

# Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of October 28, 2011

**Present:** Princewill Anyalebechi, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Natalie Cleary (Student Senate President), Paul Cornish, Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Gerald DeHondt, Craig Flora (Student Senate), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Brennan Gorman (Student Senate), Brian Hatzel, Robert Hendersen, Jodee Hunt, Azfar Hussain, John Iott (Student Senate), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Susan Jensen, Priscilla Kimboko, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Linda Masselink, Figen Mekik (Chair), Douglas Montagna, Jag Nandigam, Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Tonya Parker, Donald Paszek, Chuck Pazdernik, Tim Penning, Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, John Ritch, Jeffrey Rothstein, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Jeanne Stoddard, Kathleen Underwood, Keith Watts, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson, Katalin Zaszlavik

**Guests:** Lawrence Burns

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. .

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 28, 2011 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 28, 2011 was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 30, 2011 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 30, 2011 were approved as amended.	
3. Report from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The Chair reported that "Chair Notes" will no longer be distributed.</li><li>b) The Chair presented a brief overview of the Motion Log that is available on the Faculty Governance website.</li><li>c) The Chair presented an update of material on the ECS agenda that will come before the Senate, including the General Education changes, and a Community Health Minor proposal for a new program.</li></ul>		
4. Report from the Provost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Provost Davis reported that an email has been sent to all adjunct faculty regarding their salary. This email was also sent to the academic deans.</li><li>b) Provost Davis reported that considerable discussion has been held at the unit and college level on the best ways to reallocate funds to achieve their goals and meet student needs given the financial restraints and current economic environment.</li></ul> <p>Provost Davis further reported on the changes to faculty summer compensation and answered questions raised from the floor.</p>		

5. Report from the Student Senate	<p>a) Student Senate President Cleary reported that the Battle of the Valleys fundraising events will take place November 7 – 11, with the Make-A-Wish Foundation as the designated charity.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Cleary reported that she attended one of the general education forums and students are interested in the proposed changes.</p>		
6. New Business	<p>a) The ECS Motion to endorse the proposal for salary changes as described by Provost Davis at the ECS meeting of October 14, 2011 was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the proposal as described by Provost Davis at the ECS meeting of October 14, 2011.</p> <p>Lawrence Burns, FSBC Chair, was thanked for his work on the salary request.</p> <p>b) Lawrence Burns presented an overview of the 2011-12 Annual Salary Adjustment request and the rationale for the request that was distributed earlier. The ECS Motion to forward the annual salary adjustment request to UAS with a recommendation to endorse it was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to endorse the annual salary adjustment request as presented.</p> <p>c) The ECS Motion to accept the FPPC report regarding <u>Charge #5</u> regarding associate deans and their faculty affiliations and voting rights that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the the FPPC report regarding <u>Charge #5</u> regarding associate deans and their faculty affiliations and voting rights.</p> <p>d) The ECS Motion to accept the FPPC report regarding <u>Charge #6</u> on the voting rights of college personnel committee members forwarding it to the UAS with a</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate accepts the proposal for salary changes as described by Provost Davis at the ECS meeting of October 14, 2011. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate endorses the annual salary adjustment request as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate accepts the the FPPC report regarding <u>Charge #5</u> regarding associate deans and their faculty affiliations and voting rights as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>	

	<p>recommendation that they accept the report, along with the revisions made by University Counsel were discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to TABLE the MOTION. Discussion .</p> <p>e) The ECS Motion to accept the FPPC report regarding Charge #7 on the elaboration of conflict of interest policy in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> and the request to forward the report to UAS with a recommendation that they accept the report was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to TABLE DISCUSSION of Charge #7 until Charge #6 is resolved.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate <u>Tables the Motion</u> to accept the FPPC report regarding Charge #6 on the voting rights of college personnel committee members forwarding it to the UAS with a recommendation that they accept the report, along with the revisions made by University Counsel. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate <u>Tables Discussion</u> of Charge #7 until Charge #6 is resolved. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.		