

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of October 9, 2009

Present: David Bair, Yatin Bhagwat, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Roger Ferguson, Julie Garrison, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Brian Hatzel, Bob Hendersen, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Chuck Pazdernik, John Peck (for Teresa Beck), Ellen Schendel, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President)

Guest: Agnes Britton, Mark Luttenton

The meeting was called to order at 3:03

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 9, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 9, 2009 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 2, 2009 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 2, 2009 were accepted as amended.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that on October 7, 2009 she met with the Chair of the University Assessment Committee (UAC), the Chair of the General Education Subcommittee, and Assistant Vice President Julie Guevara regarding the UAC charge for 2009-2010 to examine how program assessment reports required for different purposes might be integrated and the processes streamlined. These assessment processes include UAC assessment reports, General Education assessment reports, SWS assessment and any external accreditation reports for specific programs. One item under consideration by the UAC is to recommend that ECS amend the university assessment process to permit programs that regularly submit disciplinary based external accrediting report to external agencies be allowed to use these external accreditation processes for their six year program self study reports.</p> <p>b) The Chair distributed the proposed Protocol to be used during the UAS meeting of October 16, 2009 regarding voting on proposed policy revision regarding eligibility to vote in faculty unit personnel actions involving contract renewals, tenure, promotions and sabbaticals. The Protocol will be distributed electronically to UAS members and ECS members were asked to share the information with their college senate colleagues.</p> <p>It was noted that the New Music Ensemble at GVSU were featured in the October 12, 2009 edition of <i>Newsweek Magazine</i>.</p>		

4. Report of Provost's Office	<p>a) Joe Godwin distributed the latest data on MapWorks, reporting that approximately 64% of freshmen and 28% of sophomores have taken the survey. Freshmen participants increased by 11% over the past week.</p> <p>A question from the floor asked whether there is a university process allowing faculty and staff to purchase (non-reimbursed) carbon offsets and how the university might support faculty and staff in making this type of contribution in support of campus sustainability initiatives--a recommendation was made to contact Norman Christopher in the Sustainability Community Development Initiative Office.</p>		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<p>a) The Student Senate President Autumn Trombka reported that the Student Senate has issued a press release regarding the Michigan Promise.</p> <p>Joe Godwin reported that an email went out to all students who had funding withdrawn with the retraction of the Michigan Promise monies regarding the university's billing process for those funds, and noted that there is proposed legislation to reinstate the Michigan Promise funding for students. No students will be dropped from their classes solely because of the withdrawal of their Michigan Promise money and students having problems meeting the deadlines for payment of these supplemental bills should contact the University Financial Aid Office to work out a different timeline for payment.</p>		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs	<p>a) Dr. Mark Luttenton, Chair of the Graduate Council, presented an overview of the proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> regarding Faculty Engaged in Graduate Education that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>It was the consensus of ECS that the material be sent back to the Graduate Council for further revisions based on the comments and input from this meeting. Faculty are encouraged to send any additional feedback directly to Dr. Luttenton.</p>		
7. Old Business	<p>a. The material on Shared Governance Principles that was distributed earlier was discussed. In discussion it was noted that clear levels of shared responsibility and participation should be identified as faculty governance continues these discussions at other campus venues. The Chair noted that the book "For the Common Good" is one resource that provides high-quality reference material the senate could consult as they undertake their work on this initiative.</p>		

<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>a. The Bylaws for the Kirkhof College of Nursing that were distributed earlier were discussed. The proposed changes requiring faculty governance review are those regarding the regular faculty personnel policies. The proposed revisions were made to align the written process with practice.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and supported</u> to accept the recommended changes to the By Laws of the Kirkhof College of Nursing Personnel processes and that the language in Chapter Four regarding their College Personnel Committee be revised in the Administrative Manual so the external members are elected for a term of three (3) years and serve on the committee for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms (six (6) years). Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and supported</u> to forward the Kirkhof College of Nursing bylaws to the University Academic Senate for their action. Discussion.</p> <p>b. A topic was recommended for the Fall Forum of "Author Rights and Scholarly Issues. Julie Garrison agreed to send the Chair names of persons from the University Libraries willing to work on the forum planning and the Chair agreed to work as the Senate representative to this group in making arrangements for this forum.</p> <p>c. The Chair distributed material on materials from the AAUP web site identifying Traits of Effective Senates and the Evaluation of Shared Governance. Discussion.</p> <p>The Chair asked for volunteers to collaborate on planning and developing a survey on faculty satisfaction, and Larry Burns, Julie</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the recommended changes to the By Laws Kirkhof College of Nursing College Personnel processes and that the language in Chapter Four regarding their College Personnel Committee in the Administrative Manual be revised so the external members are elected for a term of three (3) years and serve on the committee for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms (six (6) years). APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Kirkhof College of Nursing bylaws to the University Academic Senate for their action. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>Julie Garrison agreed to send the Chair names of persons from the University Libraries willing to work on the topic.</p> <p>Larry Burns, Julie Garrison and Mel Northup agreed to collaborate on</p>	
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	<p>Garrison and Mel Northup offered their service.</p> <p>Items recommended at the meeting to include in the survey are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of the intent of the survey Level of faculty satisfaction Identify what the role of governance should be. What is considered "faculty governance" What would faculty like faculty governance to do. If a problem is identified, what can be done to resolve it. 	planning and developing a survey on faculty satisfaction.	
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm		