

**Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
Centennial Dining Room, Rankin Center**

I. **Call to Order: President Key** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. **Attendance**

Senators Present: Abbasabadi, Anderson, Bonning, Conati, Dakkuri, Daugherty, Ferdowski, Green, Haneline, Hanna, Hastings-Bishop, Heidemann, Jackson, Kane, Key, Konrad, Kowalkoski, Krumins, Lindsey, Lovsted, Merwin, Nagel, Nikkari, Nista, Papo, Pilgrim, Ryan, Rye, Shepler, Speirs, Squicciarini, Stephen, Stern, Wininger

Senators Absent. Hartman (excused), Huey, Thapa (excused), Westhoven (excused).

Guests. Barbara Chapman, Sue Hammersmith, Keith Kern, Tom Oldfield, Mohammed El-Saidi, Gregg Potter, Kim Hancock, Stephen Durst, LeeAnn Westman, Charles Drake, Charles Pruess

III. **Approval of April 6, 1999 Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

IV. **Open Forum**

Senators Nagel, Hastings-Bishop, Key, and Anderson expressed concern with credit card solicitation on campus.

Senator Stephen noted there was no courier service between the Big Rapids campus and the Grand Rapids campus.

Senator Ryan expressed concern about the parking around Rankin Center and requested that someone from Public Safety explain the future parking situation while the library is being constructed.

Senator Merwin indicated she had heard positive feedback about the new view book.

Senator Shepler expressed concern about students in pre-nursing being told their wait to get into the nursing program would be extended from the 2-year wait to a 4-year wait. She indicated that some parents were quite upset. **Senator Konrad** indicated the increased wait was caused by a loss of funding which caused a section of classes to not be offered. She suggested irate students or parents be referred to the Dean of Allied Health.

Senator Ryan expressed concern about graduation being held on Friday, as this requires parents to take a day off from work. **Senator Stern** said the date was picked because of the need for numerous graduations since the convocation center is not completed. She further stated that Friday was selected in order to avoid having graduation on Sunday because it is Mothers day.

V. **Committee Reports**

University Curriculum Committee - Senator Lovsted distributed the UCC Senate Report dated April 27, 1999 that summarized proposals being addressed (See **Attachment A**)

Senate Governance Committee – Senator Heidemann announced the appointments to the International Advisory Committee (See **Attachment B**).

Senate Elections Committee – Senator Ferdowski reminded Senators that the Charter Amendment vote would take place on May 5 and 6, 1999, following usual Senate procedures.

VI. Old Business

Doctor of Pharmacy Curriculum – Moved by Senator Ryan, with support from Senator Haneline, to recommend the adoption of the Doctor of Pharmacy Curriculum previously proposed. A large number of Senators expressed concern about the cost of the new program, student-faculty ratios and the tuition structure. Pharmacy faculty responded to the concerns. After a lengthy discussion, **motion passes**.

VII. Announcements

President Key presented certificates to those Senators leaving office and thanked them for their work. Those leaving are: Adnan Dakkuri, Gary Huey, Don Jackson, Matthew Nikkari, Clayton Rye, Donald Stephen, Khagendra Thapa

Vice President Chapman thanked **Senate Vice-President Heidemann** for her work as Vice President of the Senate and presented her with a plaque commemorating her service.

VIII. Open Forum – No comments at this time.

IX. Adjournment - President Key adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kane, Secretary

Approved,

Greg Key, President