

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of April 3, 2009

Present: Kirk Anderson, Princewill Anyalebechi (for Hugh Jack), David Bair, Charles Baker-Clark, Dan Balfour, Yatin Bhagwat, Wally Boeve, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Lee Copenhaver, Sigrid Danielson (for Melissa Morison), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Nagnon Diarrassouba (for Shawn Bultsma), Chris Drewel (for Stephen Rowe), Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Nancy Giardina (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Brian Hatzel, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, William Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, Jim Sanford, Bob Schoofs, Lynn Sheehan (for Julie Garrison), Wanxio Sun, Autumn Trombka (Student), Deana Weibel

Guests: Tom Butcher (University Counsel)

The meeting was called to order at 3:53

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of April 3, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of April 3, 2009 was approved as revised, removing review of FPPC proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> .
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes for Review	No Minutes for Review
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that she received a memo from Mathematics Department Chair, Ed Aboufadel updating her on the Mathematics Department' review of the ways in which students can demonstrate mastery of the Mathematics basic skill requirement. Faculty should contact the Mathematics Department if they have any concerns or questions.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that Assessment and Accreditation Officer Julia Guevara is forming a small working group that will meet over the summer to determine if the Strategic Plan for the university needs revision, and if so, propose how it should be revised. The group will include the Chair of UAS and faculty members are requested to share their thoughts on this topic with both the Chair and Dr. Guevara.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis had no items to report.	



<p>5. Report of Student Senate</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Autumn Trombka reported that student senate members traveled to Lansing to attend a Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee meeting and a House Appropriations meeting.</p> <p>b) Ms. Trombka further reported that the previously mentioned Winter 2009 Academic Advising survey of students had a 24% return rate.</p>	
<p>6. Committee and Task Force Reports</p>	<p>a) The Chair presented an overview of the <u>Online Graduate Degree Task Force</u> proposal to revise the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language. She further informed the senate that ECS voted to support the inclusion of the new language in the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> pending the more encompassing revision of the process that is currently being developed by the Task Force revising the process by which new academic units and programs will be reviewed. This is being done because there is presently a proposal from the College of Education to offer two graduate programs entirely online submitted through the current review process.</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded to amend the Faculty Handbook</u> to add the language proposed by the <u>Online Graduate Program Task Force</u> to revise the processes for establishing new programs and academic units when a prospectus/Final Plan proposes to deliver a graduate program online.</p> <p>It was noted that the word "Library" should be changed to "University Libraries" throughout the document and that any approval by Grand Valley of online programs would be pending NCA approval of the offering of such programs.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves amending the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> to add the language proposed by the <u>Online Graduate Program Task Force</u> to revise the processes for establishing new programs and academic units when a prospectus/Final Plan proposes to deliver a graduate program online. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) The Supply Chain Management Major was removed from the table for discussion.</p> <p>The Chair provided a brief overview of the material provided by Dean Williams responding to the budget questions raised at the previous meeting and noted that the prospectus includes a request of waiver to Final Plan status.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded supporting the waiver of the prospectus for a Supply Chain Management Major to Final Plan status and recommends approval of the Final Plan as revised.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the waiver of the prospectus for a Supply Chain Management Major to Final Plan</p>

<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>a) Dean Olsson presented an overview of the Prospect/Request of Waiver to Final Plans for the Radiation Therapy major, the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences major, and the Diagnostic Medical Sonography major from the College of Health Professions. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to support the waiver of the three prospecti from the College of Health Professions to Final Plan Status, and approve the three Final Plans pending final curriculum approval of courses.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the UAS will meet on Friday, April 10, 2009 but was uncertain at this time if the ECS would meet on that date as well and asked UAS senators to be careful to check the starting time of the meeting on the agenda for that date.</p>	<p>status and recommends approval of the Final Plan as revised. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the waiver of the three prospecti from the College of Health Professions to Final Plan Status, and approves the three Final Plans pending final curriculum approval of courses. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:20p</p> <p>After adjournment Tom Butcher presented an informal overview of the FPPC proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> policy on eligibility to vote in personnel actions that was revised at the ECS meeting. .</p>		