

**Minutes
 Ferris State University
 Academic Senate Meeting
 University Center 202B
 April 28, 2015 – 10 a.m. session
 University Center 202C**

Members in Attendance: ALSPACH, BACON, C., BACON, M., BAJOR, BALANDA, BARAN, BERGHOEF, BRANDLY, BRECKEN, DAKKURI, DAUBERT, DINARDO, DRAKE, FADAYOMI, FAGERMAN, FOX, HARLAN, ING, ISLER, JENEROU, KLATT, MOORE, PIERCEY, POTTER, RICHMOND, RUMPF, THAPA, TODD, WAGENHEIM, WANCOUR, YOWIZ

Members absent with cause:

Members absent: Baker, Griffin, Groves, Hanna, Marion, Siahpush, Tower

Ex Officio and Guests: Damari, Kalinowski, Nicol, Reifert, Schult, Teahen, Vaseick, Lopez, Waters, Zimmerman, Zyla, Simmer, Liszewski, Cotter, VanderMyde, Foulk, Lewis, Breitenwischer

1.	President Khagendra Thapa opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Alspach moved to approve the March 2015 minutes. Ing seconded. Motion passed.
3.	Open Forum A. In response to Senate recommendations, Matt Wagenheim announced that updates to the dates and deadlines to the APRC process have been updated and the process for programs that are accredited by external agencies B. Sandy Alspach announced Men's Tennis team Championship and update on fundraisers (\$1,000 for Special Olympics at Red out)
4.	Officer Reports A. President Khagendra Thapa discussed the success of the Senate Reception that occurred last Thursday. B. Vice-President Bacon had nothing to report at this time. C. Secretary Dinardo had nothing to report.
5.	Committee Reports A. Kemi Fadayomi- University Curriculum Committee reviewed her end-of-year report. 90 proposals were reviewed. 96% passed. 2% held and 2% withdrew. She believes that the faculty is active at making changes to the curriculum- updating it to make it relevant. She highlighted the lack of communication between departments within FSU. Committee attendance has been an issue in the past and she stressed the importance of the service the committee provides to the University. B. Clifton Franklund, General Education Task Force: was not present C. Student Government Representative former President Andrew Kalinowski discussed the final report and reviewed successes over the last year. Waynee Bursano won for President but was not able to attend this meeting because he is studying abroad. New goals are to increase diversity. Student Govt. meetings for Fall have not been set yet.
6.	A. Kemi Fadayomi motioned to removal of the desktop minor. Baran seconded. The motion passed. B. Kemi Fadayomi motioned to approve the BS in Respiratory Education. Dinardo seconded. The motion passed. C. Mike Berghoef and Charles Bacon suggested an Ad-hoc Committee to review current academic policies and procedures at Ferris and create updated academic policies and procedures for study abroad for Ferris. A report will be given in the Fall semester 2015. Ideally, members who are involved in the Ad-Hoc Committee will also be involved in the study abroad program. Melinda Isler asked if he had any idea who would do it? He named multiple people and entities he had in mind. D. Bacon motioned to approve the mission statement for the library and historical archival committee. Piercey supported. The statement on the website are not current with the changing information world. Motion passed.
7-8.	Announcements and Open Forum A. President Eisler was absent from the meeting. B. Interim Provost Paul Blake had no comments. C. Open Forum:
	Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Amy Dinardo
 Secretary