

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of October 2, 2009

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Roger Ferguson, Julia Garison, Joe Godwin(ex officio), Bob Hendersen, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Charles Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Autumn Trombka (Student), Kathleen Underwood, Roger Wilson (for David Bair), Roy Winegar

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 2, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 2, 2009 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes for Review	No Minutes	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that she and Vice Chair Burns met with Provost Davis on September 28, 2009. In the Provosts' absence, she will defer to Joe Godwin on the discussion at that meeting.</p> <p>b) The Chair distributed a memo from the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee regarding its charge about retrenchment and program viability. ECS members asked the Chair to request a more encompassing response from FSBC on this part of its charge.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the Graduate Council has forwarded proposed revised faculty hand book language and these will be ready for review at the ECS meeting on October 9, 2009.</p>		
4. Report of Provost's Office	<p>a) Joe Godwin reported that the proposed budget from the state of Michigan eliminates the Michigan. Promise funding. He further reported that this equates to approximately 12 million dollars distributed to over 7,500 Grand Valley students.</p> <p>b) Joe Godwin reported that Provost Davis has spoken to the ECS Chair and Vice Chair, the Deans Council and Unit Heads regarding merging the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year contract renewal into a single review to be held during faculty members' third year. Faculty members would be hired on a continuing contract and with suitable procedures developed to ensure that annual mentoring takes place.</p> <p>In response to a question from the Chair, Joe Godwin reported that as</p>		

	of Friday, the response rate to the MapWorks survey was up.		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Student Senate President Trombka reported that she attend the Republican Leadership Conference.</li> <li>b) Student Senate President Trombka reported that Student Voice week has concluded.</li> <li>c) Student Senate President Trombka reported that Student Senate Vice Presidents attended the Higher Education hearings in Lansing to fight against the reversal of the Michigan Promise.</li> <li>d) Student Senate President Trombka reported that graduate students are being recruited to serve on Student Senate so their concerns are voiced as well.</li> </ul>		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs	No Report		
6. Old Business	<p>a. The Motion language for UAS consideration at the October 16, 2009 meeting regarding eligibility to vote in faculty personnel action that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>Robert Hendersen distributed additional material for consideration on the eligibility to vote motion options. Discussion.</p> <p>The Chair shared information on the increase in tenured faculty since 2004 as reported by the Human Resource Office to Provost Davis. There are currently 830 regular faculty; 314 of which have been hired since 2004 (an approximate increase of 37% in tenured/tenure-track lines).</p> <p>After extensive discussion, a Motion was made from the floor to present language to UAS limiting the eligibility to tenured faculty. Support.</p> <p>In discussion, ECS members noted the confusion that would be created by presenting Motion "options" before UAS. It was further noted that at its August 26, 2009 Retreat the ECS had already decided to modify the proposed revisions to the personnel language to permit tenured/tenure-track faculty members to be present and participate in the entire personnel process.</p> <p>A friendly amendment was accepted and the following motion was</p>		

	<p>placed before ECS:</p> <p>1a. Revise the personnel policy such that only tenured faculty members are eligible to vote on faculty personnel actions involving contract renewals, tenure, promotions and sabbaticals.</p> <p>1b. Tenured and tenure track faculty members may be present and participate in the entire personnel review process, but only those eligible to vote will be counted in the quorum.</p> <p>Support. After additional discussion ECS voted on this language and it was <b>unanimously approved</b>.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and supported</u> to place the motion before UAS with an endorsement from ECS. The <u>motion failed</u>.</p> <p>b. Discussion: Shared Governance Principles – No Discussion</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the following language to the University Academic Senate:</p> <p>1a. Revise the personnel policy such that only tenured faculty members are eligible to vote on faculty personnel actions involving contract renewals, tenure, promotions and sabbaticals.</p> <p>1b. Tenured and tenure track faculty members may be present and participate in the entire personnel review process, but only those eligible to vote will be counted in the quorum.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the above motion to the University Academic Senate with an endorsement of support. <b>Not Approved.</b></p> <p>No Discussion Held</p>	
New Business	<p>1. FSBC Annual Salary Recommendation A <u>Motion was made and supported</u> to place the FSBC Annual</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the FSBC</p>	

	<p>Salary Recommendation (CPI + 1.5%) before the UAS. Discussion</p> <p>2. Fall Forum: Topic and Planning – No Discussion</p> <p>3. Faculty Survey on Governance – No Discussion</p>	<p>Annual Salary Recommendation of CPI + 1.5% to the University Academic Senate for their action. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>	
10. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:48		