

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate (2010-2011) Meeting
10:00 a.m. April 26, 2011
West Campus Community Center**

Minutes

I.	Action Items	
	A.	The Minutes of April 5, 2011 were unanimously approved, as corrected, with thanks to Sen. Jewett for pointing out the clarification to the Secretary. (Colley, Joyce)
	B.	Sen. Nash moved, seconded by Sen. Thapa, to offer a special “thank you” to Associate Provost Roberta Teahen for her leadership of the HLC Committee. The motion was resoundingly approved.

Attendance

Senators attending	Abbasabadi, Alspach, Berghoef, Bokina-Lashaway, Boncher, Brandly, Colley, Compton, Cook, Dakkuri, Drake, Fox, Haneline, Hanna, Heaphy, Isler, Jewett, Joyce, Klatt, Liszewski, Lukusa Barnett, Luplow, Marion, Nash, Prakasam, Rewers, Reynolds, Sanderson, Skrocki, Sun, Taylor, Thapa, Wagenheim
Senators absent with cause	Gillespie, Griffin, Maike, McNulty, Nagel
Ex Officio and Guests	Erickson, Flickinger, Burcham, Cron, Johnston, McKean, Nicol, L. Johnson (UCC), D. Balmer (Student Government), C. Quigley, R. Loesch

See the Narrative for Reports and Announcements.

Narrative

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

President Haneline thanked the Senators for their service for the 2010-2011 academic year, and he expressed his pleasure to have worked with this group of faculty representatives.

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II.	Open Forum	
	A.	Senator Reynolds announced that the Non-tenure Track Faculty Association would be providing informational picketing around the Timme Center for Student Services as they continued their negotiation of their first contract.
	B.	Senator Heaphy reported that new Senator Ciamataro regretting missing her first Senate meeting to be with her family following the loss of a nephew in Afghanistan.
III.	Reports	
	A.	President Haneline shared his pleasure at the amount of business that had been done by the 2010-2011 Senate.
	B.	Vice President Berghoef reported that primary task of the Vice President, filling and monitoring the Senate Committees, has been successfully completed. He thanked Senators Heaphy and Skrocki for their leadership of the ad hoc Task Force on Senate Committees and opined that their work would be very useful to future committees.
	C.	Secretary Alspach reflected on her two years of service as Secretary of the Senate. She thanked Carol Rewers and her Charter Review committee for their work in 2009-2010. She applauded the Senate for creating a “Rules” Committee to continue the work of maintaining a Charter that accurately and appropriately reflects the relationship of the Academic Senate with the Board of Trustees and the Administration. She thanked the members of the 2010-

		2011 Rules Committee for their work, especially to more accurately recognize the Non-Tenure Faculty and to clarify election procedures. Finally, she thanked Paula Hadley for arranging for the recording of all Senate sessions, cross-checking the attendance records, and for generally keeping the Senate running smoothly.
IV.	Committee Reports	
	A.	Provost Erickson reported on the summary report of the Higher Learning Commission Site Visiting Team. He noted that in the brief 12 minute report, Team Chair Mary Ellen Edwards showed pleasure with this state university and announced that the Team would recommend accrediting Ferris for another ten years. He thanked the HLC Steering Committee and all of the people who had contributed countless hours of work to make the report and the site visit successful. He shared his pleasure that Dr. Edwards had specifically pointed to the large attendance of Senators at the special meeting with the HLC team members.
		University President Eisler shared that he had never seen an accrediting session with such a positive atmosphere.
	B.	Leonard Johnson reported that yesterday at its last meeting of the academic year, the UCC had reviewed its 100 th proposal for the year. He announced that this was the first end-of-year Senate meeting during his tenure with no proposals for the Senate to consider.
	The meeting was interrupted by a presentation of flowers and a gift card in thanks to Paula Hadley from the Senate Executive Committee.	
	Pres. Haneline took the opportunity to announce that the New Business agenda item to discuss the Mission Statement of the Distinguished Teacher Committee had been withdrawn on request of Sen. Sanderson, Committee Chair.	
	C.	Associate Provost Flickinger reported that the next phase of the General Education Task Force would begin at the Academic Senate Retreat in August. He shared that the HLC Site Visiting Team had indicated that we are on the right track in our review of General Education. He thanked the Academic Program Review Council for providing the impetus for the General Education review process.
	D.	Danielle Balmer reported from Student Government.
		She announced that the Torchbearers awards program will be held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Auditorium.
		She announced that the Student Government will work with President Eisler to offer "Pancakes with the President" on May 2 beginning at 11:00 p.m. in Westview Dining Hall. She invited Senators to participate.
		She announced that participation in Org Sync continues to grow among students. This software package houses the co-curricular transcript process as well as multiple communication tools for student activities on campus.
		She announced the Ferris will host a conference of Student Associations of Michigan (SAM) in the fall, and eight or nine schools are expected to send representatives.
		She reported that the Big Event was a huge success and shared the story of the cheerleading team who formed a pyramid to clean upper-story windows for a community participant.
		She reported that Brendon Warren had been announced as the recipient of the Sederburg Scholarship at the Student Government Gala on April 15.
		Finally, she announced that she has been elected president of Student Government for 2011-2012. She hopes to continue the relationship that has been built between Student Government and the Academic Senate next year.
		Sen. Hanna asked about the criteria for selecting Arts and Lectures events and budget allocated for this activity. Paula Hadley answered his questions.
		Sen. Nash moved, seconded by Sen. Thapa, to offer a special thank you to Associate Provost

