

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of September 5, 2014

**Present:** Ed Aboufadel, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Paul Jorgenson, Brian Lakey, Nancy Levenburg, Felix Ngassa, Tonya Parker (Vice-Chair), Andrew Plague, Lynn Sheehan, Christine Smith, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel.

**Absent:** Scott Berlin

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Gayle Davis, Kathy Gulembo, Jon Jellema.

**Guests:** Mark Luttenton, Marlene Kowalski-Braun

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 5, 2014 was reviewed	The Agenda of Sept. 5, 2014 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 25, 2014 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 25, 2014 were approved as submitted.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that Jag Nandigum will be replaced by Paul Jorgenson for Fall 2014. She also reported that the new curriculum system – SAIL – is live, and that meetings of relevant committee chairs are being arranged for two purposes: (a) streamlining curricular reviews and (b) discussing committee overlap. The Chair then reviewed the pending curriculum items. Maria Cimitile presented a brief overview of the SAIL system and encouraged faculty to send feedback if they encounter problems.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported on enrollment: total of 25,094 is an increase of 2.5% over last year. 3,914 minority – 15.9% this year compared to 12% last year. Increase of 2.1% of credit hour; retention rate is up from last year; housing is at 113%. GVSU received over 23,000 applications for this year.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Plague reported that they are working to fill all the committee seats for students. They are continuing to explore a “Fall Breather” for students to have a weekend with no homework assigned; bringing mobile Secretary of State on Sept. 17 for students to register to vote, either using their GVSU address or their home address.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. The Chair presented a brief overview of ECS duties and presented a summary of Robert's Rules for affirmation of use during 2014-15. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve Roberts Rules for use per our historical use. Discussion.</p> <p>b. The charges to the standing committees were reviewed. A recommendation was made to add a new charge to FPPC <i>"to investigate practices across the university for delineating criteria for tenure and for promotion to Assoc. Prof, and make recommendations regarding the necessity of having two separate votes when the decisions occur at the same meeting."</i> A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve adding this charge to FPPC. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded to</u> approve the charges to the standing committees en masse.</p> <p>c. Marlene Kowalski-Braun presented an overview of the requested change to membership of Campus Life Committee that was distributed earlier. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS and implement this change in membership immediately.</p> <p>d. The Chair presented an overview of three possible ways to encourage and assess committee service that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard on encouraging committee chairs to report chronic absenteeism or non-participation to unit and making replacements for chronic absenteeism . It was decided by consensus to defer further discussion on this topic until data is received next week.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate affirms the use of Robert's Rules per their historical use in faculty governance. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves adding the charge to FPPC as presented at this meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the charges to the Standing Committees en masse. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate, acting on behalf of UAS, approves the requested change to membership of the Campus Life Committee and supports its immediate implementation. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate defers further discussion until next week to consider additional materials. <b>APPROVED by consensus</b></p>
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	<p>Discussion was heard on asking colleges to revise the service question on FARs to ask for descriptions of significant contributions to committee outcomes and revising Faculty Handbook language to require individuals to describe their service work in more detail.</p> <p>The third option of a service template will not be considered further.</p> <p>e. There was discussion on the topic for the Fall Faculty Forum. It was proposed that the topic be: <i>"How can we succeed in encouraging students to be more actively engaged in their learning?"</i> Subtopics could include: rigor in the classroom, student expectations, integrative learning, flexibility, civic / community engagement, and design thinking.</p> <p>f. There was discussion on the Faculty Survey that had been submitted to Faculty Governance for consideration that was distributed earlier.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to decline the request to send out this survey.</p> <p>g. There was discussion on the Interfaith Space resolution and letter that was distributed earlier. <u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the creation of an appropriate sanctuary and/or meditation room on campus.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Fall Faculty Forum topic as discussed at this meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate will decline the request to send out this survey. <b>APPROVED 9 YES; 6 NO</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the creation of an appropriate sanctuary and/or meditation room on campus. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01	