

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of January 23, 2009

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Wally Boeve (for Teresa Beck), Agnes Britton, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Brian Hatzel, Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Nancy Levenburg, Melissa Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Bob Schoofs, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Roger Wilson (for David Bair), Roy Winegar

**Guests:** Chelsea Ponstein (Lanthorn), Carl Reutz, Scott Richardson, Scott Rood, Jerry Scripps, Pat Smith, Paul Stansbie

The meeting was called to order at 3:01

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of January 23, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of January 23, 2009 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 16, 2009 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 16, 2009 were approved as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that information on the Academic Integrity Fora has been provided at the bottom of the Agenda. She further reported that the Dean of Students Office is developing a website regarding academic integrity, which will be online soon.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that on February 20, Vincent Tinto, Distinguished University Professor at Syracuse University, will visit ECS at their February 20 meeting. The location for the ECS meeting on that date has been changed to 174 LOH.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that changes to the Cell and Molecular Biology Prospectus to convert it to a Final Plan are forthcoming, along with a letter of support that is expected from the Chemistry department. This item will be on the next UAS agenda.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that the committee chair of the Environmental Studies Minor requested that ECS review of the proposal be temporarily postponed in order that they may respond to concerns identified by FSBC in its memo.</p> <p>The chair clarified that the increase in the length of term of service for ECS/UAS is increased from 2 years to 3 years, will be effective with the upcoming round of elections.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that she just returned from Lansing and has no additional news on the budget.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that at the Academic Officers meeting in Lansing the Veterans Bill was discussed.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis reported that the 2009-10 budget is under development with an aim to keep any tuition increase as low as possible. No definite information on salary increases was</p>	

	<p>available at this time.</p> <p>d) Provost Davis reported that Grand Valley is one of many state universities whose graduate enrollment has declined. Various scenarios are in development regarding how to best recruit graduate students.</p> <p>e) Provost Davis reported that her office is working with Career Services on how to better match students with available jobs.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Autumn Trombka reported that the Student Senate Political Affairs Committee is working with the University Counsel's Office in creating a Students' Rights handbook.</p> <p>b) Ms. Trombka reported that students are traveling en masse to Lansing in February to hopes of persuading law makers to release capital outlay funds to build a new GV Library Learning Center.</p> <p>c) Ms. Trombka further reported that Student Voice Week begins on February 16, including making Student Senate virtual office hours to allow students to voice concerns on any topic.</p> <p>d) Ms. Trombka reminded ECS members that all faculty, students, and staff are invited to the President's Ball scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2009.</p>	
<p>6. Report from Committees/Task Forces</p>	<p>a) Jerry Scripps distributed data from the FPPC Survey and presented an overview of the preliminary results. Discussion. Given the number of questions raised from the floor about the data, the Chair requested that faculty send their questions directly to Prof. Scripps.</p> <p>The material will be reformatted as requested at the meeting. The ECS Chair will contact the FPPC Chair for clarification on issues raised.</p> <p>b) The Chair read the recommended language changes to the Repeat Policy from APSC. After discussion it was agreed to send the material back to APSC for additional clarification on the role of unit heads and deans and to more clearly identify whether it was meant to apply to both undergraduate and graduate students.</p> <p>c) Scott Richardson made a brief presentation on the FPPC policy recommendation for stopping the tenure track clock that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>By consensus it was agreed to have FPPC revise the material as</p>	<p>The material will be reformatted as requested at the meeting. The ECS Chair will contact the FPPC Chair for clarification on issues raised.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed to send the material back to APSC for additional clarification on the role of unit heads and deans.</p> <p>By consensus it was agreed to have FPPC revise the material as</p>

<p>1. Old Business</p>	<p>presented at this meeting. Mr. Richardson will consult with the FPPC Chair.</p>	<p>presented at this meeting. Mr. Richardson will consult with the FPPC Chair.</p>
<p>a) The Revised Prospectus/Final Plan from AWRI to be an Academic Unit that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to forward the Revised Prospectus/Final Plan from AWRI to be an Academic Unit to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support, provided appropriate <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language is developed.</p> <p>b) Revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Language regarding any change in AWRI status as distributed earlier, was discussed.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to support the changes to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language regarding the change in AWRI status as amended at this meeting. The new language shall read:</p> <p><b>2.4.C. Procedure for the Establishment of Nonacademic Institutes, Centers, and Offices</b>  <i>(Approved UAS March 31, 2000; revised by UAS .....)</i>  <i>As part of its mission, GVSU has established several nonacademic institutes, centers, and offices to serve specialized needs. The scope of these institutes, centers, and offices range from <del>the Water Resources Institute of</del> the Regional Math/Science Center with substantial budgets and staff of <del>their</del> its own to others like the Business and Ethics Center which primarily serves as a contact point between the local community and GVSU faculty.</i></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Revised Prospectus/Final Plan from AWRI to be an Academic Unit to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support, provided appropriate <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language is developed.  <b>APPROVED: Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the changes to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language regarding the change in AWRI status as amended at this meeting. The new language shall read:  <b>2.4.C. Procedure for the Establishment of Nonacademic Institutes, Centers, and Offices</b>  <i>(Approved UAS March 31, 2000; revised by UAS .....)</i>  <i>As part of its mission, GVSU has established several nonacademic institutes, centers, and offices to serve specialized needs. The scope of these institutes, centers, and offices range from <del>the Water Resources Institute of</del> the Regional Math/Science Center with substantial budgets and staff of <del>their</del> its own to others like the Business and Ethics Center which primarily serves as a contact point between the local community and GVSU faculty.</i></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Revised Prospectus/Final Plan from AWRI to be an Academic Unit to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support, provided appropriate <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language is developed.  <b>APPROVED: Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the changes to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language regarding the change in AWRI status as amended at this meeting. The new language shall read:  <b>2.4.C. Procedure for the Establishment of Nonacademic Institutes, Centers, and Offices</b>  <i>(Approved UAS March 31, 2000; revised by UAS .....)</i>  <i>As part of its mission, GVSU has established several nonacademic institutes, centers, and offices to serve specialized needs. The scope of these institutes, centers, and offices range from <del>the Water Resources Institute of</del> the Regional Math/Science Center with substantial budgets and staff of <del>their</del> its own to others like the Business and Ethics Center which primarily serves as a contact point between the local community and GVSU faculty.</i></p>

8. New Business	<p>a) The Prospectus for Adventure Tourism Minor and the memos from UCC and FSBC that were distributed earlier was discussed. Paul Stansbie presented an overview of the changes made in response to the concerns expressed by the FSBC.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to support the development of a final plan task force for the Adventure Tourism Minor and to forward the recommendation to the Provost. Discussion.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED: Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the development of a Final Plan Task Force for the Adventure Tourism Minor and forwards the recommendation to the Provost.  <b>APPROVED: Unanimously</b></p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:16pm		