

**SUBPART 3-5  
ACADEMIC SENATE**

**Sec. 3-501. Role of the Academic Senate.** The Ferris State University Academic Senate (the “Senate”) shall serve as the legislative body of the faculty and as the official representative of the faculty of the University to the President on matters relating to the academic policies and programs, subject to the provisions of this subpart, except where prohibited by the Public Employees Relations Act. The faculty is encouraged to work within the purposes and intents of the Senate Charter to improve the academic programming at the University.

*Note:*

The Ferris State University Academic Senate was established by unanimous vote of the Board on May 21, 1986. Membership in the Senate replaced membership in both the Representative Faculty Advisory Council and the Educational Planning Committee.

**Sec. 3-502. Authority Reserved to the Board.** Any action by the Senate and President shall be of an advisory nature and subject to approval of the Board. The provisions of the Senate Charter shall not be construed to infringe upon or restrict the Board's authority to initiate and enact institutional policy.

**Sec. 3-503. Timeliness of Deliberations.** The Board holds the President responsible for working to ensure timeliness in the conduct of deliberations on matters covered by the Senate Charter, including the proposal, review or recommendation of changes in academic policies, priorities, programs, curricula, and activities.

**Sec. 3-504. Amendment of Senate Charter.** Any amendments to the Senate Charter shall be subject to the approval of the Board, and the Board may of its own initiative, after opportunity for review and comment by the Senate, amend or rescind all or any part of the Senate Charter.

*Prior Board Action:*

Entire Subpart 3-5 included in October 19, 2001 Codification, Phase I.

Entire Subpart 3-5 included in October 22, 2004 Codification, Phase II.