

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 13, 2013

Present: Ricky Benavidez (Student Senate President), Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Robert Frey, Karen Gipson (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Meri Goehring, Brian Lakey, Douglas Montagna, Jag Nandigam, Felix Ngassa, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel.

Guests: Kyle Felker (FTLCAC Chair), Myra Fortes (APSC representative), Hilary Powsner (Graduate Student Association)

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 13, was reviewed.	The Agenda was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 6, 2013 were reviewed	The Minutes of September 6, 2013 were approved, as amended at the meeting.	
3. Report from Chair	<p>The Chair reported that the Ombuds Task Force met and a request was made for additional faculty members to serve on the Task Force. Senators were asked to recruit representatives from their colleges. The Chair reported that representatives are needed for the Bullying Policy Task Force.</p> <p>A brief overview of the Internationalization Town Hall meeting was presented.</p> <p>An ECS meeting is called for Friday, September 20 to discuss the School Psychology Program (Log 7965). If Senators are not able to attend, they are asked to find a substitute.</p> <p>The UAS meeting on September 27 currently has two items on the agenda: The new library and use of the building; and a presentation by the Office of Inclusion & Equity.</p>		
4. Report from Provost	No Report. Provost Davis answered questions raised from the floor		
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President RB reported that the Patriot Day memorial was well attended, and announced that the Veterans Lounge is nearly complete. An interfaith lounge is also being updated.		
6. Old Business	<p>a. Myra Fortes presented an overview of the APSC memo on changing the Academic Calendar that was distributed earlier. Discussion. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to forward to UAS without a recommendation.</p> <p>b. The APSC memo on Credit for Study Abroad Experiences that was distributed earlier was discussed. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to acknowledge receipt of the APSC</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the APSC memo on changing the Academic Calendar to UAS without a recommendation. APPROVED</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate acknowledges receipt of the APSC memo on Credit for Study Abroad</p>	

	<p>memo and looks forward to a further report on the charge.</p> <p>c. The FFPC memo on Maternity Leave that was distributed earlier was discussed. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to send back to FPPC for further development and information, asking for clarity on what “Human Resources Maternity Leave” is (and where it is located) and asks that it moves forward with urgency.</p> <p>Additional discussion was heard. The Chair will distribute a draft to ECS before a memo is sent to FPPC.</p> <p>d. Potential topics for Faculty Forums were discussed. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to hold two fora – one in the fall and one in the winter with topics of 1) Role of scholarship / creative activity and meaningful service, and 2) vision for online education.</p> <p>Dates of the Fora will be determined by a doodle poll of senators..</p>	<p>Experiences, and looks forward to a further report on the charge. APPROVED</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate sends the FPPC memo on Maternity leave back to the committee for further development and information, asking for clarity on what “Human Resources Maternity Leave” is (and where it is located) and asks that it moves forward with urgency. APPROVED with 2 Opposed</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves holding two fora – one in the fall and one in the winter with topics of 1) role of scholarship/creative activity and meaningful service, and 2) vision of online education. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p>	
7. New Business	<p>a. Ricky Benavidez presented an overview of the Student Senate resolution to increase student representation on APSC, FFPAC, FSBC, FTLAC and UAC to allow for graduate student representation. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to refer this back to each committee referenced in the student senate resolution with a charge from ECS to evaluate the graduate student representation on their committee, and if appropriate to draft Faculty Handbook language for ECS review.</p> <p>A deadline for response from the committees will be set and communicated to the standing committee chairs.</p> <p>b. The Chair presented an example of an introduction letter that could be sent to faculty within their colleges to increase communication.</p> <p>c. The Chair presented various alternatives to election a chair for ECS.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate refers the Student Senate resolution to increase student representation on APSC, FFPAC, FSBC, FTLAC and UAC back to each committee with a charge from ECS to evaluate the graduate student representation on their committee, and if appropriate to draft Faculty Handbook language for ECS review. APPROVED with 1 Opposed</p>	
8. Open Comment			

9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm		
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