

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 1998 – 7:00 p.m.
College of Business, Room 211**

I. **Call to Order: President Key** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Room 211 of the College of Business.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Bonning, Daugherty, Ferdowsi, Green, Haneline, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Huey, Kane, Key, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nikkari, Nista, Papo, Ryan, Rye, Shepler, Squicciarini, Stephen, Thapa, Wininger.

Senators Absent. Conati, Dakkuri (excused), Hartman, Jackson (excused), Konrad (excused), Nagel (excused), Pilgrim (excused), Speirs, Stern, Westhoven.

Guests. Barbara Chapman, Isabel Barnes, Woody Neumann, Mary Murnik, Karen Norman, Vincent King, Lorna Lewis, Joseph Weber, Mike Cairns, Gary Ovans

III. **Approval of November 3, 1998 Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senator Anderson advised the Senators that he had received a recruiting information packet and thanked those involved for getting that information to him.

President Key thanked the Senators for attending this evening meeting.

V. **New Business – Academic Program Review Committee Recommendations**

Senator and Committee Chair Haneline began by introducing the members of the Academic Program Review Committee and thanked them for their hard work. He then reviewed the committee recommendations and answered questions for over two hours. A summary of the recommendations is listed below. The complete Academic Program Review Committee report is Attachment A.

Programs to be continued:

- Accountancy
- B.S. in Biotechnology
- B.S. in Heavy Equipment Service Engineering/A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Technology
- A.A.S. in Manufacturing Tooling Technology
- B.S. in Technical and Professional Communication

Programs to be enhanced:

- B.S. in Construction Management/A.A.S. in Building and Construction Technology/A.A.S. in Civil Engineering
- B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- O.D. Program in Optometry
- B.S. in Television Production
- B.S./A.A.S. Programs in Visual Communication

Programs to continued with monitoring:

- B.S. in Finance – report back within one year, with VPAA monitoring progress

- M.S. Program in Information Systems Management – report back in three years, with VPAA monitoring
- B.S. in Management Program – report back in one year, with VPAA monitoring progress
- A.A.S. in Radiography Program – report back within three years

The Academic Program Review Committee also made the following general recommendations:

- The University needs to provide funds on a formal and regular basis to reimburse faculty and administration for recruitment efforts.
- The University needs to examine its “open door” policy. The committee feels the University needs to reach more capable, career oriented students.
- End the 90% Rule used for filling vacant positions.
- The University needs to make significant investments in facilities and equipment for the Michigan College of Optometry, the College of Technology and programs in Visual Communication and Television Production. Failure to do so will result in strong programs being marginalized.
- The College of Business needs to become accredited and continue with the implementation of its reorganization and curricular plans.
- The University needs to make sure that FLITE has the funding it needs for materials, with permanent funds devoted to collection maintenance and development.
- The University must recognize and support the needs of equipment-dependant programs.
- The University needs to supply personnel for maintenance and repair in its many computer labs.
- The University needs to raise its level of support for Macintosh users and programs.

VI. **Announcements**

Vice President Chapman thanked the Academic Program Review Committee for their work and recommendations and gave the following report.

- Distinguished Teacher Award recipients for 1997-98 will be the speakers at commencement in December.
- The Student Assessment of Instruction Instrument will be piloted during the next few weeks.
- The Chancellor of Grand Rapids search has begun. Committee members are Rick Duffett, Bruce Forentos, David Pilgrim, Oliver Evans, Tracy Powers, Tom Quinn, and Jan Bonk.
- Dr. Chapman reminded Senators of the Finance Committee meeting and Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, November 20, 1998.
- A draft of the Grand Rapids Omnibus Resolution (Attachment B), which deals with organizing and administering FSU Grand Rapids was distributed to the Senators.

President Key thanked the Academic Program Review Committee members for their hard work and commitment.

VII. **Open Forum**

Senator Hastings-Bishop invited the Senators to come watch the installation of the climbing wall.

Senator Anderson asked Senators to review the Grand Rapids Omnibus Resolution carefully.

VIII. **Adjournment** - President Key adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President