

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of February 6, 2015

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Robert Adams (for Jag Nandigam), Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Karen Gipson (Chair), Brian Lakey, Nancy Levenburg, Felix Ngassa, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Andrew Plague (Student Senate President), Lynn Sheehan, Christine Smith, Jeanne Stoddard (for Meri Goehring), Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Kathy Gulembo, Jon Jellema

Guests: Mark Luttenton, Marie McKendall, Chuck Pazdernik

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 6, 2015 was reviewed	The Agenda of February 6, 2015 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 23, 2015 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 23, 2015 were approved as amended.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the University-Level Personnel Review Task Force has held their meetings and will make recommendations to Faculty Senate later in the semester; the USETI Task Force has held several meetings. She provided updates on recent activities and upcoming agenda items, and further provided an update on the Teach-In scheduled for April 2.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that an orientation for the new Board of Trustees members was held this past week, and that a Board meeting is scheduled for next week Friday.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Andrew Plague reported that the Student Senate has crafted a resolution in support of the Human Rights minor. He presented further updates on recent activities.	

6. New Business	<p>a. Mark Luttenton presented an overview of the Graduate Council memo regarding the Leave of Absence policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council memo regarding the Leave of Absence policy with a recommendation of approval to the University Academic Senate.</p> <p>b. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo on Faculty Leave that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the report on Faculty Leave from Faculty Personnel Policy Committee and ask the Senior Management Team to consider it.</p> <p>c. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo on Probationary Appointments that was distributed earlier. During discussion, amendments were made to the language for clarification.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Probationary Appointments, as amended at the meeting, and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to approve.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council memo regarding the Leave of Absence policy with a recommendation of approval to the University Academic Senate. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the report and asks the Senior Management Team to consider it. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Probationary Appointments, as amended at the meeting, and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to approve. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>
7. Open Comment	Appreciation was expressed for the Awards Convocation.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm	