

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 10, 2010

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Gay Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Brian Hatzel, Bob Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg (Vice Chair), Jarrett Martus (Student Senate President), Figen Mekik, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Chuck Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Kathleen Underwood, Roger Wilson

Guests: Wally Boeve, Valeria Long, Jeffery Potteiger, John Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 10, 2010 was reviewed.	The agenda of September 10, 2010 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	<p>The Minutes of April 23, 2010 were reviewed.</p> <p>The UAS Minutes of March 26, 2010 were reviewed</p>	<p>The Minutes of April 23, 2010 were approved as submitted.</p> <p>The UAS Minutes of March 26, 2010, which were initially approved by UAS on April 16, but subsequently found to have an error and revised were approved by the ECS acting on behalf of the UAS.</p>	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that a UAS representative is needed on the Academic Policy and Standards Committee for the Fall 2010 semester. Harvey Nikkel, who has filled this role in the past, is on sabbatical. The Chair asked the senators to solicit volunteers from their constituents on UAS to serve in this capacity for the Fall semester.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that Joe Jacquot and Pat Schafer volunteered to serve on the Committee for NonTraditional Students.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that she, Kurt Ellenberger, and Peter Riemersma will meet to discuss updates to the Effective Teaching Language and then the material will be redistributed.</p> <p>d) The Chair introduced the concept of an ECS Agenda Alert email to inform ECS members that there will be a large document to review prior to the next meeting so they will have adequate for review.</p> <p>e) The Chair reported that the Proposal for a change from Engineering Emphases to Majors was approved by the FSBC and UCC with minor catalog copy changes.</p> <p>f) The Chair noted that at the Retreat in August a question was</p>		

	<p>raised regarding brochures developed for the Engineering Majors prior to the changes being approved. The Chair reported that all the brochures have been removed and that she will inform the UCC Chair and Maria Cimitile, Academic Program and Curriculum Development Officer, about this.</p> <p>g) The Chair reported that \$42,136 was raised for a non-endowed student scholarship fund with contributions from 130 current faculty & staff and 2 retirees.</p> <p>h) The Chair reported that Bob Smart, Executive Director of the Center for Scholarly & Creative Excellence (CSCE), Susan Mendoza and Brad Wallar expressed their interest in developing an undergraduate research council.</p>		
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that she will speak with Bob Smart about establishing a CSCE standing committee, with a reporting structure similar to that in place for the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis commended Jodi Chycinski and Chick Blue for their efforts in achieving the desired enrollment for the 2010-2011 Academic Year, especially in the midst of challenging and competitive times.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the enrollment for 2010-20 is 24,541 and marks the 28th year of growth for Grand Valley. - the student GPA is down by 0.02% at 3.51. - there was a 9.3% increase in African-American enrollment and a 50% increase in American-Indian enrollment. <p>c) Provost Davis shared her ideas regarding shared governance and the strategic planning goals, and who should serve on a review committee, such as members of past/current Faculty Senate and faculty-at-large. She further reported that additional information will be provided at a later date.</p> <p>d) Provost Davis reported that the time blocks classes are offered is being revised to increase the number of classes that can be offered as a 2-day-a-week option, and allows for 3-hour blocks on Friday.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that these changes will be reflected in the first round of scheduling for 2011-12, and that a goal will be to match classroom size and enrollment, rather than rely upon departmental preference for a particular classroom.</p> <p>e) Provost Davis distributed a chart identifying teaching credit hours per semester and assigned time. She further reported that her ongoing goal for workload is equity across departments and colleges.</p> <p>f) Provost Davis reported that approximately one-half of the state</p>		

