

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

April 21, 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:

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was reviewed	The agenda was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes for Approval	No Minutes for approval.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair met with Provost Davis regarding the workload document. College Personnel Committees need some relief in their workload. One proposal is to move Full Professor reviews to Fall term. The Faculty Personnel Policy Committee will be asked to look into this policy revision.</p> <p>b) The ECS Retreat is scheduled for May 17, 2006. The Chairs of the standing committees will be asked to come at 10:30 for an hour meeting. The ECS Retreat will begin at a Noon with a lunch.</p> <p>Items to be discussed at the retreat include examining governance processes, and the work on revising the prospectus and final plan review process.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis invited questions on the memo she sent to UAS on the faculty workload document approved by UAS at its April 14, 2006 meeting. She reiterated that in the memo the Faculty Handbook provisions are general enough to allow her to implement most of the recommendations made by FPPC and UAS, even though she could not accept all of those policy recommendations.</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate Vice President James King attended the the meeting for Student Senate President Jane James. He announced that Frank Foster IV was elected President of the Student Senate for 2006-2007, and Ann Marie Carson was elected as vice president. He reported that he was re-elected to another term as Vice President for Educational Affairs.</p>	

	<p>b) Students have concerns regarding the repeat policy document sent to UAS by the APSC. They are concerned specifically about the setting up "waiting pools" for classes when the student is registering to repeat a class especially as to how that may impact students who are close to graduating.</p> <p>The Student Senate also has concerns about the suggestion to charge higher tuition for repeating a class since it may be discriminatory in its application. Discussion.</p> <p>In further discussion, it was noted that GVSU does not have an academic amnesty policy and it was agreed that this will be referred to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee for consideration.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) The Chair recognized that as a result of the elections for the 2006-07 Academic year, Robert Henderson, is a new member of ECS. William Hosterman, whose term is completed, was also recognized and thanked for his service.</p> <p>b) As the next item of business was election the Chair, he turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Karen Novotny. Vice Chair Novotny asked for nominations for Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2006-2007. Rob Franciosi was nominated. There being no further nominations, a motion to close the nominations was approved unanimously. Rob Franciosi was re-elected chair by a voice voted.</p> <p>Rob Franciosi resumed the position of chair. He asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate. Kristine Mullendore and Karen Novotny were nominated. Paper ballots were used and Kristine Mullendore was elected Vice-Chair.</p> <p>c) The Women and Gender Studies Prospectus, which was distributed earlier, was discussed for consideration of development into a Final Plan. The ECS voted to approve the prospectus and recommends that it be forwarded to the Provost for development of a Final Plan.</p>	<p>Rob Franciosi was unanimously elected as Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2006-2007.</p> <p>Kristine Mullendore was elected as Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2006-2007.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Prospectus for Women and Gender Studies Minor and forwards it to the Provost with a recommendation to develop a Final Plan. Approved Unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>

<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) The Chair and Kristine Mullendore advised ECS members that as some Faculty Handbook language revisions had been inserted into the document without governance action, that that language needed to be addressed by formal action. The document presented to ECS for review identifies that language for consideration.</p> <p>In discussion, use of the word "normally" to describe the notification timeframe raised questions about its meaning. It was suggested that "normally" could refer to the timeframe for distribution or to the manner it was distributed.</p> <p>The motion to delete the word "normally" 1.C.iv where it is used to describe the distribution of agenda and minutes was approved.</p> <p>It was also moved that the phrase "and the library" needs to be added everywhere ECS and UAS membership is referenced for independent colleges.</p> <p>It was also moved to delete the words "moved and seconded" from paragraph 3 of section 2.A.iii.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends deleting the word "normally" where it is used to describe the distribution of agenda and minutes. Approved Unanimously.</p> <p>3</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that the phrase "and the library" is added everywhere the ECS and UAS membership for independent colleges is referenced. Approved Unanimously.</p> <p>4</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that the words "moved and seconded" are deleted from paragraph 3 of section 2.A.iii. Approved Unanimously.</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm</p>	