

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### March 17, 2006

**PRESENT:** David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Rita Grant, Bill Hosterman, James King (Student Senate), Paul Leidig, Jean Martin, Sue Martin (ex officio), Kristine Mullendore, Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novotny (Vice Chair), John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Robert Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood.

**GUESTS:** Larry Burns (Chair of FSBC), Teresa Beck (Chair of FPPC), Scott Richardson (Associate Vice President for Human Resources)

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of March 17, 2006 was reviewed.	The agenda of March 17, 2006 was approved.
2. Minutes approval	The minutes of February 10, 2006 were reviewed.	The minutes of February 10, 2006 were approved, as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that two Faculty Workload Forums were held on March 16, 2006. Further information on Faculty Workload will be presented later at this meeting.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that when he addresses the Board of Trustees he will introduce the winners of the Outstanding Teacher Award, the Distinguished Contribution to a Discipline Award, and the Niemeyer Award, and inform the Board members of the contributions of these outstanding faculty members.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the ad for the Presidential search has appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education and applications have begun to be received.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported on the latest news regarding the budget. She indicated that the state legislature has recommended GVSU receive an increase of approximately 7%.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that she went to a CLAS unit heads meeting to discuss goal-setting, and will hold similar meetings with each college.</p>	

	<p>c) Provost Davis reported that she and Chair Franciosi have been responding to the recent article(s) about sabbaticals.</p>	<p>The members of ECS commended Provost Davis on her handling of the media regarding the sabbatical articles.</p>
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Student Senate Vice President James King reported that students understand the importance of sabbaticals and that the Student Senate supports sabbaticals for Faculty.  b) The Student Senate passed a resolution that all student evaluations be completed online. Discussion.  c) The Political Actions Committee of the Student Senate will be in Lansing when President Murray addresses the Legislature.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) <u>Annual Salary Adjustment Recommendation from FSBC</u>  Changes recommended by the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) to the Faculty Handbook section on the Annual Salary Adjustment was distributed. Larry Burns, Chair of FSBC, presented an overview of the key points. Discussion.   It was moved, seconded, and approved to change Part a. in Section 2, Range of Salary Adjustments to <b>0-55%</b> instead of 0-60% in how raises are apportioned.</p> <p>b) <u>Uniform Course Numbering Proposal (revised)</u>  The revised Uniform Course Numbering Proposal was distributed and discussed.   It was moved, seconded, and approved to change item 3, Part d. to read "The numbers 695 and 795 are to be used for graduate thesis/dissertation courses." It was further moved to send the document back to UCC for consideration of collapsing the 100-199 and 200-299 categories together.</p> <p>c) <u>Research Integrity Policy</u></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> ECS recommends a change in the Annual Salary Adjustment Part a. in Section 2, Range of Salary Adjustments to 0-55% instead of 0-60% in how raises are apportioned.  <b>Approved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> ECS recommends changing item 3, Part d. to read "The numbers 695 and 795 are to be used for graduate thesis/dissertation courses." ECS further recommends sending the document back to UCC for consideration of collapsing the 100-199 and 200-299 categories together.  <b>Approved Unanimously.</b></p> <p>No Discussion</p>

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<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) <b>Faculty Workload Recommendation from FPPC</b>          The Faculty Workload Recommendation from the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) was distributed. Teresa Beck, Chair of FPPC, presented an overview of the document. It was emphasized that FPPC is seeking approval of the larger principles expressed in the document. Discussion.</p> <p>Recommended changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ On page 1, reflecting in the first paragraph how there will be additional significant responsibility before the listing of the foundational expectations.</li> <li>■ On page 1, removing the sections "nor more than 2 evening courses" and "Studio hours will use the calculation of 3 studio contact hours are equivalent to 2 regular contact hours."</li> <li>■ On page 1, adding the word "studio" in the second sentence between "labs" and "rehearsals."</li> <li>■ On page 1, changing the last sentence to now read, "These <b>foundational requirements</b> may include ... or courses that <b>enhance one's</b> disciplinary expertise and improve one's instructional or research competence. (The bold parts are added/changed)</li> <li>■ On page 3, in the section entitled "Significant Responsibility Extending Beyond the Foundational Expectation," changing "Tenure-track" to "Untenured" in the third sentence.</li> <li>■ On page 4 and throughout the rest of the document, "released time" should be changed to "assigned time."</li> </ul> <p>By consensus, it was agreed that the Faculty Workload Recommendation from FPPC be forwarded to UAS.</p> <p>b) Communication between UAS and faculty</p>	<p><b>MOTION: ECS supports forwarding the Faculty Workload Recommendation from FPPC to UAS. Approved by consensus.</b></p> <p>No Discussion</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm</p>	