

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of November 11, 2011

Present: Gordon Alderink (for Kathleen Underwood), Yatin Bhagwat, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Natalie Cleary (Student Senate President), Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Cory DiCarlo, Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sharon Leder, Figen Mekik (Chair), Jag Nandigam, Mel Northup, Chuck Pazdernik, John Ritch (for Cynthia Grapczynski), Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson

Guests: Robert Adams, Fred Antczak, Lawrence Burns, Wendy Burns-Ardelino, Kurt Ellenberger, Robert Hollister, Sheldon Kopperl, Diane Maoudush-Pitzer, Brent Smith, Wendy Wenner, Judy Whipps

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 11, 2011 was reviewed.	The agenda of November 11, 2011 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 4, 2011 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 4, 2011 were approved as amended.	
3. Report of Chair	a) The Chair presented an overview of material on upcoming agendas. There is no ECS meeting on 11/18. b) The Chair reported that the General Education proposal will be discussed at the December 9 ECS meeting. c) The Chair encouraged all UAS members to attend the ECS forum and presented an overview of the Gen Ed proposal preferences received from Roger Gilles. General Education does not want to divide the proposal. d) The Chair reported that she will send a letter to Professor Mayberry responding to his inquiry about National Arts and Humanities Month. e) The Chair reported that items forward to UAS will be sent in the form of a motion.		
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis reported that the first round of interviews for the Vice President of Development were held today. Maria Cimitile requested names for consideration of honorary degrees. Nominations can be made online. In response to a question from the floor about the Board of Trustees meeting, Provost Davis reported that the Board gave initial approval for the annual capital outlay request.		

5. Report of the Student Senate President	a) Student Senate President Cleary reported that the Battle of the Valleys funding raising has begun and asked for faculty support. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is the designated charity for 2011.		
6. New Business	<p>a) The Religious Studies Major and Minor Final Plan that was distributed earlier was discussed. Judy Whipps presented an overview of the process/procedure thus far. Discussion.</p> <p>Maria Cimitile presented student data from the Provost's Office and reported data from peer institutions with religious studies programs.</p> <p>The FSBC and UCC memos regarding their review of the Religious Studies Major and Minor were discussed.</p> <p>A question was raised on when a secret ballot can occur. The Chair clarified that to vote by secret ballot at least 10% of the voting members present must agree to have a secret ballot, or at the discretion of the presiding officer a secret ballot can be held.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to have a secret ballot for voting. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> that ECS place upon the UAS agenda a Motion to approve the Religious Studies Major and Minor Final Plan. Discussion.</p> <p>b) Kurt Ellenberger presented an overview of the FPPC Charge 3A: Reduction in Number of Personnel Reviews that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>This item will be placed on the December 9 ECS agenda for further discussion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate requests a secret ballot for voting. APPROVED: 3 Yes; 11 No; 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that they place upon the UAS agenda Motion to approve the Religious Studies Major and Minor Final Plan. APPROVED 9 Yes; 5 No</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.		