

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of October 17, 2008

**Present:** David Bair, Teresa Beck, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Brian Hazel, Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Kathleen Underwood, Roy Winegar

**Guests:** Kurt Ellenburger, Catherine Frerichs, Diana Pace, Patricia Smith, John Stevenson, Laura VanderBroek, Wendy Wenner

The meeting was called to order at 3:02

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 17, 2008 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 17, 2008 was approved as submitted.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 19, 2008 were reviewed.  The Minutes of October 3, 2008 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 19, 2008 were approved as submitted.  The Minutes of October 3, 2008 were approved as submitted.
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Chair thanked all those who attended any of the meetings with the NCA site visitors.</li> <li>b) The Chair reported that she and the vice chair met with Provost Davis and discussed: the next steps to take with the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force Report; the value of the adopting principles of governance and how it will impact various constituencies.</li> <li>c) The Chair announced that the next ECS Retreat is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2009.</li> <li>d) The Chair reported that pending prospecti and final plans include: College of Education Masters Programs; Hospitality Tourism Management – Adventure Tourism; and AWRI Reorganization</li> <li>e) The Chair reported that Ellen Schendel will take over Chairing the end of this committee's meeting on 10/24/08, as she has a conflict with another commitment.</li> <li>f) The Chair reported that the Fora on "Standards and Quality of Graduate Education" are scheduled for:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, October 29, Noon to 2pm, 205D DeVos Center</li> <li>Thursday, October 30, Noon to 2pm, 2270 Kirkhof Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis reported that the NCA site visit went very well and	



	<p>thanked all those involved. She is pleased to report that the site visitors indicated that they will be recommending that Grand Valley has continuing accreditation for the next 10 years, with no return visits required. Grand Valley received multiple compliments from the site visitors during their time here.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the university was monitoring the student loan program to ascertain what effects will be felt due to the slowdown in the national economy. She reported that most Grand Valley students received federal loans so they were 'safe.' Private loans could be problematic, so the university is considering how best to help students through this time.</p> <p>In response to a question raised from the floor on how to help students experiencing hardship given the economic downturn, Provost Davis recommended that faculty refer students to the Financial Aid Office for help with emergency loans or establishing payment plans.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Trombka reported that the meeting with the NCA site visitors and students was well attended.</p> <p>b) Ms. Trombka reported that the Student Senate has secured a bus to transport students to the polling station in Allendale on election day.</p> <p>c) Ms. Trombka further reported that the Student Senate is working with the Advising Council to host an advising fair in mid-November. Further details will be announced when they are known.</p>	
<p>6. Report from Committees/Task Forces</p>	<p>The summary document of action items for UAS consideration in implementing the Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force Report recommendations that was distributed earlier was discussed. Complete information from some units was not received by the task force members; Provost Davis agreed to work with the unit heads and deans to get the missing data. Once completed, the report will be distributed to the dean's council for further dissemination. Other venues of distribution will be included as necessary; i.e., websites.</p>	
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) The Applied Linguistics Minor Final Plan that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to send the Applied Linguistics Final Plan to UAS for their consideration.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Applied Linguistics Minor Final Plan and forwards the recommendation to the University Academic Senate.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>

8. New Business

<p>a) The Prospectus for the Bachelors Degree in Pharmacology that was distributed earlier was discussed. Departmental letters of support were also distributed.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the Prospectus for a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacology to the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee.</p> <p>b) Dr. Catherine Frerichs presented an overview of the Claiming a Liberal Education Initiative that was distributed earlier and reported on the status of the project thus far.</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>c) Prospectus/Final Plan for Cellular and Molecular Biology.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Prospectus for a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacology to the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p>No Discussion</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm</p>