Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of April 12, 2013

**Present:** Bogdan Adamczyk, Christina Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Paul Cornish, Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kurt Fanning, Karen Gipson, Doug Graham, Cynthia Grapczynski, Carol Griffin (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Jodee Hunt, Azfar Hussain, John P. Iott (Student Senate President), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Jim Lang (for Brian Hatzel), Brian Lakey (for Bob Hendersen), Sharon Leder, Kin Ma, Linda Masselink, Figen Mekik (Chair), Jag Nandigam, Harvey Nikkel, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Donald Paszek, Chuck Pazdernik, Tim Penning, Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, Donijo Robbins, Jeffrey Rothstein, Lynn Sheehan, David Stark (for Matt Boelkins), Jeanne Stoddard, Kirsten Strom, Jiyeon Suh, Richard Vallery (for Deana Weibel), Keith Watts, Roger Wilson

**Guests**: Robert Adams, Kurt Ellenberger, Mark Luttenton, Paul Plotkowski, Charlie Standridge, Gary Stark, Ricardo Benavidez (Student Senate President-Elect), Andrew Plague

The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm

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| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions |  |
| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of April 12 , 2013 was reviewed. | The agenda of April 12, 2013 was amended to change  Item 6c to Department of Occupational Safety and Health. APPROVED. Item 6f to remove “baseline”. APPROVED  Add to new business 6.i motion from floor Approved with 1 Nay Agenda approved as amended. |  |
| 1. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of March 29, 2013 were reviewed. | The Minutes of March 29, 2013 were approved |  |
| 1. Report from Chair | * + 1. The Chair announced upcoming agenda items for ECS,and reported on the new committee members, and presented an overview of curriculum proposals |  |  |
| 1. Report from Provost | * + 1. Provost Davis reported that the state budget should be determined by the 1st week of June; the best guess is that the State House and Senate will cap tuition at 3 or 4%; Governor Snyder proposed a cap of 4%     2. Provost Davis recommended reviewing “business leaders for Michigan” website which provides a variety of data tracking and peer comparisons |  |  |
| 1. Report from Student Senate | * + 1. Student Senate President Iott reported on the new student senate leadership and introduced Ricardo Benavidez as President-elect for 2013-14; Andrew Plague was also introduced as the new VP of Political Affairs.     2. It was announced that next week Tuesday is the “Toast with THaas” event. |  |  |
| 6. New Business | 1. Robert Adams presented an overview of the University Curriculum Committee memo on cognates and the response to BS/BA cognates change that was distributed earlier. Discussion. Questions were raised and answered from the floor.  A Motion was made and seconded to approve with recommendation from ECS 2. Lynn Sheehan presented an overview of the Revisions to University Library Faculty Assembly By-Laws that were distributed earlier.  A Motion was made and seconded to approve with recommendation from ECS.      1. Charlie Standridge presented an overview of the Request for Creation of Personnel Committee for the newly proposed Department of Occupational Safety & Health that was distributed earlier. Discussion.  A Motion was made and seconded to approve with recommendation from ECS. 2. Kurt Ellenberger presented an overview of the FFPC memo on 3-year rule that was distributed earlier.   A Motion was made and seconded to approve with recommendation from ECS. 3. Kurt Ellenberger presented an overview of the FFPC memo on FH Collegiality Language that was distributed earlier. Discussion.  A Motion was made and seconded to approve the FH Collegiality Language as recommended by ECS. 4. Kurt Ellenberger presented an overview of the FFPC memo on ~~Baseline and~~ Workload Language that was distributed earlier.   A Motion was made and seconded to approve with recommendation from ECS 5. Lynn Sheehan presented an overview of the Revisions to University Libraries requested revision to FPPC that was distributed earlier. Discussion.  A Motion was made and seconded to amend with stipulation the merger be reviewed by ECS Chair, FPPC Chair and Univ. Libraries review.   A Motion was made and seconded to approve the memo as amended.       1. Mark Luttenton presented an overview of the Graduate Council Memo to Restructure Graduate Council that was distributed earlier. Discussion. A Motion was made and seconded to approve with recommendation from ECS   i) A Motion was made from the Floor and the text reproduced as follows:  BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement be conveyed to Figen Mekik on behalf of the University Academic Senate and recorded in the minutes:  Figen Mekik, Professor of Geology, has served diligently for two years as Chair of the University Academic Senate. Working closely with the members of the Senate, with members of the standing committees, and with administrators and executive officers, Prof. Mekik has advanced Senate business; facilitated full and open discussion on policy matters involving curriculum, personnel, budget, and every other matter touching upon the academic life of this university; and thanks to her professionalism in fulfilling the duties of the Chair, perpetuated and strengthened the faculty’s role in shared governance at Grand Valley State University. The Senate expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the capable and productive way Prof. Mekik has guided the Senate during her two years as Chair.  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be conveyed to Tonya Parker on behalf of the University Academic Senate and recorded in the minutes:  When the position of Vice Chair of the University Academic Senate became open unexpectedly, Tonya Parker, Associate Professor of Movement Science, willingly and adroitly assumed the duties of the position. Her responsibilities and thoughtful service has contributed materially to the effectiveness of the Senate. The Senate expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Prof. Parker’s service as Vice Chair. | **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the memo from UCC on cognates.  **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approve revisions to University Library Faculty Assembly By-Laws.  **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the request for creation of a personnel committee for the Department of Occupational Safety and Health.  .**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**    **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the FPPC memo on 3-year rule.  **APPROVED w/1Abstention**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the FPPC memo on Handbook collegiality language.  **APPROVED w/1Nay; 4 Abstentions**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the FPPC memo on Workload language.  **APPROVED Unanimously**    **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate amends the University Libraries revision to FPPC membership stipulating the merger be reviewed by the ECS Chair, FPPC Chair and University Libraries.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the University Libraries revision to FPPC membership stipulating the merger be reviewed by the ECS Chair, FPPC Chair and University Libraries.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the Graduate Council memo on revisions to university libraries as amended  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves the memo from the Graduate Council on restructuring the graduate council.  **APPROVED Unanimously** |  |
| 7. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm, |  |  |