

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of April 2, 2010

Present: David Bair, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Hendersen, Paul Keenlance (for Mel Northup), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Tonya Parker (for Brian Hatzel), Chuck Pazdernik, Lynn Sheehan, Ellen Schendel, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate Presiden), Kathleen Underwood, Roy Winegar

Guests: Alice Chapman, Maria Cimitile Glenna Decker, Harvey Nikkel, Samita Rhodes, Charles Standridge, Roger Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 3:03p.m.

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions | |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of April 2, 2010 was reviewed. | The agenda of April 2, 2010 was amended to add item 8.d - Consideration of the membership composition of the FPPC. The agenda was further amended to add item 8.e – Proposal to place on a future UAS agenda discussion of the ECS nullification of the October 16, 2009 UAS resolution on eligibility to vote in personnel decision. to clarify the policy and procedures for UAS members. The agenda was approved as revised at this meeting. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of March 26, 2010 were reviewed. | The Minutes of March 26, 2010 were approved, as revised at the meeting. | |
| 3. Report of Chair | a) The Chair reported that she had a follow-up discussion on the Emergency Closing policy and procedures. She reported that the notices are limited to 160 characters and that the order of such emergency communication is: 1) text message 2) email message, and 3) voice mail, and that a message is always queued on the main switchboard number. The Chair will contact Institutional Marketing to inquire about revising the web site notification language about where this information can be found and will also inquire with the appropriate persons about the apparent significant lag time between when a decision is made and when all members of the GV community receive the communications. | | |

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| 4. Report of Provost | <p>a) Provost Davis reported that additional resources were added to the professional development budget after she was alerted by Robert Smart, Director of the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, that all travel funds were depleted.</p> <p>The ECS was also informed that Autumn Trombka, Student Senate President, was named GVSU's 2009-10 Outstanding Student.</p> | | |
| 5. Report of the Student Senate President | a) Student Senate Trombka reported that the Student Senate passed a resolution in support of a Fall mid-semester break. | | |
| 6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs / Task Forces / Committee Representatives | a) Ellen Schendel reported that feedback on the site plans for the Library can be forwarded to her and AVP of Facilities, James Moyer. | | |
| 7. Old Business | <p>a) The proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.01.A.4 establishing an Online Education Council were discussed. Maria Cimitile answered questions from the floor and reported that other governance committees, UCC, FSBC, FPPC, and GC had reviewed the language and were in full support of the initiative.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to send the proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.01.A.4 establishing an Online Education Council to the UAS for their action, with a recommendation of support</p> <p>b) The Faculty Handbook Task Force Report and Proposed Revisions that were distributed earlier and posted on the BlackBoard site were discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to approve the Faculty Handbook Task Force Report and forward the proposed editing revisions to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to postpone discussion on the Glossary Items presented in the Faculty Handbook Task Force</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.01.A.4 establishing an Online Education Council to the University Academic Senate for their action, with a recommendation of support. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Faculty Handbook Task Force Report and forwards the proposed editing revisions to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate postpones further discussion of the Glossary Items presented in the Faculty</p> | |

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| | <p>Report and carry them over to the next academic year.</p> <p>c) The Referendum discussion materials that were distributed earlier and posted on the BlackBoard site were discussed.</p> <p>A concern was raised about the urgency of settling the referendum this term.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus to remove consideration of Code of Ethics/Professional Ethics language for inclusion in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> from the immediate referendum discussion and to defer it to the 2010-11 academic year, along the item regarding the current <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language on referendum policy and procedure.</p> <p>The Chair encouraged ECS members to send her any alternate language or Personnel Policy post-Referendum proposals for consideration as ECS/UAS Motions before the next ECS meeting.</p> <p>d) Proposal for adopting a policy regarding consistent annual meeting schedule for standing committees.</p> | <p>Handbook Task Force report, and carries the item over to the next academic year. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>NO DISCUSSION</p> | |
| 8. New Business | <p>a) The Final Plan for Biomedical Engineering Minor that was distributed earlier and posted on the BlackBoard site was discussed. Samita Rhodes and Charles Standridge answered questions posed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to approve the Final Plan for Biomedical Engineering Minor and forwards it to the University Academic Senate, with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>b) The Prospectus for a Master of Arts in Critical Studies in Education that was distributed earlier was discussed. Roger Wilson answered questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to postpone discussion to a future meeting of the Executive Committee of the Senate.</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Final Plan for Biomedical Engineering Minor and forwards it to the University Academic Senate, with a recommendation of support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate postpones further discussion of the Prospectus for a Master of Arts in Critical Studies in Education to a future meeting.</p> | |

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| | <p>c) Discussion of process by which 2011 Health Benefits proposal was shared with ECS/UAS</p> <p>d) Consideration of proposed revisions to the membership composition of the FPPC.</p> <p>e) Proposal to place on a future UAS agenda discussion of the ECS nullification of the October 16, 2009 UAS resolution on eligibility to vote in personnel decision.</p> | <p>APPROVED: 10 Yes; 3 No</p> <p>NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>NO DISCUSSION</p> | |
| 9. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5.07pm | | |