

**Ferris State University**  
**Academic Senate**  
*Minutes of the Meeting*  
*February 17, 1992*

**ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Members Present. R. Anderson, Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, Caskey, M.J. Cook, Ferdowski, Haneline, Heidemann, Holihan, Horn, Key, King, Matrosic, Muccio, Oldfield, Ovans, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Powell, Ravell, Rumpf, D. Russell, P. Russell, Spaulding, Thapa, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. T. Anderson (excused), A. Cook, Etienne (excused), Henry, Lewis (excused), Totten.

1.3 Guests. D. Burcham, P. Butler, N. Emmanuel, R. Guiney, S. Hammersmith, C. Jones, M. Kosciuszko, D. Lerner, L. Lunsted, J. Maas, G. Nash, N. Rautiola, R. Snyder, F. Swartz, G. Wales, F. Wheatlake.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**OPEN FORUM**

3.1 Frank Wheatlake, a lifelong resident of the community and a representative of the community, stated that it is an unacceptable alternative to eliminate the hockey team and keep the ice arena open. He brought a revenue enhancement proposal which would build an endowment fund of two million dollars over a ten-year period, the proceeds of which would go into the auxiliary fund and lead to varsity hockey being self-supporting. Wheatlake noted that people are willing to work to support the hockey team and that \$300,000 has already been pledged for the ten-year period. Cutting the hockey team would be devastating to the community and would create great animosity in the community, according to Wheatlake.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Haneline moved that the Senate adopt the following resolution.**

*Resolved*, That the Academic Senate of Ferris State University, mindful of the economic exigencies currently facing the University and committed to a fiscally-responsible policy which satisfactorily fulfills the University's educational mission, endorse the recommendations of the Vice President; and

*Resolved*, That the Academic Senate, recognizing the importance of physical well-being as an integral part of the total educational experience, appeal to the administration to strengthen its commitment to the University intramural recreation programs and so encourage all Ferris students to acquire life-long habits of physical fitness, and inasmuch as is economically feasible, to bolster support to the remaining intercollegiate athletic programs; and

*Resolved*, That the Academic Senate, recognizing the manifold benefits the Ice Arena offers to both Ferris students and the community of Big Rapids, appeal to the University to pursue all appropriate means to ensure the continued operation of the Ice Arena as a University and community recreational facility.

*Peterson supported.*

**4.2 Ferdowski moved to call for the question. Muccio supported. The motion carried.**

**4.3 The main motion passed by a vote of 17 to 8 with 3 abstentions.**

**NEXT MEETING**

5.1 The next regular Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:

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