

**Minutes
Ferris State University
Academic Senate Meeting**

March 1, 2016

Members in Attendance: Alspach, Bacon, C., Bacon, M., Bajor, Balanda, Baran, Berghoef, Brecken, Briggs, Bright, Cronk, Daubert, Dinardo, Drake, Epps, Fadayomi, Fagerman, Foulk, Fox, Hancock, Hanna, Isler, Klatt, Maike, Mattis, Peircey, Richmond, Rumpf, Thapa, Todd, Wagenheim, Wancour, Zimmer, Zyla

Members absent with cause: Jenerou, Lewis

Members absent: Gray

Ex Officio and Guests: Adeyanju, Damari, Durst, Eisler, Franklund, Garrison, Karfa, Nicol, Reifert, Schult, Owens, Cluchey, Bishop, Soles, Colley, Neimyer, Johnson, Schmidt, Dawson

1.	President Thapa called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes. Senator Berghoef moved to approve the minutes. Senator Baran seconded. There were some editorial written corrections submitted which need to be added The motion passed.
3.	Open Forum. Senator Alspach noted that the International Sports Communication will be meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan on March 14 th , sponsored by Ferris State University.
4.	Officer Reports/Provost Report. President Thapa reported that the faculty reception has been cancelled for the spring and he appreciated the President's office sponsoring a reception during the fall. He also thanked those who encourage greater faculty participation in the committees. He also thanked the administration for the creation of an emeriti office space for the College of Engineering Technology and the capacity to retain their Ferris email address. Vice-President Bacon had no report. Secretary Isler reminded senators of the upcoming nominations form due date of March 4, 2016. She also previewed a charter change which would be brought to the Senate at the next meeting. Because of changes in the charter language, EIO no longer has a seat on the Senate. It has also increased the number of members in the Non-Tenure Track classification. The intent is to add a seat to the Non-Tenure Track group which an EIO member can run for.\
5.	Committee Reports UCC Chair Kemi Fadayomi said that the committee was working on several items, including the alignments of checksheets and the approval of dropping FSUS from a curriculum or deciding on a process for General Education courses. Their meeting did not have a quorum and no programs have been forwarded to the senate for this meeting. She also included a procedures sheet to clarify some questions which came up in the last meeting. Vice-President Bacon asked why some forms are incomplete and why some courses do not go through the approved processes. Fadayomi noted that -90 courses are experimental and may be run twice before going through the process. Senator Hanna asked about the ability to drop FSUS and expressed strong concerns about during the Form B's into an information-only form. Chair Fadayomi said these were suggestions that had not been supported by the group in their most recent meeting on February 29 th after the report was written. No Student Government representatives were at the meeting to give a report. General Education coordinator Cliff Franklund said he is working to add a possible student to the committee and to work with the competencies of problem solving and collaboration which are based in the majors courses. Senator Alspach expressed support for having a student on the committee as a different perspective. Senator Maike asked how many courses per major should try for this designation and should it include 100 level courses?

	<p>Franklund said not 100 level courses since majors do accept transfers and that 2 courses would be a good starting point Senator Fagerman asked if a course could apply for both designations and if they had to be an elective in the program. Franklund said yes, they could apply for both and it is up to the program where they count a course in their curriculum map.</p>
6A	<p>Old Business. Doctorate of Nursing Practice Proposal. Secretary Isler moved to remove the proposal from the table. Senator Alspach seconded. Motion passed. Senator Alspach thanked the nursing program and College of Health Professions for their written response to the questions raised at the previous meeting. Senator Bajor thanked them for the information provided but said according to the numbers in the table it will require an additional \$675,000 in costs by the end of the first five years and into the multi-million dollar range by the end of 30 years. The costs from students do not appear to cover the cost of the program. He noted that since these programs benefit hospitals had any fundraising attempts been made to get donations from them. Coordinator Owens noted that the funding they provide is through tuition payments for employees in the program. She also said she had received the promised support for additional faculty from Academic Affairs and had to make projections based on that. Bajor also noted that of the five medical professionals in his family, none thought this degree would be considered a good investment. Senator Fagerman noted that sometimes faculty have been overpromised support from academic affairs which does not happen and comes up in academic program review. Senator Wagenheim/APRC chair agreed but noted this was an Academic Affairs issues and not specific to this program proposal. Senator Epps said it was unfair to blame the Nursing Program and Coordinator Owens for using the data that they had provided (that support for faculty would come from Academic Affairs). Nursing faculty Sharon Colley noted that this was not a research based doctorate but rather an application of leadership in being able to apply the research in a clinical setting. Nursing faculty Kathryn Neimeyer agreed and noted that currently it can take 17 years for successful research to reach the hospital setting and this would provide a level for nurses to manage implementation of it sooner. Senator Fagerman noted she had hoped for answers to these issues not from the faculty but the administrators which we did not receive. Senator Hancock asked if we were judging the curriculum or the feasibility. President Thapa said it was a curriculum proposal. Senator Bacon asked for the costs to create the online component and that a policy if created would need to match the collective bargaining agreement. Senator Mary Bacon noted that the comments were not meant to destroy the proposal but the delay might provide time to work the workload and other issues out. Senator Dinardo asked about the workload policy and the exchange of a 4 for 3 load to a ¼ release time and if the new faculty knew what they were getting into. Nursing faculty Rachel Soles said that she viewed this as a valuable opportunity to get some time for research, and supervising graduate project as a separate policy. The motion passed with 57 in favor, 37 against and 7 abstentions.</p>
7A	<p>Creation of Task Force to Revitalize Academic Program Review. Secretary Isler moved to create a task force to revitalize Academic Program Review. Seconded by Senator Piercey. Secretary Isler noted this motion came out of the executive board because of some questions which had come up at various points this year about how to increase the vitality of the process. APR Chair/Senator Matt Wagenheim expressed concern about task forces coming out of an email from another faculty member and a meeting that did not include him. Senator Todd supported this. Senator Piercey noted there was no meeting, and the email in question was only a series of questions, which the e-board was not well enough informed to make specific suggestions to improve things. Wagenheim noted this appeared duplicative of the work of the committee which includes process improvement recommendations which the senate votes on every year. There was also request for more exact wording of the motion. Senator Alspach made a motion to table. Motion to table passed.</p>
9.	<p>Announcements. President Eisler reported on the legislative budget in which Ferris State University would receive increases in part because of performance funding. He is scheduled to testify on Wednesday. He also noted that he finds the Ferris curriculum process, despite some issues to be more productive than other state universities and he has mentioned that to the state. 24 programs have been approved the past few years. He also thanked Vice-President Pilgrim and the task force for their work on the strategic plan for diversity and inclusion.</p> <p>No Academic Affairs representatives were available to give a report.</p>
10.	<p>Open Forum.</p>

	<p>Senator Gray made a statement in support of Tot's Place. He noted he has been the wait list since the previous spring. And if one really wanted to support students who may have children they should provide resources to Tot's Place to allow for needed additional staffing and funding.</p> <p>Senator Wancour noted the graduate polices have been moved together because the Academic Standards and Policy Committee will be meeting with Liza Ing, Graduate and Professional Council Chair to review the policies and discuss.</p> <p>Senator Piercey complimented Senator Foulk for an issue in her class in which a student was being stalked and was afraid to walk to class. Two students have now offered a ride and company. Senator Foulk thanked Senator Piercey but noted it was really the students who stepped up to handle the issue.</p>
11.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.