

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate Minutes of April 1, 2016

Present: Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Maddie Cleghorn (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Jon Hodge, Brian Lakey, Claudia Leiras (for Meri Goehring), Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Don Mitchell (for Shawn Bultsma), Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Samhita Rhodes, Joy Washburn, Deanna Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Suzeanne Benet, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo, Jeff Potteiger

Guests: Andrew Booth, Barbara Harvey, Robert Hollister, Simone Jonaitis, Amy Russell, Robert Smart, Tom Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm with introductions

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 1, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 1, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of March 18, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of March 18, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that chair elections will be conducted on April 15 th . Faculty interested in the chair or vice chair role should send their material to Deana Weibel and Lisa Surman Haight. She further reported on the upcoming schedule and future agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that the College of Education dean search committee has made a recommendation for two finalists and both will be on campus the week of April 11. She further reported that the Dean of Student search committee has pared down the applications to an initial interview list, and the Library Dean search committee was formed. There was no news to report on the budget.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Cleghorn reported that general elections are wrapping up in Student Senate. She further reported that a resolution was passed in support of creating a testing center for all students, and there is ongoing discussion regarding Title IX changes, as well as establishing a design thinking student initiative.	
6. New Business	a. Barbara Harvey presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding 58 credits that was distributed earlier. Considerable discussion was heard during which time a motion was made and seconded to	

	<p>charge APSC (or an ad hoc committee) with review of the 58 credit rule and thank Suzanne Benet for her work. There was further discussion during which time the motion was amended to provide guidance for the next year that advisors may communicate to student that 9 credits may be waived provided those credits are transfer equivalents at GVSU. AVP Benet still had concerns, and it was suggested that she draft language she would find helpful for ECS to consider.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to table discussion on the 58 credit rule.</p> <p>b. Claudia Leiras presented an overview of the Graduate Council memo on two or more graduate degrees at the same time that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council memo on two or more graduate degrees at the same time and to forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Claudia Leiras presented an overview of the Graduate Council memo on bachelor's/graduate combined degree programs that was distributed earlier. Discussion. During discussion, several changes were made to the language and order of policy items.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council memo on bachelor's/graduate combined degree programs and to forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. The Graduate Council memo on graduate/graduate combined degree programs that was distributed earlier was considered and voted on.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council memo on graduate/graduate combined degree programs and to forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate tables discussion on the 58 Credit Rule. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council memo on two or more graduate degrees at the same time and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED with 2 Abstentions</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council memo on bachelor's/graduate combined degree programs and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council memo on graduate/graduate combined degree programs and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>e. Amy Russell presented an overview on the proposed adjustments to sabbatical review timelines that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the proposed adjustments to the sabbatical review timelines and to forward to UAS with recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Tom Sullivan presented an overview of the VIS/PT Taskforce Report that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to charge FSBC in AY 2016-17 with evaluating the pay rate for part-time and visiting faculty.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to defer the rest of the document to discussion at the summer retreat.</p> <p>g. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo regarding faculty salaries that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the memo and thank FSBC for their work.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the proposed adjustments to the sabbatical review timeline and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will charge FSBC in AY 2016-17 with evaluating the pay rate for part-time and visiting faculty. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate defers discussion on the rest of the document to the summer retreat. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the memo regarding faculty salaries and thanks FSBC for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Open Comment	Provost Davis commented on the variety and number of requests that are presented to her office that have a budget impact and offered to bring a list of items that can be prioritized to assist in planning purposes.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm	