

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting
May 15, 1990

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. Ravell, A. Bandstra, Beetley, Ferdowski, Frank, Horn, Kantar, Middleton, Mullet, Oldfield, Russell, Vasicek, J. Bandstra, A. Cook, M. Cook, Etienne, Pomnichowski, Travis, Valas, Carey, Caskey, Breault, Totten, King, Uniacke, Lovsted, Peterson, Anderson, Burtch, Groner, Henry, Matrosic, Muccio, Thapa.

1.2 Members Absent. Lewis (excused), Stai, Powell, Pearson (excused), Ovans (excused), Look.

1.3 Guests. R. Bethel, S. Hammersmith, H. Hankes, M. Hashimi, P. Jastrzembski, C. Jones, J. Lindsey, G. Nash, A. Pochi, H. Popovich, P. Russell, R. Swartz.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the May 1 meeting were approved with the addition of paragraph 7.3:

"Responding to concerns about curricular procedures, Pomnichowski noted that, when questions arise concerning proposals, proposers are always contacted by phone, memo, and/or a visit with the Council or Committee."

OPEN FORUM

4.1 No concerns were raised at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich congratulated the new senators upon their elections, and expressed her thanks to the continuing senators for their service in the Senate. She paid tribute to Tom Oldfield for serving as President of the Senate.

5.2 Popovich gave an update on the relationship between Ferris State University and the University College of Belize. Her plan is that Ferris will no longer offer a degree through the University College of Belize, but will continue to assist them, and will offer certification that students have completed programs. This proposal will go to the Board of Control on Friday, May 18.

5.3 Popovich urged the Senate to not delay a decision on the Semester Feasibility Task Force Report. She has requested that faculty advice be given to her in a timely fashion. The committee has done its work and hearings have been held. It is important that the semester system be considered at the same time as the university considers a new student record system and new General Education requirements.

President Russell

6.1 Russell announced that Adnan Dakkuri will be the chairman of the Academic Program Review Committee. Joan Totten will be the Senate representative to the University Curriculum Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Pomnichowski reported that several curriculum proposals are in process.

7.2 Pomnichowski called for tightening the rules on end-of-year reception of items to be considered.

Senate Appointments Committee

8.1 Matrosic reported that approximately one-third of the end-of-year reports have been submitted. The response to the call for volunteers to serve on committees has been good.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to A.A.S. in Administrative Assistant Program

9.1 M. Cook moved that the Academic Senate grant final approval to the proposed revisions to the A.A.S. in Office Administration Administrative Assistant Program as recommended by the University Curriculum Committee. Totten supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Name Change, School of Arts and Sciences

10.1 Ferdowski moved that the Academic Senate endorse the proposed name change of the School of Arts and Sciences to the College of Arts and Sciences as recommended by the Arts and Sciences faculty. Frank supported. Motion carried.

Semester Feasibility Task Force Report

11.1 Oldfield moved that the Academic Senate extend first-reading acceptance to the recommendations of the Semester Feasibility Task Force. Burtch supported.

11.2 Groner moved to set aside first reading on the motion. Oldfield supported. Amendment carried.

11.3 Carey moved to amend the report to make the semester fifteen weeks. Frank supported. Amendment failed.

11.4 Pomnichowski moved to amend the report to substitute "the University Curriculum Committee will work with the Vice President of Academic Affairs to devise the best plan for coordinating and implementing the change to semesters" for "current Senate procedures for curricular issues be waived for this time period." M. Cook supported. Amendment carried.

11.5 Main motion failed by a vote of 15-16.

OPEN FORUM

12.1 No concerns were raised at this time.

NEXT MEETING

13.1 The next regular meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Room.

ADJOURNMENT

14.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice J. Bandstra
Secretary

Approved:
