

# Grand Valley State University

## University Academic Senate

### Minutes of November 13, 2009

**Present:** Jamal Alsabbagh, Kirk Anderson, Princewill Anyalebechi, Charles Bakerk-Clark, Danny Balfour, Christina Beaudoin, Agnes Britton, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Julie Garrison, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Brian Hatzel, Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Keenlance, Sharon Leder, Jeff Libra, Neil MacDonald, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Tonya Parker, Donald Paszek (for Cliff Welch), Chuck Pazdernik, Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Dawn Richiert, Ross Reynolds, Stephen Rowe, Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Harold Schnyders, Bill Selesky (Student Senate), Lynn Sheehan, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Deana Weibel, Judy Whipps (for Kathleen Underwood), Roger Wilson, Roy Winegar

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of November 13, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of November 13, 2009 was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 16, 2009 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 16, 2009 were approved	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that ECS is continuing to work in collaboration with the FPPC and the FTLC on the proposed revisions to the Effective Teaching language that have been under discussion for the last two academic years. The intent is to have these revisions ready for UAS consideration during the upcoming winter term.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported there are several Final Plans in various stages of development which may come before the UAS next semester.</p> <p>c) The Chair noted that a new process addressing diversity issues in the faculty personnel process has been developed by the Office for Inclusion and Equity and is being piloted at college and unit level in the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, and at the college level in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences during this academic year.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that a Forum co-sponsored by UAS and the University Libraries on "Understanding and Managing Author Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" is scheduled for December 2 from Noon to 2pm and encourages members to both attend and inform their colleges about this event.</p>		
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis had no report.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor on student admissions, Provost Davis stated that admission numbers are lower across Michigan, largely due to economic factors.</p>		

	<p>She further reported that some while some universities were able to cover the lost funding from the Michigan Promise Scholarship, the tuition rate at GVSU makes it not possible for GVSU to absorb the 12 million dollar deficit. Students who have difficulty paying the amount they have been billed for can request that they be billed for the amount during the next billing cycle. It was also noted that it was the Seidman College of Business Advisory Board that agreed to donate their dues to that college to help students with financial need.</p>		
5. Report of Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate President Trombka reported that another letter campaign to increase higher education funding in general is planned.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Trombka reported that Governor Granholm will be at the university next week to discuss the Michigan Promise Scholarship with students in an open forum.</p> <p>c) Student Senate President Trombka reported that the speakers for the Last Lecture Series on November 19 are Edward Hamilton from Physics and Benjamin Cole of Communications.</p>		
6. Report from Standing Committee Chairs	<p>Interim Assistant Vice-President Maria Cimitile presented an update on the proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language regarding procedures for Establishing New Programs and Academic Units, and answered questions from the floor.</p> <p>Several concerns were raised from the floor that require further editing of the proposed revisions. Chair Mullendore requested that senators with these, and any other revisions, provide them to Dr. Cimitile and that matter be carried over to the next UAS meeting in order that the concerns that were raised are appropriately addressed.</p>		
7. New Business	<p>a) The proposed revisions to the Kirkhof College of Nursing Bylaws regarding their college and unit personnel committees and to the <u>Administrative Manual</u> language reproduced in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> in Chapter 4, Section 2.10.A. paragraph. 9 were discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> for the University Academic Senate to support the request of the Kirkhof College of Nursing to amend its unit personnel process in its College's By laws as presented at this meeting.</p> <p>Discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the request of the Kirkhof College of Nursing to amend its unit personnel process in its College's By laws as presented at this meeting.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p>	

	<p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> for the University Academic Senate supporting the Kirkhof College of Nursing's request that the <u>Administrative Manual</u> language reproduced in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> in Chapter 4, Section 2.10.A.para 9 be amended to read as follows (proposed revisions in bold):</p> <p><i>"Kirkhof College of Nursing: The Personnel Committee shall be composed of a minimum of five (5) faculty members with a majority of members elected by the faculty from a slate provided by the Provost from appropriate disciplines outside the College to be determined by the Provost in consultation with the Dean of the College and less than a majority of the Personnel Committee elected from the faculty in the College. Members shall be elected for a term of <b>three</b> years and can serve on the Committee for a maximum of <b>two</b> consecutive terms (6 years)."</i></p> <p>Discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the Kirkhof College of Nursing's request that the <u>Administrative Manual</u> language reproduced in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> in Chapter 4, Section 2.10.A.para 9 be amended as presented at this meeting.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p>	
8. Old Business	None.		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:03pm		