

**Ferris State University  
Academic Senate Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 2, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.  
West Campus Community Center**

**I. Call to Order: Vice President Loesch** called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**II. Attendance**

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

Officers Absent: President Adnan Dakkuri

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Bandstra, Berghoef, Carter, Cline, Conati, Cron, Dickinson, Drake, Griffin, Hanna, Hettiarachchy, Jewett, Johnson, Lewis, Liszewski, Lovsted, Marine, Miller, Morton, Nagel, Papo, Parry, Schmidt, Tymes, Watson

Senators Absent: Berghoef, Green, Heck, Jones, Key, Martin, McLean, Potter, Vermeer

Ex-Officio Members Present: None

Guests: Jacqueline Hooper, Michelle Johnston, Chuck Matrosic, David Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Roberta Teahan, Daniel Burcham, Mitzi Day, Don Flickinger, Roxanne Cullen, Donald Roy, Renato Cerdena, John Thorp

**III. Approval of Minutes** – The Senate approved the October 5, 2004 minutes as written.

**IV. Open Forum – No comments.**

**V. Officer Reports**

President Dakkuri: None

Vice President Loesch:

Reported that Senate President Dakkuri is recovering from surgery and should return the week of October 11, 2004.

President Eisler sent a note of apology for missing the Senate meeting. He included good wishes for Dr. Dakkuri and invited Senators to meetings on Thursday, November 11 in the Dome Room at Rankin Center at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. to review the campus facilities master plan.

Two one-year replacements were made by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. Maureen Watson has been appointed to the University Graduate and Professional Council as the Optometry representative, although she is technically part of the Library/Counselors unit. Sandra Alspach has been appointed to the University Curriculum Committee as Arts and Sciences representative. Other committees have unit openings. Optometry has four, University College has two, Education has one and Library/Counselors unit has one opening.

The Diversity Committee, the Athletic Advisory Committee, and the Academic Program Review Ad Hoc Committee will all have reports at the December meeting.

Secretary Aiken: No report at this time.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**Vice President Loesch** asked for motion by unanimous consent to change the agenda so that the Arts and Lectures Committee report follow new business. No objection.

A. University Curriculum Committee: Chair Drake reviewed proposals that are before the Curriculum Committee at this time and advised Senators that later in the meeting changes for the Curriculum Manual would be proposed. For complete details see Attachment A of these minutes.

**I. Unfinished Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

A. University Curriculum Committee

1. Moved by Senator Drake (Second by Secretary Aiken) that “a one-year sunset on signatures for curriculum proposals be specified in the University Curriculum Manual.” A friendly amendment by Senator Nagel changed the wording from “sunset” to “expiration.” Motion carried.
2. Moved by Senator Drake (Second by Secretary Aiken) that an outcome statement for minors – be specified in the University Curriculum Manual. Motion carried.
3. Moved by Senator Drake (Second by Secretary Aiken) that an outcome statement for certificates be specified in the University Curriculum Manual. Motion carried.

- B. Secondary Education Major/Minor in Geography – Moved by Senator Drake (second Secretary Aiken), to approve the new major/minor. Motion carried.
- C. Secondary Education Major/Minor in Political Science – Moved by Senator Drake (second Secretary Aiken), moved to approve the new major/minor. Motion carried.
- D. First Year Optometry Curriculum – Moved by Senator Drake (second Secretary Aiken) to approve the proposal. Motion carried.

**IX. Guest Presentation**

- A. Profile of the Entering Freshman Class – Dan Burcham, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Mitzi Day, Senior Research Analyst, provided Senators with details of our entering freshmen. A complete copy of the report is Attachment B of these minutes.

**X. Committee Reports Resumed**

Arts and Lectures Committee – Dan Cronk, Chair the committee, advised Senators of the process that the committee uses to create the upcoming season and responded to questions and comments.

**XI. Announcements**

Vice President Loesch reminded Senators that the December 7 Regular Academic Senate meeting will be held in the President’s Room at Rankin Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

He also reminded senators that the special meeting of the Senate with the Academic Program Review Committee will be at the West Campus Community Center beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2004. Attendance at this meeting is very important.

**XII. Open Forum – Nothing at this time.**

**XIII. Adjournment - 11:45 a.m.**

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David Aiken, Secretary

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Robert Loesch, Vice President