

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of March 25, 2011

Present: Princewill Anyalebechi, Christina Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Agnes Britton, Shawn Bultsma, Lee Copenhaver (for Bill Ryan), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Gerald DeHondt, Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Nancy Giardina (ex officio), George Grant (ex officio), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Brian Hatzel, Bob Hendersen, Jodee Hunt, Paul Keenlance, Priscilla Kimboko (for Danny Balfour), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg (Vice Chair), Jarrett Martus (Student Senate President), Figen Mekik, Douglas Montagna, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Yasha Nath (Graduate Student), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Tony Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Jeff Potteiger (ex officio), Dawn Richiert, John Ritch, Jeffrey Rothstein, Ellen Schendel, Harold Schnyders, Lynn Sheehan, Wanxiao Sun, Jodi Tyron, Kathleen Underwood, Keith Watts, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson, Roy Winegar, Katalin Zaszlavik

Guests: Patricia Bravender, Lawrence Burns, Mark Luttenton, Hazel McClure, Donijo Robbins, 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 March 25, 2011 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 25, 2011 was revised to remove the word "Project" from Item 6. The Agenda was approved as revised at this meeting. .	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 25, 2011 were reviewed. The Minutes of March 4, 2011 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 25, 2011 were approved as submitted. The Minutes of March 4, 2011 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	No Report		
4. Report of Provost	Provost Davis deferred her report until the other agenda items were addressed. a) As a follow-up to the ECS discussion of March 18, 2011, regarding summer compensation, Provost Davis presented a status report on the impetus for the proposed changes to the summer compensation. Provost Davis further reported that any changes in summer compensation would be effective in 2012. Discussion.		
5. Report from the Student Senate President	a) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that the Student Senate elections are scheduled for next week. He further reported there are 55 candidates for 44 positions. b) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that		

	<p>consensus was reached on how Graduate Students are to be represented on Student Senate. A model will be crafted over the next few months, with 2011-12 planned as a transition year.</p> <p>c) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that Student Senate is teaming with Athletics for next year's Battle of the Valley's competition, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation was selected as the organization to benefit from the competition.</p>		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs / Task Force	<p>Mark Luttenton presented the Graduate Council Proposal for establishing Thesis and Dissertation Policies that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> for the University Academic Senate to approve the Graduate Council Proposal for establishing Thesis and Dissertation Policies.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Graduate Council Proposal for establishing Thesis and Dissertation policies.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	
7. New Business	None		
8. Old Business	<p>Mark Luttenton presented an overview of the Graduate Council Policy Proposals and Rationale that were presented at the February 25, 2011 UAS meeting. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the Graduate Council Policy Proposals and Rationale as submitted.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Graduate Council Policy Proposals and Rationale as submitted.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.		