

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

September 23, 2005

PRESENT: Majd Al-Mallah (for Rob Franciosi), David Bair, Charles Baker-Clarke (for Kristine Mullendore), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kurt Fanning (for Yatin Bhagwat), Rita Grant, Bill Hosterman, Jean Martin (for Agnes Britton), Sue Martin (ex officio), Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Steve Nizielski (for John Bender), Karen Novotny (Vice Chair), John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Robert Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood, Don Williams

GUESTS: Peimin Ni, Pat Parker, Mary Warner

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action/Decisions |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Approval of Agenda | The agenda of September 23, 2005 was reviewed. | The agenda of September 23, 2005 was approved. |
| 2. Minutes approval | The minutes of 9/09/05 were reviewed. | The minutes of 09/09/05 were approved, as amended. |
| 3. Report of Chair | No Report | |
| 4. Report of the Provost's Office | <p>a) Material was distributed regarding the Medical Benefit Plan Changes and Cost-Shifting proposal. Mary Warner, of Human Resources, presented an overview of the basic framework of the proposed new plans. Discussion.</p> <p>Effective with this year's open enrollment, Adjunct, Affiliate, and Visiting Faculty will be able to choose from any of the four plans.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the dedication of Lake Ontario Hall was scheduled for Monday, September 26 beginning at 4:00pm.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis reported that the first session of Unit Head Training has been completed.</p> <p>d) Provost Davis announced that an additional \$90,000 was made available for faculty in research and development funds.</p> <p>e) Provost Davis thanked Mary Warner for all of her hard work and reported that Mary Warner has accepted a position at the University of Notre Dame and will be leaving GVSU.</p> | |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <p>5. Report of Student Senate</p> | <p>No Report</p> | |
| <p>6. New Business</p> | <p>a) Peimin Ni presented the Prospectus for a Major in Chinese Studies. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded for the Executive Committee of the Senate to approve the Prospectus for the Major in Chinese Studies and recommend the development of a Final Plan.</p> <p>b) The Chair announced that Larry Burns, Chair of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee, will present an update on the status of Medical Benefit Plans and Cost-Shifting proposal at the ECS meeting on Friday, September 30, 2005.</p> <p>c) A report was presented by Pat Parker from the Task Force that reviewed the University Committees. Discussion.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to set up a mechanism to review the university committees on a more frequent basis.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded for a decision to be made at the Annual Year End Retreat of the Executive Committee of the Senate as to whether or not a Task Force will be appointed to review the University Committees.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued about the report of the Task Force on University Committees as a whole.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded for the Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) to recommend keeping the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) as is, and charges Karen Novotny, Vice Chair of ECS, to meet with the chair of FFPAC to discuss the charge of FFPAC.</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Prospectus for the Major in Chinese Studies and recommends the development of a Final Plan. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that a decision is made at the Annual Year-End Retreat of the Executive Committee of the Senate as to whether or not a Task Force will be appointed to review the University Committees. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) recommends keeping the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) as is, and charges Karen Novotny, Vice Chair of ECS, to meet with the chair of FFPAC to discuss</p> |

| | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| <p>the charge of FFPAC. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will select faculty members to serve on Task Forces specific to academic renovations and new buildings as those projects evolve. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> | | |
| | <p>A motion was made and seconded for the Executive Committee of the Senate to select faculty members to serve on Task Forces specific to academic renovations and new buildings as those projects evolve.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about the Task Force recommendation that the Outstanding Teacher Award Committee and Outstanding Service Award Committee become part of the responsibility and functions of the Pew Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee. Since the Outstanding Teacher Award Committee and the Outstanding Service Award Committee report to the Provost and not ECS, it isn't appropriate for ECS to make a motion regarding this recommendation. The Provost indicated she will consider implementing the change, but she needs to think about it further.</p> <p>The remainder of the committees identified in the Task Force Report are not governance committees, so Jean Nagelkerk will forward the recommendations to the appropriate parties and ECS will take no action on them.</p> | |
| | No Old Business | 7. Old Business |
| | <p>Workload equity and enlarging regular faculty</p> <p>The "Next Level." What is it?</p> <p>Graduate versus Undergraduate Programs</p> | 8. Ideas for Future Fora |
| | The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm | 9. Adjournment |