

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

March 31, 2006

PRESENT: David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Bill Hosterman, James King (Student), Sue Martin (ex officio), Kristine Mullendore, Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novotny (Vice Chair), John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Don Williams

GUESTS: Colleen Brice (English), Curtis Smith (Modern Languages & Literatures), Laura Vanderbroek (English)

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of March 31, 2006 was reviewed.	The agenda of March 31, 2006 was approved.
2. Minutes approval	The minutes of March 17, 2006 were reviewed.	The minutes of March 17, 2006 were approved as amended
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair requested that each ECS member check on the status of their colleges' bylaws since all require governance approval before they are included in the Faculty Handbook.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he will draft a resolution to formally express faculty appreciation for the work of President Murray during his time at GVSU.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that concerns have been raised about letters from faculty being published in newspapers that also identify the faculty member as a unit head, director, dean, etc. At issue is who is able to speak in an official capacity for the university and the impression that is given when titles are used. The Chair will invite University Counsel Tom Butcher to a senate meeting early in the Fall 2006 semester for general guidance and assistance in developing guidelines.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that open discussion is needed on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. Developing a faculty statement or a</p>	<p>The Chair will draft a resolution to formally express faculty appreciation for the work of President Murray during his tenure at GVSU.</p> <p>University Counsel Tom Butcher will be invited to a senate meeting early in the Fall 2006 semester for general guidance and assistance in developing guidelines.</p> <p>Developing a faculty statement or a governance resolution will be an</p>

	<p>governance resolution will be an agenda item at the ECS retreat.</p> <p>e) The Chair reported that the last issue of <u>The Lanthorn</u> published an account of the hate incidents on campus. The Chair spoke with Oliver Wilson, Dean of Multicultural Affairs, to identify ways communication to faculty can be increased when incidents occur so faculty can discuss the topic in their classrooms.</p> <p>A system is being established to better communicate. The Office of Multicultural Affairs may be sponsoring further awareness/communication /interventions.</p> <p>f) The Chair distributed posters for the presentation by Michigan writer Lev Raphael on April 6, who will speak on the challenges of being a writer whose parents both survived the Holocaust.</p> <p>g) The Chair requested that the names of nominees for senate chair and vice chair for 2006-07, including self-nominations, get sent to him. A slate will be prepared for voting at the final UAS meeting on April 21.</p> <p>A recommendation was made to examine the overall election process.</p>	<p>agenda item at the ECS retreat.</p> <p>How can faculty be brought into the loop of information and not be so isolated.</p>
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis further discussed the hate incidents that occurred in two living centers. She reported that there is a criminal aspect to one of the incidents because of the destruction of property.</p> <p>Provost Davis assured the ECS that she would present the faculty request for better communication about such events to the Executive Officers.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Student Senator James King reported that on April 6th a "Stop the Hate" rally will be held.</p> <p>b) Mr. King reported that the Student Senate currently has a resolution on the table to oppose the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.</p> <p>c) The annual Leadership Roundtable was held. Discussion focused on the growth and future of GVSU.</p> <p>d) The Student Senate has passed a resolution to honor the accomplishments of President Murray during his time at GVSU.</p> <p>e) The Student Senate has requested a name change for one of it's</p>	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>committees from Multicultural Affairs to Intercultural Affairs.</p> <p>a) <u>Review of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences By-Laws</u> The CLAS By-Laws proposed changes were distributed and discussed. The Chair presented an overview of the history and the vote by CLAS faculty. Areas that violated Faculty Governance principles were noted.</p> <p>By consensus it was agreed that the bylaw material will be sent back to CLAS for them to make uniform changes throughout the document. After revision, a single document needs to be presented that has the changes identified within the document.</p>	<p>The bylaw material will be sent back to CLAS for them to make uniform changes throughout the document. After revision, a single document needs to be presented that has the changes identified within the document.</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) <u>Prospectus for Minor in Archaeology</u> Recommendations from UCC & FSBC on the Prospectus for a Minor in Archaeology were distributed. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to forward the Prospectus for a Minor in Archaeology to the Provost with a recommendation to proceed with the development of a final plan.</p> <p>b) <u>Prospectus for Minor in Chinese Language</u> Recommendations from UCC & FSBC on the Prospectus for a Minor in Chinese Language was distributed, as well as a response from Curtis Smith. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to forward the Prospectus for a Minor in Chinese Language to the Provost with a recommendation to proceed with the development of a final plan, with the expectation that the final plan will address the questions and concerns raised by both UCC and FSBC.</p> <p>c) <u>Prospectus for Minor in Applied Linguistics</u> Recommendations from UCC & FSBC on the Prospectus for a Minor in Applied Linguistics was distributed, as well as a response</p>	<p>MOTION: ECS forwards the Prospectus for a Minor in Archaeology to the Provost with a recommendation to proceed with the development of a final plan. Approved Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: ECS forwards the Prospectus for a Minor in Chinese Language to the Provost with a recommendation to proceed with the development of a final plan, with the expectation that the final plan will address the questions and concerns raised by both UCC and FSBC. Approved Unanimously.</p>

	<p>from the prospectus committee. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to forward the Prospectus for a Minor in Applied Linguistics to the Provost with a recommendation to proceed with the development of a final plan, with the expectation that the final plan will address the issue of student interest as raised by FSBC.</p>	<p>MOTION: ECS forwards the Prospectus for a Minor in Applied Linguistics to the Provost with a recommendation to proceed with the development of a final plan, with the expectation that the final plan will address the issue of student interest as raised by FSBC. Approved Unanimously.</p>	
8. Other	<p>d) <u>Communication between UAS and Faculty</u></p>	<p>No discussion</p>	
9. Adjournment	<p>a) Development of wish-list and prioritization of issues</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm</p>		