

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 13, 2009

Present: David Bair, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Agnes Britton, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Nancy Giardina (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Melissa Morison (for Kathleen Underwood), Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, Autumn Trombka (Student), Roy Winegar

Guests: Tom Butcher, Rick Carlton, Chelsea Ponstein (Lanthorn), Roy Olsson

The meeting was called to order at 3:05

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of March 13, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of March 13, 2009 was approved as submitted.
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes for Review	No Minutes for Review
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that she was requested to get an update from Provost Davis on the recent media reports on the shooting of a Grand Valley student off campus during the execution of a search warrant. In response to the query, Provost Davis reported that GVSU Public Safety was not involved in the incident in any way, nor were they informed of the raid before it took place.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo distributed to ECS members regarding faculty salary was forwarded to Administration.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that there were some concerns raised by the University Counsel's Office regarding the language in the policy extending the tenure clock adopted previously by UAS. There will be further discussion at the next UAS meeting on these concerns.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that a UAS meeting will be added on Friday, March 27, April 3 and that April 10 will most likely also be a UAS meeting. The ECS shall meet from 2pm to 3:30pm on March 27 and April 3 and the UAS will meet from 3:30pm to 5pm. The location will be announced when known.</p> <p>e) The Chair informed ECS that the Chair of the FTLCAC has asked ECS to reconsider whether or not a forum is necessary on the Teaching Effectiveness policy revisions based on the high participation in the on line survey and its results, and to contact her or the FTLCAC Chair directly with any questions.</p>	No Minutes for Review



	Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair should be sent to Ellen Schendel who has agreed to serve as a nominating committee. The vote will be at the April 17, 2009 meeting.	
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis reported that there is no news on the state budget at this time.	
5. Report of Student Senate	a) Ms. Trombka did not have a formal report but shared that the alternative spring break experience was a great experience.	
6. Committee and Task Force Reports	<p>a) A Preliminary Report from the Faculty Handbook Task Force was presented. Editorial recommendations were made from the floor. Tom Butcher, University Counsel, reported that the policies in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u>, the <u>Administrative Manual</u> (which his office is directly responsible for), and the <u>GV Manual</u> need to be consistent in content and policy. Some revisions have been made to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> as a result and some are being proposed to be made to the <u>Administrative Manual</u>.</p> <p>One of the proposed changes is the removal of the College/University Libraries By Laws from the Faculty Handbook and replacing them with language that require each College/University Libraries to maintain By Laws in the Dean's Offices and on their College Web sites accessible to faculty members. In doing this it was necessary to add language as to the composition of some of the College Personnel Committees the Faculty Handbook, as the only place where that language was housed was in the By Laws that were being removed.</p> <p>Faculty members are encouraged to send recommendations for specific changes to the UAS Chair. No policy revisions were made in this editing process,</p>	
7. Old Business	None	
8. New Business	a) The three Prospect / Waiver to Final Plans Requests from the College of Health Professions that were distributed earlier were discussed. The Chair reported that the UCC and the FSBC have begun considering them as was noted in the email from her to ECS members as there were no objections raised to this being done in response to that email.	

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to ratify the forwarding of the three proposals from the College of Health Professions to UCC and FSBC for their review.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate ratifies the forwarding of the three proposals from the College of Health Professions to the UCC and the FSBC for their review. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:34pm</p>	