

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting
November 6, 2012**

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Baker, Berghoef, Ciaramitaro, Cook, Dakkuri, Daubert, Dinardo, Dixon, Fox, Griffin, Haneline, Hanna, Isler, Jewett, Jiao, Joyce, Kaltt, Lovsted, Luplow, Marion, McLean, Nagel, Nystrom, Richmond, Schmidt, Stone, Thapa, Todd, Wancour

Members absent with cause: Drake

Members absent: Abbasabadi, Amey, Boncher, Moore, Nazar, Prakasam, Reynolds

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Blake, Durst, Eisler, Erickson, Green, Johnston, Nicol, Potter, Monger, Quigley

1.	President Haneline convened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and opened the floor for comments
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes.</p> <p>Senator Alspach moved to approve the October 2, 2012 minutes as written. Senator Griffin seconded. Secretary Isler noted that the reference was to the Senate President under the Open Forum comments. Motion passed.</p>
3.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. President Haneline commented on the planned retirement of Vice-President Dan Burcham and the service he has given to the University in various roles.</p> <p>B. Senator Daubert said that the Health Promotions committee was interested in bringing up a proposal to make Ferris a smoke-free campus. President Haneline said that a process would be for the committee chair to send an email proposal to the President and get it as an agenda item.</p>
4.	<p>Officer Reports</p> <p>A. President Haneline said that because of Rankin Student Center renovations the Senate was looking for a new meeting place for next year.</p> <p>B. Vice-President Berghoef reported on the Committee chairs meeting on October 25th. It was very productive and one make be scheduled for the next semester. There was discussion about a shortage of members on some committees and agenda items. Questions are being raised about the role of the specific committees in faculty governance. All of the committees are being charged to consider their unique role, and whether or not they are appropriate as a Senate committee or duplicative of another committee. They will report back to the Senate on their answers during this year. Senator Hanna asked if the consideration of the committee includes representation. Vice-President Berghoef said it could- citing the reconfiguration of the Athletic Advisory Committee as one example.</p> <p>C. Secretary Isler had no report.</p>
5.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. University Curriculum Committee</p> <p>Senator Alspach noted that all of the items on the report are for information for informational purposes only. By December, some items may be ready to come to the Senate for a vote. They are working with a new coding system and have scheduled a workshop for November 12th on the new UCC manual and processes. Senator Nystrom asked about the closing of Recreation Leadership and when that was coming to the Senate and why? Senator Alspach said the paperwork was still going through and they needed a confirmation vote. She reminded the Senate that they are in the advice business. Senator Jewett asked about the last paragraph in the report, and renumbering- he said if they had to do that for new technologies they would run out of numbers. Alspach responded this was only a discussion and the UCC will not dictate a renumbering. Senator Dakkuri asked if it was the Senate or the APRC that makes recommendations for closure instead of the UCC? Alspach said that they are making a recommendation to the administration for the phase out. Senator Schmidt said in response to Jewett's comments that the larger issue of what is the shelf life of a course might be a larger picture to focus on. Senator Alspach said that is currently a departmental decision. Senator Schmidt also raised concerns about including student learning outcomes on the checksheet. Is this for every course or a program? Senator Alspach said only program level. President Haneline said that this was a recommendation, not a requirement and</p>

	<p>no program proposals will be held up because of this issue. Senator Alspach said it was the intent to try to encourage it in the next year. Senator Schmidt asked in what way was the UCC accountable to the Senate. President Haneline said if this became a requirement, it would come up to the Senate for a vote and go forward as a recommendation to the administration.</p> <p>B. General Education Task Force Vice-Provost Blake said that they had a meeting on assessment with Clifton Franklund and Robbie Teahan. Senator Nystrom asked if the course mapping had begun? Blake said no, not yet.</p> <p>C. Release Time President Haneline reported on release time. He answered a question from Senator Todd about the Academic Program Review release time- it is 50% but was not listed because it is paid out of the Provost's budget instead of the Academic Senate. All other officers and the UCC chair have 25% release time. President Haneline had been granted a one-time 25% stipend last summer</p>
6.	<p>Conversation with Senate- Bill Potter, Associate Provost for Retention and Student Success Associate Provost Potter discussed with the Senate some of the activities that his area has undertaken since transitioning from University College to the Academic Retention and Success unite. Organizational changes include the reclassification of college counselors to Directors of Student Academic Affairs within the colleges. There was an institutional retention summit held during faculty week and a workgroup in 2011-2012. Advising initiatives spearheaded by Deb Cox include academic advisor professional development, appointment of academic advising specialists for pre-programs and encouraging pre-pharmacy students to complete an associate degree so they count into the IPEDES calculations. They are also working with technology programs such as MyDegree audit platform and MAP-WORKS to track freshman and identify the attrition prone ones. Other interventions such as contacting students who applied for graduation but did not receive degrees are “low hanging fruit” which will improve completion. Programmatic activities include the summer bridge program, the Woodbridge Promise College Prep program and the Focus on Student Success grant program. Research interests include the graduate gap between black and white, the courses with high rates of D, F and W grads and research about specific college student success. Senator Schmidt asked if this involved students in Math 010. Senator Nystrom said yes and added that he is concerned that we are not pushing students into college life who may not have a chance to succeed and just build up debt. Provost Erickson said that the summer bridge program was essentially a family decision which may have affected the success rate but he is optimistic about how this may improve graduation rates. Senator Dakkuri asked if these were students who would have been admitted anyway? Provost Erickson said yes but conditionally- and this gave them a semesters worth of credits. Senator Cook asked if the college prep class gave college credit everywhere. Associate Provost Potter said only for Ferris. Senator Marion asked when the clock starts towards graduation. Potter said at the time of being admitted to degree program. Senator Fox asked about initiatives for non-traditional students. Potter mentioned the parents program, directed FSUS program and the new transfer center. Senator Baker asked about the investment for these programs. Potter said it was funded internally- \$100,000 for summer bridge program (\$5600 per student). It has not yet been determined how to fund it in the future. Senator Richmond commented that in some case students may arrive at Ferris and not be aware of our capacity to handle mental health issues. Senator Baker asked if there was a correlation between ACT scores and taking Math 110. Those at a certain level do not need to take it. Senator Nystrom commented many do not take math at all.</p>
7.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. President Eisler commented on the Foundation Gala with 500 in attendance. The goal is to double the amount of money given out in scholarships (currently at \$500,000). SPARC is receiving a report on the student debt issue at its November 13th meeting and will propose 8-10 ideas. The Board of Trustees approved a capital renewal and deferred maintenance plan over 5 years. A capital funding proposal for a new Education/Human Services building has gone forward. The Rankin Student Center renovation is going forward and the intention is not to add to student fees.</p> <p>B. Provost Erickson thanked Associate-Provost Potter for the great work that he has engaged in about student retention. He briefly mentioned several new initiatives including the Center for College Readiness, Latino Business and Economic Development Center and the Center for Latino Studies. He has hired a new lab safety coordinator and hopes to announce the new Optometry dean in the next few weeks.</p>
11.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A. Senator Griffin asked everyone to please remember to vote.</p>

12.	Senator Dakkuri moved to adjourn at 11:32 a.m . Senator Nystrom seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Isler
Secretary