

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of March 27, 2009

Present: Kirk Anderson, David Bair, Charles Baker-Clark, Dan Balfour, Yatin Bhagwat, Wally Boeve, Agnes Britton, Shawn Bultsma, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Natalie Bush (Student), Lee Copenhaver, Katharine Cross (Student), Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Julie Garrison, Nancy Giardina (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Robert Hendersen, Priscilla Kimboko (ex officio), Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, Gwyn Madden (for Deana Weibel), Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Dawn Richiert, Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Wanxiao Sun, Autumn Trombka (Student), Roger Wilson, Roy Winegar

Guests: Suzeanne Benet, Tom Butcher, Mark Luttenton

The meeting was called to order at 3:37

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of March 27, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of March 27, 2009 was approved as amended
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes for Review	No Minutes for Review
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the FFPAC sent an email to all faculty members informing them that a classroom survey has been posted to BB and asked UAS member to encourage their colleagues to respond to it as the administration uses the information to improve our class rooms.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that Academic Integrity forums were held last week and were fairly well attended. The task force committee, led by Dan Vaughn, was commended on work well done and UAS indicated support of the committee's providing some guidance for UAS as to possible additional initiatives.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the Online Graduate Task Force was shared with ECS and that the report is in the process of being distributing to UCC, GC, Deans Council, and is also posted on the BlackBoard site. Other suggestions for possible recipients were welcomed. The report is also posted and available for review by UAS members on the BlackBoard site.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that ECS is continuing to meet before the UAS meetings and thanked them for their work.</p>	No Minutes for Review



<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that she has received no additional information on the status of student Derek Copp.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that no additional information has been received from the State regarding appropriations or the stimulus package.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Autumn Trombka reported that an advising survey is available to all student though Blackboard and will remain open until April 3, 2009.</p> <p>b) Ms. Trombka reported that the Student Senate passed a Resolution to research the possibility of having gender-neutral housing on campus.</p> <p>c) Ms. Trombka reported that members of the Student Senate Political Affairs Committee are going to Lansing next week to speak with the Joint Capital Outlay Committee. She further indicated that other trips to Lansing are planned to coincide with the introduction of specific Bills.</p> <p>d) Ms. Trombka further reported that the Student Senate passed a Resolution regarding student Derek Copp. It is posted on GV Now for review.</p>	
<p>6. Progress Report from Office of Inclusion and Equity on development of plans for Inclusion policy/procedures in personnel actions.</p>	<p>University Counsel Tom Butcher presented a progress report from the Office of Inclusion and Equity on the development of plans for Inclusion policy/procedures in faculty personnel actions. Additional material was distributed for review. Updates will be provided as necessary.</p>	
<p>7. Report from Committees / Task Forces</p>	<p>a) The Chair presented an overview of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee proposal to establish an appeal policy for denial of requests to repeat a course including an amendment that was made since its original distribution to UAS.</p> <p>Assistant Vice President Nancy Giardina informed the senate that this recommended appeal process is consistent with other appeal processes already in place for students, and that this proposal concerns only undergraduate students. She further clarified that the unit offering the course in question is the one that can override any denial. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Academic Standards and Policy Committee</p>

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APPROVED Unanimously

b) The Faculty Handbook Task Force material that was distributed earlier was discussed. Chair Mullendore, as Chair of that Task Force, noted that the changes being proposed are all editorial or format and that there were no policy revisions made. Also, where ever possible the language in the Faculty Handbook now is an accurate replication of the current language in the Administrative Manual. University Counsel Tom Butcher presented an overview of the material and distributed a visual depiction of how the e-books containing the various campus information of interest to the university community would be stored along with other major university documents such as the Administrative Manual, GV Manual, Catalog, etc.

Mr. Butcher reported that Faculty Handbook material on College By Laws might need ECS review on occasion, but not UAS except for when it concerns college personnel policies. He has combined the description of the College Personnel Committees including membership into one section that will be added to the personnel language, so that any revisions to these committees would result in UAS and BOT review in the future. The remaining college by laws will not be included in future versions of the Faculty Handbook. It was further reported that changes to the College of Education Personnel Policies are under discussion and the language has not been finalized, but will be included once the language is approved.

The ECS earlier supported a request from the Faculty Handbook Task Force to continue its work into the coming academic year, even if the revisions proposed at this time are accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to support the material revising the Faculty Handbook from the Faculty Handbook Task Force as presented, with the understanding that the COE personnel policies will be added once they are completed.

MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the material revising the Faculty Handbook from the Faculty Handbook Task Force as presented, with the understanding that the COE personnel policies will be added once they are completed.

APPROVED Unanimously

	<p>c) The Chair presented an overview of changes proposed to be made to the Adjunct and Clinical Graduate Faculty policy supported at the last UAS meeting as a result of discussions at the Dean's Council that occurred subsequent to its adoption. Mark Luffenton, Graduate Council Chair, gave a status update as of today, reporting that the Graduate Council supports the newly revised material that was distributed prior to the meeting including some final wording shares with UAS members at this meeting. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the Adjunct and Clinical Graduate Faculty policy approved at its prior meeting. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the Adjunct and Clinical Graduate Faculty policy as presented at this meeting. Discussion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate agreed to reconsider the Adjunct and Clinical Graduate Faculty language approved at its prior meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Adjunct and Clinical Graduate Faculty policy as presented at this meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>a) Suzanne Benet presented an overview of the Supply Chain Management Major Final Plan and answered questions posed from the floor. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to table consideration of the Supply Chain Management Major Final Plan until next week to allow time for the Seidman College to provide the budget material that had been requested on previous occasions.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate table further consideration of the Supply Chain Management Major Final Plan until next week to allow time to provide the budget material that had been requested on previous occasions. APPROVED with 1 nay</p>
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:12</p>	