

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 16, 2011

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Natalie Cleary (Student Senate President), Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Cory DiCarlo (Vice Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Bob Hendersen, Jon Jellema(ex officio), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Figen Mekik (Chair), Jag Nandigam, Mel Northup, Chuck Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Kathleen Underwood, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson

Guests: Robert Adams, Larry Burns, Mark Luttenton

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 16, 2011 was reviewed.	The agenda of September 16, 2011 was approved as amended.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 2, 2011 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 2, 2011 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that she received feedback on the Chair Notes that she distributed, and emphasized that the notes are informal and meant to facilitate discussion. A request was made from the floor to present a historical summation of any topic discussed in the Chair notes instead of a pro/con approach.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the Religious Studies proposal was approved at UCC and will be reviewed by FSBC.</p> <p>c) The Chair thanked Ellen Schendel for her work on the Faculty Governance update, and announced that material will be posted on the Faculty Governance website.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that several UAS Chair emails were sent out regarding the general education workshops.</p> <p>e) The Chair presented an overview of the "Roadmap Schedule for General Education" that was distributed earlier, along with FAQ's and a summary from General Education.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion on how changes could be made and implemented smoothly, with significant modifications made to the schedule and when feedback would be gathered from unit heads. A final version of the Roadmap will be distributed.</p>		

	<p>A Faculty Forum on this topic is scheduled for December 2, 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) The Chair reported that APSC charges were changed to add a review and discussion of the entire academic calendar. g) The Chair reported that charges for the Graduate Council were received and will be posted online. h) The Chair reported that FPPC Reports from their Charges 5, 6, 7, and 8 have been received. i) The Chair reminded ECS members that a meeting is not scheduled for next week, September 23, 2011. The first UAS meeting of the year is scheduled for September 30, 2011. 		
4. Report of Provost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provost Davis reported on enrollment, with a total of 24,662 for Fall making 2011 the 29th year of growth in a row. Provost Davis further reported that the target numbers for FTIAC's were met and minority enrollment is at 13%. <p>Several questions were raised from the floor relating to enrollment specifics and trends.</p>		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Student Senate President Cleary reported that gender neutral housing will be implemented in Fall 2012. b) SS President reported that the "Carries for the Cure" campaign is available for donations. Contact the Student Senate or Athletics for more information. 		
6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair presented a brief history of the senate's use of Robert's Rules of Order. A <u>MOTION Was made and seconded</u> to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for 2011-12. b) There was discussion on whether the Graduate Council Chair should have voting rights on the New Programs Council. It was agreed that since the Graduate Council is asked for their feedback when a graduate program is proposed another voting member is not necessary. c) The Chair presented the memo from FPPC that was distributed earlier regarding a change in their membership to reflect current practice. This item will be addressed at a future meeting. d) The Chair announced that any memo received from a standing committee chair is presented to ECS as received, without 	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate adopts Robert's Rules of Order for 2011-2012.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	

	amendments made by the ECS Chair.		
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm		