

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of February 13, 2009

Present: David Bair, Yatin Bhagwat, Agnes Britton, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Melissa Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, Roy Winegar

Guests: Steve Glass, Elena Lioumbstveva, Chelsea Ponstein (Lanthorn), Donijo Robbins,

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of February 13, 2009 was reviewed. A <u>motion was made</u> and <u>seconded</u> to add the resolution from the Student Senate containing recommendations about theme motions presently at the General Education Subcommittee to the agenda under items of New Business. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to discuss the material presented at the meeting on a room naming opportunity to honor a retired faculty member. The agenda was approved as amended adding these two items.	The agenda of February 13, 2009 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 23, 2009 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 23, 2009 were approved as submitted.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair asked for a volunteer to attend the February 17 Board of Trustees meeting in her absence. The Chair will provide the necessary information to Nancy Levenburg who agreed to attend, if her schedule permits.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that she expects reports from the various task forces to be submitted during the upcoming weeks. The <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Task Force next meets on February 23, 2009 and should be able to report back in March and the Task Force on Procedures for Establishing New Academic Units or Programs report is being distributed upon receipt in order to expedite ECS consideration and action on any proposals they contain that require ECS or UAS action.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis reported that the Blackboard site for continued faculty discussion about the Provost's Faculty/Staff Conversations will be online next week, possibly Monday.	
5. Report of Student Senate	a) Student Senate President Autumn Trombka reported that the President's Ball was a great success, with an estimated 4,300	

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<p>6. Report from Committees/Task Forces</p>	<p>attendees.</p> <p>b) Ms. Trombka reported that the Student Senate is actively contacting state legislators to gain support for GV's Capital Outlay projects. A trip to Lansing is also planned.</p> <p>c) Ms. Trombka reported that the next University Leadership Roundtable is scheduled for March 12 at the Alumni House, with a discussion topic of retention of second-year students.</p>	
<p>a) The memo from the Chair of FSBC regarding the role of governance in the review/approval of new programs and units, which was distributed earlier, was discussed. During discussion a request was made for ECS to receive a status report from the Task Force on Procedures for Establishing New Academic Units or Programs.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to accept the memo regarding the review and approval of new programs from FSBC as submitted.</p> <p>b) The proposed UAS Policy Revision for Pausing the Tenure Clock that was distributed earlier was discussed. Alternate wording was presented by Nancy Levenburg for consideration. Discussion. There was no support for taking the proposed revisions to UAS to amend the policy adopted last week to read "includes, but is not limited to" in place of the language before the list of circumstances under which the policy would normally be applied. The Chair will notify the drafters of the proposed policy that the document can be distributed and presented to the Board of Trustees as originally approved by UAS.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the memo from the Faculty Salary Budget Committee regarding the review and approval of new programs as submitted. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	
<p>1. Old Business</p>	<p>a) The APSC Repeat Policy Appeal language that was revised after ECS input was discussed. APSC clarified that the policy language was not intended to be applied to graduate students and the language in the proposal was revised to insert the word "undergraduate" before the word "students" to indicate the intention of the policy. The language was also modified to have the appeal go directly to the Dean when the unit head made the original decision not to permit the course repeat and to also clarify that the Dean that will review the decisions is the Dean in the College offering the course.</p>	

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded to approve the Repeat Policy Appeal language as revised and to forward it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support.</u></p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Repeat Policy Appeal language from APSC as revised and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p>
<p>8. New Business</p> <p>a) Elena Lioubimtseva presented an overview of the Final Plan for an Environmental Studies Minor including changes in the provided addendum to that Final Plan. These changes were made in response to the input from the Chair of FSBC in the memo distributed to ECS members for this meeting. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded to approve the Final Plan for an Environmental Studies Minor as revised and forward to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support.</u></p> <p>b) The Student Senate resolution regarding "Themes" in the General Education program, which was distributed earlier at the meeting, was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded that ECS receives the recommendation of the Student Senate and endorses the sentiment that there are serious concerns about the General Education Themes requirements that demand timely attention.</u></p> <p>In order to address the concerns about Themes a meeting with representatives from General Education, UCC, ECS and the Student Senate will be held. Others will be invited as warranted. The ECS Chair will communicate with the Chair of General Education and present a status report to ECS as updates are needed.</p> <p>c) A <u>motion was made and seconded to request that a room in Kirkhof be named in honor of a specific retired faculty member who was</u></p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Final Plan for an Environmental Studies Minor as revised and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate receives the recommendation of the Student Senate and endorses the sentiment that there are serious concerns about the General Education Themes requirement that demand timely attention. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>A meeting will be held with representatives from General Education, UCC, ECS, the Student Senate, and others as warranted addressing the concerns raised.</p>	

	<p>active in faculty governance in addition to having made numerous other contributions to Grand Valley during his tenure at the university. Because this decision is one that the President makes, Provost Davis agreed to convey the motion to President Haas, if approved by ECS. Discussion was held on the need to keep the nominee's name confidential until such time as it should be approved. The guidelines in the Administrative Manual for such an event were reviewed. In discussion it was noted that these guidelines could be clarified with criteria and better publicized. Paul Leidig agreed to develop language for consideration at a future ECS meeting.</p>	<p>Paul Leidig will develop language on guidelines and criteria to establish such honors for consideration at a future ECS meeting.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the nomination naming a room in honor of the proposed retired faculty member as presented at this meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:59p	

