimous consent.

IV. Open Forum

Senator Parry reminded Senators of an MTV repeat tonight at 8:30 p.m. (via satellite sharing) featuring United States students and Baghdad students.

V. Officer Reports

President Dakkuri:

Reported that the Senate Executive Committee has met with Dr. Harris, Vice President Academic Affairs.

Reminded Senators that Marshall's and Mace Bearer's are needed for the December 18 commencement ceremony. There are two ceremonies, one at 10 a.m. and another at 1:30 p.m. Volunteers for the 10 a.m. ceremony are: James Bandstra of College of Business. Volunteers for the 1:30 ceremony are: Lee Martin of Allied Health, Russell Lewis of Education, and Chuck Drake of Technology.

Vice President Loesch:

Reported that contact has been made with the Student Activities Committee, asking them to report on the referral of March, 2003 on academic advising and is waiting for a response.

Senate committee minutes are now on the website.

Student Government FSU and the Executive Committee of the Senate will be meeting for lunch on November 11, 2004.

All of the thirteen Senate committees are staffed, have elected chairs, and are up and running, as is the ad hoc committee. The following seats are vacant: Allied Health – 2, Optometry – 4, University College – 2, Library/Counselors – 1. One Senator has not been seated on a committee.

Secretary Aiken:

Introduced our student employee Paula Smith, who will be in charge of laptop computer entry during Senate meetings.

President Dakkuri announced that the Senate Elections Committee, according to the Charter, must be appointed at the second meeting of the Academic Senate. Greg Key accepted the Chair position of the Committee. Other members are: Arlene Morton, Fred Heck, Roy McLean, Tom Liszewski, Russell Lewis, Robert Carter, Gregg Potter, and Mary Cline.

VI. Committee Reports

- A.** Academic Policy and Standards Committee – Andy Karafa, Chair, presented the Senate with three Academic Affairs Policy Letters for review and acceptance. They are: Compliance with University General Education Requirements, Second Baccalaureate or Second Associate Degree, and Transfer Equivalency. Senator Tymes, with second from Senator Conati, moved to accept the three policies. Following discussion of definitions and procedures, Dr. Harris asked where these policies came from. He was advised by Dr. Dakkuri that the policies were forwarded by Dr. Chesley prior to her leaving the University in June 2004. Dr. Harris requested that nothing be considered that was prior to his arrival at the University. More discussion relating to appeal procedure and process of evaluation followed. Motion by Papo, with second from Aiken to remove the policies from the table and return them to committee. Motion carried.
- B.** University Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair Drake provided Senators with a report of the actions of the Curriculum Committee (See Attachment A of these minutes) since its September 7 meeting. He advised Senators that the Curriculum manual is being revised. The committee is also reviewing the “Proposed Policy for Developing Graduate Programs”. The University Curriculum Committee meets on Thursday at 3 pm in SWN 102.

VII. Unfinished Business

Nothing brought to the floor.

VIII. New Business

Senate Jewett moved, with second from Senator Hanna or Conati, that the Senate request (via the FOIA) full financial disclosure of the expenditures for the Michael Moore appearance at Ferris. This disclosure should include all expenses (not just payments to Michael Moore, but also expenses for security, etcetera) and the source of the funds that were used to pay those expenses. Following a discussion regarding federal and state election law, Senator Abbasabadi called the question, with support from Senator Aiken. Question carried 25 ayes, 6 noes. 3 to 28, motion failed.

IX. Guest Speakers

- a. Sally Depew, Director of Budgetary Planning and Analysis, gave senators a brief overview of the budgeting process at Ferris State University. Complete information of FSU's budget and budget process can be found at: <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/president/planning2004.htm>
- b. Senate Website – David Aiken, Paula Hadley – Secretary Aiken and Paula Hadley gave Senators an overview of the Academic Senate website and presented them with a CD of links that they may find useful in their daily work.

X. Announcements

- a. **President Eisler** advised Senators that he meet with the Town and Gown Committee today, which consists of approximately 35 individuals from the city, the school districts and the University. He thanked the Senate for their leadership and participation in the University process. On October 20 from 2-4 pm there will be a Future of Ferris Planning Forum in the Dome Room.
- b. **Vice President Harris** informed the Senate that an internal search is being conducted for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. There will also be an internal search for the Assistant Vice

President for Academic Affairs. He will be asking the Deans to provide a survey of searches and will try to build a cycle that better fits the academic year.

He has met with all of the colleges, except Pharmacy, but does have a meeting scheduled with them very soon; he has added a regular monthly meeting with Deans, Department heads, and Department chairs. He will be meeting with the entire Academic Affairs staff one time each semester.

- c. **Senate President Dakkuri** introduced Tiffany Doyle, representative from Student Government FSU.

XI. Open Forum

Senator Schmidt made a statement expressing disappointment that the Senate had not voted in favor of the motion proposed by Senator Jewett concerning Michael Moore. The complete statement is attached to these minutes.

- XII. Adjournment - 11:35 a.m.**

David Aiken, Secretary

Adnan Dakkuri, President