

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 5, 2010

Present: David Bair, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Keenlance (for Mel Northup), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Wanxiao Sun (for Robert Hendersen), Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President)

Guests: Robert Adams, Roger Gilles, Cynthia Mader, Sandy Miller, Tim Thimmesch, Barbara Bergers, Carly Hilinski, Kurt Ellenburger, Paul Stansbie, Scott Rood

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions | |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of March 5, 2010 was reviewed. | The agenda of March 5, 2010 was approved. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of February 26, 2010 were reviewed. | The Minutes of February 26, 2010 were approved as submitted. | |
| 3. Report of Chair | <p>a) The Chair reported that President Haas responded to the Referendum Task Force Report, and everyone should have received an email reporting this fact. All materials regarding this are available on the University web site.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Task Force Report is posted to the governance BlackBoard site for review along with two files – one with track changes indicating the proposed revisions and one a final marked up copy. ECS members are asked review these documents and post any input or comments on the discussion boards also available on the governance BB site. This is also a business item for discussion later in the meeting.</p> | | |
| 4. Report of Provost | No Report | | |
| 5. Report of the Student Senate President | No Report | | |
| 6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs | a) Ellen Schendel reported that the Library Planning Committee met with the design team this past week and new floor plans are available for review. She further reported that the building will be energy efficient, have LEED certification, and have flexible configuration of meeting/learning spaces. Comments can be sent | | |

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| | <p>to Ellen Schendel and James Moyer.</p> <p>b) The General Education Subcommittee Proposal for Change in Committee status material that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to forward the General Education Subcommittee Proposal for Change in Committee Status to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation that it be approved.</p> <p>c) The <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Task Force Summary Report that was distributed earlier and posted on the Blackboard site was discussed, and Kurt Ellenburger, Chair of the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Task Force, answered questions raised from the floor. It was again noted that comments can be made on the discussion board created on the BlackBoard site.</p> <p>This item will continue to be discussed at future meetings, after members have been given the opportunity for comment. One suggestion was made that the glossary section be separated out as an independent matter.</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the General Education Subcommittee Proposal for Change in Committee Status to the University Academic Senate for their action, and recommends approval. APPROVED Unanimously</p> | |
| 7. Old Business | <p>a) Tim Thimmesch and Barbara Bergers presented an overview of the Emergency Closing Policy 2009-10 at the University , the various measures that are taken during inclement weather, and the criterion that are followed to decide if the university will remain open, and if classes will be cancelled and/or the university closed.</p> <p>They both addressed each of the five issues noted in the ECS resolution that suggested changes to, or clarification of, the Emergency Closing Policy 2009-2010, and answered questions related to the Resolution that were raised from the floor.</p> <p>Numerous recommendations were made on how to speed up notification time in the event of the university closing, including having a phone number dedicated to such updates, and an enhancement made to the email system. Tim Thimmesch and Barbara Bergers will follow-up on the recommendations and inform the Chair of their findings for a report back to ECS.</p> | <p>The Chair will report back to the ECS as updates are received.</p> | |

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| 8. New Business | <p>a) The Final Plan for Adventure Tourism Management Minor that was distributed earlier was discussed. Paul Stansbie and Scott Rood presented an overview of the material. Provost Davis was thanked for the resources and support to allow the program to grow over the years.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to forward the Adventure Tourism Minor to UAS with a recommendation to approve.</p> <p>b) The Prospectus/Waiver Request to Final Plan Status for the Education and Special Education as second majors that was distributed earlier was discussed. Cynthia Mader and Sandy Miller answered questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to send the prospectus for the Education and Special Education as Second Majors to UAS recommending its adoption. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>The previous motion was amended to include waiving the prospectus to Final Plan status.</p> <p>c) The Prospectus for a Juvenile Justice Minor that was distributed earlier was discussed. Carly Hilinski, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, answered questions from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to recommend approval for the development of a Final Plan for the Juvenile Justice Minor</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Adventure Tourism Minor to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to approve. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Prospectus for the Education and Special Education as Second Majors to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to approve, and grants the request for a waiver to Final Plan status. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends development of a Final Plan for the Juvenile Justice Minor, and forwarding this recommendation to Administration for action. APPROVED Unanimously</p> | |
| 9. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 4.39p | | |