

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 26, 2010

Present: David Bair, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Lawrence Burns (Vice-Chair), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Brian Hatzel, Robert Hendersen, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Kathleen Underwood, Roy Winegar

Guests: John Bender, Agnes Britton, Susan Edwards, Rich Jelier, Dan Michniewicz (Lanthorn Reporter), Harvey Nikkel, Hal Schneider, Patrick Thorpe, Wallace Boeve.

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 26, 2010 was reviewed.	The agenda of March 26, 2010 was amended to add item 7.A.iv Referendum Process, and approved as amended.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of March 19, 2010 were reviewed.	The Minutes of March 19, 2010 were approved as revised.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 30 at the Bike Factory, 201 Front St. NW. All ECS members and Standing Committee Chairs are invited to attend.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that a tentative date for the ECS Retreat is May 25, 2010 from 11:30am – 4:00pm. Additional information will be distributed once confirmed.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor regarding the anticipated changes in health care benefit plans and why ECS was not notified earlier of the changes via the FSBC, the Vice Chair, a member of the FSBC, acknowledged that the timing was unfortunate. This occurred because the material was presented to the FSBC under a very tight deadline and also was not considered as a negotiable item for ECS deliberation. Acknowledging the four day interval before the email to all faculty members from the chair of the FSBC and the next ECS meeting, additional methods of communication to ECS members could have been considered and used.</p>		

4. Report of Provost	No Report.		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	No Report		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs	No Report		
7. Old Business	<p>a) Referendum discussion</p> <p>i. The language changes for establishing of a conflict of interests policy for personnel that were distributed earlier were discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to send the material forward to UAS for further discussion, which opened the item for continued deliberation at ECS.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to revise the conflict of interest language presented by removing “after consultation with the chair of the College Personnel Committee” in item 6.A.</p> <p>During discussion, the Chair reported that she will contact the University Counsel to schedule a time to discuss the additional recommended change to the Conflict of Interest materials brought forward to UAS by FPPC last year that the University Counsels Office had already reviewed to ensure that it aligned with the <u>Administrative Manual</u>, as well as other concerns raised at this meeting, including further clarification on a definition as to whether the terms “familial relationship” or “Household Member” are meant to include faculty members who formerly had these relationships with the candidate under review.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to postpone further discussion on this motion until the next ECS meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves a revision to the conflict of interest language by removing “after consultation with the chair of the College Personnel Committee” in item 6.A. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate postpones further discussion on this motion until the next ECS meeting. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	

	<p>ii. The material revising/establishing a Code of Ethics that was distributed earlier will be included in the items the Chair will discuss with the University Counsels Office to ensure the changes are aligned with the <u>Administrative Manual</u>.</p> <p>iii. Establishing probationary period for tenure-track faculty voting in unit personnel decisions</p> <p>iv. Referendum process</p> <p>b) Proposal for adopting policy regarding consistent annual meeting times for standing committees.</p>	<p>The Chair will take the material revising/establishing a Code of Ethics that was distributed earlier and discuss with the University Counsels Office to ensure the changes are aligned with the <u>Administrative Manual</u>.</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>	
8. New Business	NONE		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm		