

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of March 13, 2009

Present: Kirk Anderson, David Bair, Charles Baker-Clark, Dan Balfour, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhgwat, Matt Boelkins, Agnes Britton, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Julie Garrison, Nancy Giardina (ex officio), Roger Gilles (for Ellen Schendel), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Robert Hendersen, Josh Hillbrand (Student), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Susan Jenson, Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, Melissa Morrison (for Kathleen Underwood), Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup (for Jeroen Wagendorp), Dawn Richiert, Stephen Rowe, Jim Sanford, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, Wanxio Sun, Autumn Trombka (Student), Marlen Vavrikova, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson, Roy Winegar

Guests: Elena Lioubimtseva, Mark Luttenton, Chelsea Ponstein (Lanthorn), Donijo Robbins (FSBC Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 3:35

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.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 6, 2009 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 6, 2006 were approved.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the approved tenure clock extension proposal is under review at the University Counsel Office to ensure consistent application of the procedure and to make some revisions that will be necessary before that office can support it going forward to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.</p> <p>Tom Butcher shared with the UAS some concerns over the proposal as written and offered to work with the FPPC Chair, UAS Chair and Provost's Office to review and revise the material. After that working group reaches agreement on its final form it will be distributed to UAS members. Any questions after receiving the revised policy should be raised through the Chair of UAS.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that additional UAS meetings may need to be added on March 27, April 3, and April 10 to complete the work that is coming forward as ready for UAS review, including three new major proposals from CHP, Faculty Handbook format and editing revisions, development of policies for the delivery of graduate programs online, and proposed revisions to the prospectus and final plan development process if the discussion is not completed</p>	



	<p>today.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that a BlackBoard site for posting large documents for governance representatives to access for their review is under development and should be available for the documents that will be coming forth yet this term.</p> <p>d) The Chair asked Provost Davis for an update on the recent execution of a search warrant and subsequent shooting incident on the outskirts of the Allendale Campus that involved a Grand Valley student. Provost Davis assured UAS that the Department of Public Safety at GVSU was not involved in the incident in any way.</p>	
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported there was no news regarding the state budget, and no word from the governor's office on appropriations for Higher Education. Provost Davis also reported that President Haas has been very effective in his leadership of the President's Council gathering the state institutions of higher education into a united front.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the information gathered from her "Conversations with the Provost" meetings have been posted on a BlackBoard site, with the last series of meetings scheduled for March 19 and 20.</p> <p>In response to a question raised from the floor about a new GVSU Library, Provost Davis reported that the Library, while still on the State agenda, that no action has been taken by the legislature.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Ms. Trombka reported that the President's Ball was a great success.</p> <p>b) Ms. Trombka reported that this past Monday members of the Student Senate attended a Higher Education subcommittee hearing in Lansing and gained further insight to the inner workings of state legislature.</p> <p>c) Ms. Trombka reported that the student senate is involved in a letter writing campaign to keep the request for a new Library/Learning Center before the State legislature. To date, over 1,000 letters have been sent to the State House of Representatives from student's home voting districts, with a second mailing to the Senate planned for the future. She also reported that State Representative McManus recently visited campus to tour the library and talk to students.</p>	

	<p>e) Ms. Trombka reported that a successful Leadership Roundtable was held with Assistant Vice President Nancy Giardina as the Keynote speaker on Second Year Retention.</p> <p>f) Ms. Trombka reported that the Student Voice week results are being compiled and will be distributed when complete.</p>	
<p>6. Committee and Task Force Reports</p>	<p>a) Mark Luffenton presented an overview of the proposal from the Graduate Council to add language to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> regarding Graduate Adjunct/Clinical Faculty that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed additions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> as amended at this meeting and forward the recommendations to Administration.</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the proposed additions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> as amended at this meeting and forwards a recommendation of support to Administration. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>b) Nancy Giardina, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented an overview of the material distributed earlier this year on Procedures for Establishing New Academic Units or Programs Report and Proposed Conceptual Framework for Revision of <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed conceptual framework to revise the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Language, on Procedures for Establishing New Academic Units or Programs and support the task force's development of the specific language needed to implement the changes.</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the proposed conceptual framework to revise the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language on Procedures for Establishing New Academic Units or Programs and supports the task force's development of the specific language needed to implement the changes. APPROVED Unanimously</p>	
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>c) There was no discussion on the Academic Standards and Policy Committee proposal to establish an undergraduate student appeal policy for dealing with the denial of a request to repeat course.</p> <p>a) Elena Lioumsbeva presented an overview of the Environmental Studies Minor that was distributed earlier. Discussion</p>	

	<p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the Environmental Studies Minor and forward it to the Administration with a recommendation for implementation.</p> <p>There was a reminder from the floor about the passing away of Professor Don VanderJagt. None</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Environmental Studies Minor and forwards it to the Administration with a recommendation for implementation. APPROVED Unanimously</p>	
8. Old Business			
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm		