

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 05, 1996 - 10:05 a.m.**

I. Attendance

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Conati, Dakkuri, Ferdowsi, Glynn, Green, Heidemann, Kane, Key, Klope, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Maas, Moffett, Monson, Nerbonne, Olsson, Pilgrim, Rupe, Ryan, Saladin, Shepler, Smith, Stephen, Stich, Thapa, Travis, Valas

Senators Absent. Eitenne (excused), Hanna (excused), Hastings-Bishop (excused), Holihan, Huey (excused), Konrad (excused), Papo (excused), Wininger

Guests. Teshome Abebe, William Sederburg, Tom Oldfield, Linda Travis, Carriann Carlson, Lyle Lunstead, Jeff Cross, Robert Von der Osten

II. Call to Order

President R. Moffett called to meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Rankin Center President's Room.

III. Minutes

Minutes approved, with corrections regarding attendance, for October 1, 1996, 10:05 a.m. session.

IV. Open Forum

Carriann Carlson, ASG, inquired about the Spring Break Dates in April, 1997.

V. Announcements

President Sederburg

- A. Informed the Senate that the new Library will be built in the area that Taggart Field now occupies (pending approval from the State), and the new Sports Stadium will be built near the Ice Arena/General Services Building area. The Sports Stadium costs will be \$3-4 million. If there is State approval, the Library will cost approximately \$50 million, with 25% funding from FSU and 75% funding from the State. Dr. Sederburg has expressed to the State that the University must have flexibility with the funds.
- B. Cumulative Performance Review for faculty. The president reported that the Board of Trustees is working on the plan.
- C. The president reported the Boards imposed last offer is in a holding pattern, awaiting a labor judge decision.
- D. Campus signage is progressing as planned.
- E. The University Planning Committee is drafting a mission statement.
- F. Budget and planning process priorities have been identified by the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the Vice Presidents. In State Budget requests it would be advantageous to have Ferris recognized for its technological training.

- G. Responding to earlier questions by ASG representative Carriann Carlson regarding Spring Break timing, Dr. Sederburg explained that a committee met to review the calendar in 1995 and decided to coordinate Spring Break with area school districts, if possible. The time for Spring Break can be changed. The decision must be made before February, 1997. Ms. Carlson reported that Associated Student Government would like to stay with the previous system, where Spring Break would fall in the middle of the semester. Pros and cons were discussed. After much discussion, it was decided that this issue must be added to the December 3, 1996, Academic Senate Agenda.

Provost Abebe

- A. Informed the Senate that FSU has signed articulation agreements with 58 Michigan Technical Centers. As of October 1, 104 technical center students had expressed an interest in coming to Ferris next year. FSU has 7 signed articulation agreements with Michigan community colleges. The most recent agreement is with Delta College. Delta is one of the largest feeders to FSU.
- B. The Bachelor of Science in English Education was approved by the Board of Trustees in May, 1996, and has recently been approved by the State Board of Education. The Public Administration Major will be in place by Fall semester.
- C. The Provost noted that the number of Ferris graduates who complete their education in four years is quite low. Discussion followed on how numbers are attained and how some students leave for employment reasons and then return to school.

President Moffett

- A. President Moffett informed the Senate that the following individuals will be participating in graduation: Jim Lindsey and Adnan Dakkuri as Marshals and Greg Key, mace bearer.
- B. President Moffett noted that two of the Economics faculty transferring to the College of Business are Senators in the Academic Senate. He stated that the Senate Charter is silent on how to address this situation. Relevant portions of the charter were reviewed. After discussion, the following motion was offered.

Moved by Senator Heidemann, supported by Senator Thapa, that the two Senators from the Economics faculty serve on the Senate through Winter semester, 1997, at which time their present positions terminate. Motion passes unanimously.

President Moffett announced that Provost Abebe had appointed six faculty and academic administrators to the University Technologies Committee.

Interim Dean Travis

Interim Dean Travis briefed the Senate on the progress that is being made in the development of the University College. She informed the senate that a mission statement is being developed and that a total of 28 people have been assigned to the University College. Areas of the college being established include: Career Counseling, Honors Council, Academic Support Center, and a Writing Center. The College will work with under-prepared, undecided, and honors students. The college plans to be operating by the Fall semester of 1997.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. **University Curriculum Committee** - Donna Smith reported that the UCC manual is now on disk in each Dean's Office. The UCC has approved the following documents previously approved by the Assessment Committee and the University General Education Committee:

1. Social Awareness Outcomes Criteria
2. Cultural Enrichment Outcomes Criteria
3. Goals and Objectives for Written Communication Skills of FSU Graduates,
4. Reading Skills, Goals and Objectives for FSU Graduates to Utilize their Professional, Civic, and Personal Lives
5. Reasoning Ability Assessment Outcomes Criteria Proposal for the Modification of the Cultural Enrichment Requirement
6. Proposal for the Modification of the Cultural Enrichment Requirement
7. Revamped General Education Guidelines for Transfer

Dr. Robert Von der Osten responded to questions regarding the Proposal for the Modification of the Cultural Enrichment Requirement.

The UCC is also working on: Applied Communication Major, Certificate in Global Logistics, changes to the Food Service/Hospitality Management Program, Applied Statistics Minor and Visual Communication Program changes.

- B. **Senate Governance Committee** - Senate Vice President Greg Key reports that some committee assignments have not been filled. He indicated that we need to considering adding representatives from the University College to the committees.

VII. New Business

- A. Moved by Senator Heidemann, seconded by Senator Kowalkoski to accept the proposal for the Modification of the Cultural Enrichment Requirement. Motion passes unanimously.**
- B. Moved by Senator Key, seconded by Senator Conati to accept the General Education Transfer Guidelines for the Bachelors of Science Degree. After much discussion Senator Kane moves to table matter, seconded by Senator Stephen, motion to table passes unanimously.** This issue will be brought to December 3, 1996, Academic Senate meeting.
- C. Moved by Senator Rupe, seconded by Senator Olsson, that the Academic Senate in relationship with the Academic Affairs Office appoint three (3) faculty members to a committee for developing a process for writing outside grant applications for FSU Faculty Research.** Discussion follows regarding the need for this committee with the newly established Center for Teaching, Learning, and Faculty Development. **Motion by Senator Valas, seconded by Senator Stephen, to table the issue until a report is given by Provost Abebe's office.**
- D.** Senator Rupe also expressed concern regarding the dates on the Men's and Women's basketball schedule. Due to road trips scheduled, some student athletes may not be able to attend due to exams. The league has been contacted, with concerns expressed.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Senate will be December 3, 10:05 a.m., in the President's Room of Rankin Center.

X. Adjournment

President Moffett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Russell Moffett, President