

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of February 6, 2009

Present:

Kirk Anderson, Fred Antozak (ex officio), David Bair, Charles Baker-Clark, Teresa Beck, Wally Boeve, Matthew Boelkins, Agnes Britton, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Lee Copenhaver, Katherine Cross (Student), Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Nagnon Diarrassouba (for Bultsma), Christine Drewel (for Rowe), Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Julie Garison, Nancy Giardina (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Brian Hatzel, Robert Hendersen, Hugh Jack, Rich Jellier (for Balfour), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sue Jensen (for Leder), Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, Melissa Morison (for Underwood), William Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup (for Wagendorp), Keith Rhodes (for Schendel), Dawn Richiert, Jim Sanford, Robert Schoofs, Bill Selesky (Student), Wanxiao Sun, Ted Sundstrom (for Schlicker), Marlen Vavrikova, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson.

Guests:

Mark Luttenton, Chelsea Ponstein (Lanthorn), Scott Richardson, Carl Ruetz, Mark Staves

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of February 6, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of February 6, 2009 was approved as submitted.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 5, 2008 were reviewed. The Chair made an oral motion to revise the UAS Minutes of November 7, 2008 to include the Senate's vote to support the FSBC Annual Salary letter.	The Minutes of December 5, 2008 were approved as amended. The revision to the minutes of November 7, 2008 was approved..
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair reported that items at ECS are moving readily onto the UAS agenda, so there was not much to report. b) The Chair noted that the status of Prospecti and Final Plans under review can be found at the end of the UAS agenda. Final Plans pending review include: Chinese Language Minor, Environmental Studies Minor, and College of Education new degree programs. Pending Prospecti include: Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Masters, Supply Chain Management Major [requesting waiver to Final Plan status], History Master of Arts, Biomedical Engineering Minor, Pharmacology Bachelor degree, and Adventure Tourism Minor. c) The Chair reminded UAS members of upcoming events, including the following: Dr. Vincent Tinto will be on campus on February 20; additional Provost's Faculty/Staff Conversations are scheduled for 	

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	<p>late February; and, the Academic Integrity Fora are scheduled for March 19 and March 20. She also reported that Academic Integrity information is now available on Grand Valley's web site</p>	
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that the governor's office is expected to cut Higher Education appropriations by 2-5% in addition to mandating a freeze on tuition increases.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that numerous discussions have been held on the students' futures, and how best to match students with available jobs.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that her office is establishing a BlackBoard site to have the "Conversations" information and feedback posted.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis encouraged faculty members to attend the university lecture with Vincent Tinto, a national leader in student engagement and retention in higher education on February 20, 2009.</p> <p>d) Provost Davis reminded the senate that the President's Ball was later that evening.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Provost Davis for the Faculty Convocation held yesterday that highlighted faculty achievement.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>Katherine Cross reported in the absence of Student Senate President Trombka.</p> <p>a) Ms. Cross reported that Donna Brooks (Board of Trustees) and Craig Benjamin (History Department) are the honorees at the President's Ball.</p> <p>b) Ms. Cross reported that Student Senate recently passed a resolution calling for a thorough and a holistic, assessment of the GenEd themes and whether they are accomplishing the goals as outlined when they were initiated.</p> <p>c) Ms. Cross reported that the next Leadership Roundtable topic(s) are improving first- and third-year retention and improvement of the second-year experience.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding a question posed from the floor asking what the Grand Valley policy is regarding the use of Facebook by faculty/students/staff.</p>	
<p>6. Report from Committees and Task Forces</p>	<p>a) Mark Luffenton presented an overview of the requested changes to the Graduate Council Proposal to revise the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language by adding policies on Graduate Assistants and Graduate Assistantships. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the Graduate</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Graduate Council proposal to revise the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language by adding policies on Graduate Assistants and Graduate Assistantships, as amended</p>

<p>Council proposal to revise the Faculty Handbook language by adding policies on Graduate Assistants and Graduate Assistantships, as amended at this meeting.</p> <p>b) Scott Richardson presented an overview of the FPPC Proposal that was distributed earlier to modify the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language for pausing the tenure clock. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the FPPC Proposal by making the following change:</p> <p>2.7.2. Extending Probationary Appointments by Pausing the Tenure Clock. "... subject to <i>determination that pausing the tenure clock will contribute to a fair personnel evaluation verification of need.</i></p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the FPPC Proposal by making the following change:</p> <p>2.7.2. Extending Probationary Appointments by Pausing the Tenure Clock. "Following is the complete-list of circumstances under which a faculty member may <i>normally</i> request extension of ..."</p> <p>It is understood that this policy would not be in effect until approved by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the FPPC Proposal to modify the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language for pausing the tenure clock as amended at this meeting.</p>	<p>at this meeting. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports amending the FPPC Proposal by making the following change: 2.7.2. Extending Probationary Appointments by Pausing the Tenure Clock. "... subject to <i>determination that pausing the tenure clock will contribute to a fair personnel evaluation verification of need.</i></p> <p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports amending the FPPC Proposal by making the following change: 2.7.2. Extending Probationary Appointments by Pausing the Tenure Clock. "Following is the complete-list of circumstances under which a faculty member may <i>normally</i> request extension of ..."</p> <p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the FPPC Proposal to modify the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language for pausing the tenure clock as amended at this meeting. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a) The Final Plan for Cell and Molecular Biology to become an academic unit that was distributed earlier was discussed, and Mark Staves answered questions posed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the Final Plan for Cell and Molecular Biology to become an academic unit.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Final Plan for Cell and Molecular Biology to become an academic unit. APPROVED: Unanimously</p>	

8. Adjournment	<p>b) The Chair presented an overview of the material distributed earlier on the Final Plan for AWRI to become an academic unit, and the companion motion to revise <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language. Carl Ruetz answered questions posed from the floor. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the Final Plan for AWRI to become an academic unit.</p> <p>Upon confusion as to what was being voted on, the vote was retaken and remained as 37 In Favor; 2 Opposed to approving the Final Plan for AWRI to become an academic unit. Motion Passed.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Final Plan for AWRI to become an academic unit and the companion motion to revise the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language. APPROVED: 37 Yes; 2 No</p>
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