

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
December 2, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
West Campus Community Center**

- I. **Call to Order: President Griffin** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. **Attendance:**
Officers Present: President Richard Griffin, Vice-President Michael Berghoef, Secretary Lucy Ngoh, Past President Dakkuri
Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Alspach, Beistle, Berghoef, Brandly, Cron, DeKoster, Drake, Goosen, Haneline, Hanna, H., Hansen, Jewett, Klatt, Kouider, Lashaway-Bokina, Liszewski, Lovsted, Isler, Nagel, Nash, Papo, Purvis, Sanderson, Schmidt, Smith, Sun, Thapa, Topcu, Weemaes, Wellman
Senators Absent: Ding (excused), Hanna, D., Jorsch, McLean, Morcom, Nelson (excused),
Ex-Officio Members Present: Interim Vice President Academic Affairs Daniel Burcham
Ex-Officio Members Absent: President David Eisler, Student Government President Amber Balmer
Guests: Ellen Haneline, David Nicol, Don Flickinger, Roberta Teahen, Leonard Johnson, Tom Oldfield, Paul Blake, Cambria DeHoag, Curtis Smith, Andrew Karfa
- III. **Approval of the Minutes – November 4, 2008 minutes - Senator Haneline, with support from Senator Schmidt, moved to approve as written. November 18, 2008, minutes, Senator Haneline, with support from Senator Jewett, moved to approve as written. Motions carried.**
- IV. **Open Forum – No comments at this time.**
- V. **Reports**
President Griffin had no report today.
Vice President Berghoef reported that there are still seats on some committees for faculty members and seats for students.
Secretary Ngoh had no report.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **University Curriculum Committee - Leonard Johnson, UCC Chair** - Dr. Johnson presented the Senate with a list of action taken since the November Senate meeting (Attachment A).
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. **New Degree: Masters of Sciences in Educational Leadership - Leonard Johnson, UCC Chair**
Motion by Senator Ngoh, with support from Senator Lashaway-Bokina, to approve the new degree. Main motion carried.
 - B. **New Degree: Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health Science – Leonard Johnson, UCC Chair**
Motion by Senator Haneline, with support from Senator Purvis, to approve the new degree. Main motion carried.
 - C. **Revised Degree: Doctor of Pharmacy Program – Leonard Johnson, UCC Chair**
Motion by Senator Wellman, with support from Senator Lovsted, to approve the revised

degree. Several Pharmacy faculty members were available to respond to questions. Main motion carried.

- D. Resolution: General Education Joint Task Force – Senator Douglas Haneline Motion by Senator Haneline, with support from Senator Berghoef, to approve the resolution (Attachment B). After a lengthy discussion, Senator Papo called the question, question carried, motion carried.**

VIII. Announcements

Interim Vice President Burcham told Senators that a representative of the Academic Senate has been appointed to the search committee for the Dean of FLITE. That member will be Brian Brady, current chair of the Library/Historical/Archival Committee. A search committee for the Dean of Optometry will be re-established soon. In regards to General Education, Dr. Burcham told Senators that he thought the university should establish at conceptual philosophical base. He also stated that we want our students to have skills and be able to contribute to society, so we need to ask ourselves “What are the core values that our students need”. He also urged Senators to look at our strategic plan to look at our values and if those values have an indication for the overall curriculum.

President Griffin reported that the Senate Executive Committee would be meeting on Dec. 9, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., so if you have questions or issues, please forward them to the Senate Office.

- IX. Open Forum – No comments at this time.**

- X. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 10:47 a.m.**

Lucy Ngoh, Secretary

Richard Griffin, President