

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of November 07, 2008

Present: Kirk Anderson, Princewill Anyalebechi (for Hugh Jack), Charles Baker-Clark, Dan Balfour, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Wallace Boeve, Agnes Britton, Shawn Bulfsma, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Natalie Bush (Student), Lee Copenhaver, Katherine Cross (Student), Jason Crouthamel (for William Morison), Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Joseph Duso (Student), Kirt Fanning, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Robert Hendersen, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, Krisline Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, Stephen Rowe, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Bob Schoofs, Bill Selesky (Student), Wanxio Sun, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson, Roy Winegar

Guests: Jeanne Arnold, Thomas Haas, Julia Mason, Diana Pace, Barbara Palombi, Chelsea Ponstein (Student), Kathryn Remlinger, Tamara Rosier, John Stevenson, Laura VanderBroek, Ellen Yezielski

The meeting was called to order at 3:03

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of November 7, 2008 was reviewed.	The agenda of November 7, 2008 was approved as submitted.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 12, 2008 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 12 were approved as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that several prospectuses and final plans are moving through the governance process, including a Biomedical Engineering Minor prospectus, a Reorganization of the College of Education prospectus, a final plan for a Minor in Chinese Language and a final plan for Environmental Studies.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the Academic Standards and Policies Committee (ASPC) representation scheme requires a faculty member voted by and from UAS. At the October 3 meeting, the ECS approved Harvey Nikkel as the representative since he already serves on the ASPC and is a UAS member.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that two fora on "Standards and Quality of Graduate Education" were held on Wednesday, October 29 and Thursday, October 30 and were well attended.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that two new faculty "Meet-and-Greet" receptions were held on Thursday, October 30 and Wednesday, November 5. Alternative outreach methods for new faculty are being discussed to increase the attendance numbers, including attending the new faculty orientation luncheon.</p> <p>e) The Chair reported that the NCA site visit went well. She further reported that town hall-like meetings to discuss the visit are in the planning stage.</p> <p>f) The Chair congratulated Provost Davis on receiving a YWCA</p>	

	Tribute Award.	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that the NCA site visit went very well and 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 State of Michigan has projected a \$300-600 million deficit in state revenue over the next two year so it is expected that Governor Granholm will issue an Executive Order for further budget cuts.</p> <p>She further 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. Private loans could be problematic, so the university is considering how best to help students through this time.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis reported that the town meetings are scheduled for November 19 and November 24. The recorded notes will be posted on the Office of the Provost website.</p> <p>Provost Davis thanked the senate for the acknowledgement of her YWCA Tribute Award.</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate	<p>a) The Student Senate President, Autumn Trombka, reported that approximately 400 students used the bus provided on November 4 for transportation to the polls.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Trombka reported that the University Leadership Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 5:00pm in the Alumni House. The topic this year will focus on graduate programs.</p> <p>c) Student Senate President Trombka reported that the "Last Lecture" series is scheduled for November 18, 2008 with Steve Tripp, Roger Finlan, and John Kilbourne as presenters.</p>	
6. Report from Committees and Task Forces	<p>a) The UCC Chair, Robert Adams, presented an overview of the changes requested by the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) to change the language in Section 2.04.A.9 of the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> that was distributed earlier. The proposed language would read:</p> <p><i>"After a course change proposal arrives for review at UCC it will be handled in the following manner. If the course is a prerequisite for a course in another college or part of a degree requirement for another college, the course change proposal will be reviewed by UCC. If it is not a prerequisite for a course in another college or required by another college, and at least</i></p>	

30 days has elapsed since the proposal... was approved by the unit of origin, then the course change proposal will be automatically approved by UCC at its next regular meeting and be forwarded to the Provost for approval. Up until its approval, any faculty member can request the UCC to review a course change proposal."

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended language changes to the Faculty Handbook language with an immediate implementation of the change in procedure.

b) Donijo Robbins, FSBC Chair, presented the recommendation of a \$400 increase in overload compensation from a minimum of \$600 to a minimum of \$1,000.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FSBC recommendation to increase the overload compensation from a minimum of \$600 to a minimum of \$1,000. It is understood that this would require approval from the Grand Valley Board of Trustees and carries no guarantee of being approved by that body. The earliest implementation date would be Fall 2009 Discussion.

c) A motion was made and seconded to approve the FSBC Annual Salary Recommendation (Midwest CPI +1.5%). In discussion the Senate recognized the current economic pressures in Michigan while noting the importance of adequately compensating faculty.

d) Tamara Rosier presented an overview of the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force Report and identified the charge, the process and status of task force report presented to Provost Davis.

a) The summary document distributed earlier describing items to consider before implementing the Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force Report recommendations was discussed.

6. New Business

MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the changes to the Faculty Handbook language as recommended by the University Curriculum Committee and approves immediate implementation of the change in procedure.
APPROVED Unanimously.

MOTION: The University Academic Senate accepted the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee recommendation to increase the overload compensation from a minimum of \$600 to a minimum of \$1,000. It is understood that this would require approval from the Grand Valley Board of Trustees and carries no guarantee of being approved by that body. The earliest implementation date would be Fall 2009.
APPROVED Unanimously.

MOTION: The University Academic Senate accepted the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee Annual Salary Recommendation.
APPROVED with 2 No Votes and 1 Abstention.

<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to endorse the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force Report and adopt the process for university wide consideration of report.</p> <p>a) Laura Vanderbroek presented an overview of the revisions made to the Final Plan for an Applied Linguistics Minor, the most notable being the addition of several new courses. Discussion.</p> <p>It was <u>moved and seconded</u> to approve the Applied Linguistics Minor Final Plan and forward it to Administration with a recommendation of support for implementation.</p> <p>b) A presentation on "Academics Beyond the Classroom" was made by Diana Pace and Barbara Palombi followed by a distribution of reference material.</p> <p>c) Jeanne Arnold presented an overview of the Inclusion and Equity Implementation process and noted that a final product is expected by the end of the year. She further reported that the Inclusion and Equity Division hired a new director of Intercultural Training. Initiatives currently under consideration include discussions with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to identify ways to commemorate the MLK Jr. holiday on a broader scale. Upon a question raised from the floor on why enrollment of minority students was lower this year, Dr. Arnold stated that this was a direct effect of the passage of Proposal 2.</p> <p>d) President Haas shared his thoughts on the excellent reputation Grand Valley holds with the outside community, and especially how academic excellence is the foundation of that reputation. President Haas commended Grand Valley's is responsive to regional needs, and provides fundamentals elements while embracing exemplary teaching.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate endorses the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force Report and recommends adoption of the process for university wide consideration of report. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Applied Linguistics Minor Final Plan and forwards it to Administration with a recommendation of support for implementation. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:01</p>	