	budget, and the budget deficit, has been determined at this time. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate President Martus thanked the ECS Chair and Vice Chair for attending the most recent Student Senate meeting.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Martus reported that the Student Senate is working to align the goals of the Student Senate with the University Strategic Plan.</p> <p>c) Student Senate President Martus reported that the six-member Student Senate Facilities Advancement Committee is investigating student sentiment on current facilities and future needs, and have been in contact with James Moyer, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Planning and Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration.</p> <p>d) Student Senate President Martus reported that the Student Senate has a liaison working on behalf of graduate students. He further reported that the Student Senate Educational Affairs Committee has items held over from last year, including Student Evaluations.</p> <p>e) Student Senate President Martus reported that they are promoting the President's 50-Hour Service Challenge to serve 50 hours of community service in celebration of Grand Valley's 50th anniversary.</p> <p>Student Senate President Martus was commended on his great job speaking at convocation.</p>	A suggestion was made for the Student Senate Facilities Advancement Committee to contact Joe Fisher, Chair of the Faculty Facilities Planning Advising Committee, on ways they can collaborate.	
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs / Task Forces / Committee Representatives	<p>a) Ellen Schendel reported on improving communications via a faculty governance newsletter. Suggested topics for the newsletter include calendar items, links to committee representatives, updates from the ECS Chair, links to the Chronicle of Higher Education, and "Did You Know. . ." factoids.</p> <p>There was discussion on having a monthly newsletter that is coordinated by ECS members on a rotating basis. Areas to be investigated prior to implementation include: who should have permission to access the faculty governance website; and should a faculty governance email address be established</p> <p>A recommendation was made to carry this item over to the next meeting to allow time to recruit volunteers to work on the newsletter.</p> <p>b) Wally Boeve presented an overview of the Graduate Committee</p>	<p>A recommendation was made to carry this item over to the next meeting to allow time to recruit volunteers to work on the newsletter.</p> <p>Recommendations were made at the meeting</p>	

	<p>proposal to establish policies for regular faculty engaged in graduate education that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>During discussion several recommendations were made and will be incorporated into the document and reviewed by the Graduate Council, University Counsels Office and then re-presented to ECS.</p>	for incorporation into the document. It will be reviewed by the Graduate Council, University Counsels Office and then re-presented to ECS.	
7. New Business	<p>a) The Chair reported that a representative is needed for the Grand Valley Climate Study committee for the 2010-2011 year and that Neil Rogness agreed to serve as a liaison to the committee.</p> <p>b) The Resolution requesting data from the Provost's Office on university wide practices on faculty re-assign time that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>The Resolution states: <i>As was the case last year, the ECS requests the Provost's Office to provide an update on the implementation and current outcomes of the university Faculty Workload Policy. In addition to the report provided last year, as is possible, the ECS further requests:</i></p> <p><i>1) Explication of [any] university-wide guidelines in place pertaining to the initial allocation, accountability, and subsequent outcome-based assessment of the utility and cost effectiveness of providing assign-time.</i></p> <p><i>2) To the extent possible, a report of assign time FTE currently provided to faculty, by college/unit/department, in exchange for service as chair/member of an Honors or Masters project or on a Thesis committee, particularly to the event that these projects or Theses are program requirements of students in these same college/unit/departments.</i></p> <p>A Motion was made and supported endorsing the above Resolution.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves requesting data on university-wide practices on faculty re-assign time from the Provost's Office, and endorses the resolution which states: <i>As was the case last year, the ECS requests the Provost's Office to provide an update on the implementation and current outcomes of the university Faculty Workload Policy. In addition to the report provided last year, as is possible, the ECS further requests:</i></p> <p><i>1) Explication of [any] university-wide guidelines in place pertaining to the initial allocation, accountability, and subsequent outcome-based assessment of the utility and cost effectiveness of providing assign-time.</i></p> <p><i>2) To the extent possible, a report of assign time FTE currently provided to faculty, by college/unit/department, in exchange for service as chair/member of an Honors or Masters project or on a Thesis committee, particularly to the event that these projects or Theses are program requirements of students in these same college/unit/departments.</i></p> <p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p>	
8. Old Business	<p>a) Discussion on Chair memo on New Program Council meeting on Engineering Majors</p> <p>b) Discussion on Faculty Survey on Governance Planning</p>	<p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>	
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.		

