

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of January 15, 2010

Present: David Bair, Yatin Bhagwat, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kevin DenDulk (for Kathleen Underwood), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Sharon Leder, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Chuck Pazdemik, John Peck (for Teresa Beck), Dawn Richiert (for Mel Northup), Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Roy Winegar

Guests: Robert Adams, Maria Cimitile, Roger Gilles, Carol Griffin, Cynthia Mader, Sandra Miller, Roger Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of January 15, 2010 was reviewed.	The agenda of January 15, 2010 was amended to add item <i>6.d Time to Graduation</i> to the agenda.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 4, 2009 were reviewed.	The agenda was approved as revised at this meeting The Minutes of December 4, 2009 were approved as amended at the meeting.
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair reminded members that that Larry Burns, Mel Northup and Julie Garrison have developed a faculty survey which was shared with the members last term to give them the opportunity to provide feedback. No input has been provided, so the survey will be administered as written this term at a time yet to be determined. b) The Chair reported that GVSU has been approved as a public site for distribution of materials at iTunes-U. c) The Chair reported that the CCPS is co-sponsoring a Roundtable on Diversity in the legal professions at Loosemore Auditorium on March 9, 2010 and anyone interested in more information on this event should contact her. d) The Chair reported that mid-year interim reports from the standing committees will be shared with ECS members at the next meeting. e) The Chair reported that they may hear about a policy recently shared with College Deans clarifying the role of Associate and Assistant Deans and faculty assigned to work in the Provost Office does not permit them to participate or vote in unit personnel actions. The Chair will forward the memo from University Counsel 	

	<p>answering this question to interested individuals upon request.</p> <p>f) The Chair reported that a webinar on Academic Integrity is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Additional information will be distributed as it becomes available.</p> <p>g) The Chair announced at the request of the University Club that its first TGIF of 2010 is scheduled for Friday, January 22 at the DeVos Center UClub.</p>	
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that Winter enrollment census data will be available on Monday, January 18, 2010. She further reported that applications for 2010 admission are down compared to previous years; however, retention has improved.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that at the recent budget meeting in Lansing that there was no indication that there will be any executive order cutting higher education this academic year.</p> <p>Provost Davis stated that while the budget news from the State is bleak, many contingency plans are in place at Grand Valley with no indication of a need for layoffs, furloughs, or program reductions are foreseen at this time.</p>	
<p>5. Report of the Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Trombka reported that several resolutions were passed recently, including reaffirming their Senate resolutions including support for an Affirmative Action policy, and an increase in the bus system service.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Trombka reported that the University Leadership Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2010, with discussion on Higher Education funding planned.</p> <p>c) Student Senate President Trombka reported that the Presidents Ball is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2010, with Crystal Elegance as the theme.</p>	
<p>6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs</p>	<p>a) Ellen Schendel presented an update on the progress of the Library Planning Committee. It was noted that while the initial square footage proposed for the facility was reduced because of budget constraints, seating is still planned for 1500 patrons. The Floor Plans will be available for review after the meeting. She also indicated that traditional spaces for book shelving are also an integral part of the planned space use. Any comments or concerns can be forwarded to Ellen Schendel.</p> <p>The Chair announced that this report will be a standard item on the agenda.</p> <p>b) Robert Adams, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), presented highlights of the UCC Recommendation on Degree Declaration Forms/Cognates that was distributed earlier. He reported that a "fast-track" review similar to how the pre/co-</p>	

requisites were handled in prior years is being considered.
Discussion.

A Motion was made and Supported to forward the UCC Recommendation on Degree Declaration Forms/Cognates to the University Academic Senate for their consideration recommending its adoption.

Roger Gilles, Chair of the General Education Subcommittee, presented an overview of the General Education Subcommittee Interim report on General Education Themes that was distributed earlier.
Discussion.

A Motion was made and Supported to accept the General Education Subcommittee Interim report on General Education Themes as presented at this meeting.

d) Robert Adams presented an overview of the UCC Report and Recommendation on Time-to-Graduation that was distributed earlier. Discussion.

A Motion was made and Supported to accept the University Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendation on Time-to-Graduation report and forward it to the Office of the Provost

MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the University Curriculum Committee recommendation on Degree Declaration Forms/Cognates to the University Academic Senate for their consideration recommending its adoption.
APPROVED Unanimously

MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the General Education Subcommittee Interim report on General Education Themes as presented at this meeting.
APPROVED Unanimously

MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the University Curriculum Committee Report and Recommendation on Time-to-Graduation as presented at this meeting, and forwards it to the Office of the Provost.
APPROVED: Unanimously

7. Old Business

a) Determine Process for creating Proposal / guidelines for recognizing Faculty who have provided exceptional service on behalf of faculty governance
- Tasks include working with administration to establish criteria and nomination/selection process/ identifying a specific and permanent location on campus for posting recognition, and determining manner of recognition (plaque, photos, etc)

No Discussion

8. New Business

a) Dr. Cynthia Mader and Dr. Sandra Miller addressed questions posed by members of ECS regarding the Prospectus for Education and Special Education as Second Majors that was distributed earlier. Discussion.

A Motion was made and Supported to forward the Prospectus for Education and Special Education as Second Majors to the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee and the University Curriculum Committee for consideration, including the request to waive to Final Plan status.

MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Prospectus for Education and Special Education as Majors, including the request for waiver to Final Plan status, to the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee and the University Curriculum Committee for their consideration.
APPROVED: Unanimously

b) Dr. Roger Wilson addressed questions presented regarding the Prospectus for an MA in Critical Studies in Education that was distributed earlier.

A Motion was made and Supported to forward the Prospectus for the MA in Critical Studies in Education to the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, and the Graduate Council for their consideration.

MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Prospectus for an MA in Critical Studies in Education to the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, and the Graduate Council for their consideration.
APPROVED: Unanimously

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08