		Roberta Teahen for her leadership of the HLC Committee. The motion was resoundingly approved.
V.	Announcements	
	A.	University President Eisler shared his observations of the state budget negotiations. While there has been much activity, both public and private, he believes that compromise is happening. He predicted that a budget would be produced by July.
		He invited Senators to the Service Awards ("Strawberry Pie") Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Rankin Center Dome Room.
		He answered a question from the floor that he did not believe that higher education was being singled out as a target in the budgeting process, sharing his experience working with another committee concerned with tax credit issues.
	B.	Provost Erickson announced that the Core Review Team is finalizing its report. They have reviewed over 30 proposals. He said he is "ready to get tires on this project."
		He repeated the invitation to attending the "Strawberry Pie" celebration of service to the University.
		He offered best wishes for finishing the semester and encouraged Senators to attend Commencement.
	C.	Pres. Haneline announced that the 2011-2012 Senate will be invited to a special meeting in May to review the Core Review Team proposal. He will seek a time that is "least inconvenient" to the Senators.
		He presented certificates of appreciation to Leonard Johnson for six years of service as chair of the University Curriculum Committee and to Senators who were retiring from Senate service:
		Allied Health Sciences: Sharon Colley, Marilyn Skrocki
		Arts and Sciences: Jon Taylor
		Business: Maureen Heaphy
		Education and Human Services: Matt Wagenheim
		Engineering Technology: Joe Compton
		University College: Gloria Lukusa-Barnett
VI.	Open Forum	
	A.	Sen. Thapa expressed concern about the messages of the highway billboards advertising Ferris State University.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 (Sanderson).

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Alspach
Secretary

Douglas Haneline
President

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11:00 a.m. April 26, 2011
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Minutes

I.	Action Items: Elections were conducted by Sen. Sun, Election Committee chair.	
	A.	Senator Douglas Haneline, Arts and Sciences, was elected President, unopposed (30-0). (Abbasabadi)
	B.	Senator Michael Berghoef, Arts and Sciences, was elected Vice President, unopposed (30-0). (Jewett)
	C.	Senator Melinda Isler, Counselors/Librarians, nominated by Sen. Liszewski, was elected Secretary over Senator David Marion, Business, nominated by Sen. Alspach (19-10-1).
	D.	Six candidates were nominated for Member-at-Large. The vote tally is recorded below with those elected indicated by an asterisk (*).
		*David Marion, Business (20)
		*James Nash, Optometry (16)
		*Sandy Alspach, Arts and Sciences (13)
		Keith Jewett, Engineering Technology (12)
		David Hanna, Engineering Technology (12)
		Beth Reynolds, Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty (12)

Attendance

Senators attending	Abbasabadi, Alspach, Baker, Berghoef, Brandly, Cook, Dakkuri, Dixon, Drake, Fox, Haneline, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Joyce, Klatt, Lashaway-Bokina, Liszewski, Luplow, Marion, Moore, McLean, Nash, Nystrom, Prakasam, Reynolds, Sanderson, Selberg, Stone, Sun, Thapa
Senators absent with cause	Boncher, Ciaramitaro, Daugherty, Gillespie, Griffin, Lovsted, Maike, McNulty, Nagel
Ex Officio and Guests	Erickson, Flickinger, Burcham, Cron, Johnston, McKean, Nicol, L. Johnson (UCC), D. Balmer (Student Government), C. Quigley, R. Loesch

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Narrative

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II.	Open Forum	
	A.	President Haneline opened the floor for comments from the new 2011-2012 Senate.
	B.	Senator Brandly reported that new Senator Ciaramitaro regretting missing her first Senate meeting to be with her family following the loss of a nephew in Afghanistan.
	C.	Senator Prakasam announced two programs sponsored by the Globalization Initiative this week.
III.	New Business	
	A.	President Haneline relinquished the chair to Election Committee chair Senator Kent Sun.
		Sen. Sun called for nominations for President. Sen. Douglas Haneline, Arts and Sciences, was elected, unopposed (30-0) (Abbasabadi)
		Sen. Sun called for nominations for Vice President. Sen. Michael Berghoef, Arts and Sciences, was elected, unopposed (30-0) (Jewett)
		Sen. Sun called for nominations for Secretary.
	1.	Sen. Alspach nominated Sen. David Marion, Business.

		2.	Sen. Liszewski nominated Sen. Melinda Isler, Counselors/Librarians.
		3.	Sen. Isler was elected (19-10-1).
		Sen. Sun called for nominations for Member-at-Large, three Senators to be elected. The vote tally is recorded below with those elected indicated by an asterisk (*).	
		1.	*David Marion, Business (20)
		2.	Keith Jewett, Engineering Technology (12)
		3.	David Hanna, Engineering Technology (12)
		4.	Beth Reynolds, Non-Tenure Track Instructional Faculty (12)
		5.	*Sandy Alspach, Arts and Sciences (13)
		6.	*James Nash, Optometry (16)
IV.	Open Forum		
	A.	Sen. Liszewski complimented Sen. Sun for an efficient election.	
	B.	Pres. Haneline reminded the Senate that a special meeting will be called in May to discuss the Core Review Team report. He will email a request for Senators to indicate their availability, so that he can schedule the meeting at the "least inconvenient" time.	

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 (Brandy).

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Alspach
Secretary pro temp

Douglas Haneline
President