

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of January 9, 2009

Present: David Bair, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Agnes Britton, Larry Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kurt Fanning (for Nancy Levenburg), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, William Morison (for Kathleen Underwood), Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Ellen Schendel, Bob Schoofs, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Roy Winegar

Guests: Richard Hall, Chelsea Ponstein, Pat Smith, John Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 3:07

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The agenda of January 9, 2009 was reviewed. | The agenda of January 9, 2009 was amended to add a preliminary report from FPPC on the Fall 2008 faculty survey and was approved as amended. |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | Review of Minutes The Chair noted that the annual faculty salary recommendation was missing from the minutes as reviewed and passed at the last UAS meeting, so that those will need to be revised. | No Minutes for review |
| 3. Report of Chair | <p>a) The Chair reported that she received a request for Faculty Governance's support for bringing Dr. Vincent Tinto to the university as a guest speaker. Materials regarding his scholarship and research had been made available to ECS members earlier. It was agreed that Faculty Governance will act as co-sponsor for these events.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the report from the Prospectus and Final Plan Task Force is expected by the end of January for ECS review, with a presentation provided from the chair of the task force, Dr. Nancy Giardina.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the Task Force on <u>Faculty Handbook</u> revisions is meeting on January, 12, 2009 and will be presenting the proposed revised Faculty Handbook to the ECS this semester.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that the Prospectus for a Minor in Adventure Tourism and the Final Plan for an Interdisciplinary Minor in Environmental Studies are expected soon for ECS review.</p> <p>There was discussion on creating a BlackBoard site to post Prospectuses and Final Plans for easier access and review.</p> | |

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| | <p>e) The Chair reported about the recommendations from the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) document. She and Tamara Rosier met earlier that day with the Provost regarding the proposed implementation plan and it is supported by Provost Davis. ECS members will be discussing this implementation plan at the next ECS meeting.</p> <p>f) The Chair reported that she reviewed the Inclusion Initiative that was posted to their web site by the Office of Inclusion and Equity to make it available to all faculty members. She noted that policy language for the Faculty Handbook regarding inclusion advocates is still needed and indicated that she had email Jeanne Arnold regarding this.</p> | |
| <p>4. Report of Provost</p> | <p>a) Provost Davis welcomed everyone back from the holiday break. b) Provost Davis presented a general enrollment report and noted that enrollment in Winter 2009 increased by 1.3% compared to enrollment from Winter 2008. The average student credit load increased from 13.1 to 13.2 for the same comparison periods. c) Provost Davis reported that a series of town meetings on various topics are being scheduled for late February or early March. Additional information will be distributed when confirmed. d) Provost Davis announced that her office will open a BlackBoard site to facilitate discussion as was noted at the November "Town Hall" meetings.</p> | |
| <p>5. Report of Student Senate</p> | <p>a) Student Senate President Trombka reported that all faculty, students and staff are invited to the annual President's Ball scheduled for February 6, 2009. Cocktails begin at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm.</p> | |
| <p>6. Report from Committees/Task Forces</p> | <p>Teresa Beck distributed material on the survey conducted by the FPPC of Tenure/Tenure-track/untenured faculty. A recommendation was made to invite Jerry Scripps to an ECS meeting to present a more in-depth report and answer questions that may arise about the FPPC data.</p> | |
| <p>7. Old Business</p> | <p>a) No Business</p> | |
| <p>8. New Business</p> | <p>a) The Prospectus/Final Plan for the Supply Chain Management Major, which was distributed earlier, was discussed. The Chair reminded the ECS that it is titled as a Prospectus/Final Plan because they are requesting waiver to Final Plan status. John Taylor presented an overview of the material and answered questions posed from the floor regarding the proposal.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to forward the Prospectus/Final Plan for the Supply Chain Management Major to FSBC and UCC</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Prospectus/Final Plan for the Supply</p> |

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| | for their consideration, including the request of waiver to Final Plan status. | Chain Management Major to FSBC and UCC for their consideration, including the request of waiver to Final Plan status. APPROVED: Unanimously | |
| Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 3:47 for a Retreat of the Executive Committee of the Senate. | | |