Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of October 1, 2010

Present: Trevor Applehof (Student), Princewell Anyalebechi, Danny Balfour, Christina Beaudoin, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Jan Brashler (for Deana Weibel), Agnes Britton, Shawn Bultsma, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Gerald DeHondt, Cory DiCarlo, Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Brian Hatzel, Bob Hendersen, Jodee Hunt, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Lauren Kaercher (Student), Paul Keenlance, Nancy Levenburg (Vice Chair), Jarrett Martus (Student Senate President), Figen Mekik, Douglas Montagna, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, John Peck (for John Ritch), Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, Jeffrey Rothstein, Bill Ryan, Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Harold Schnyders, Jodi Tyron, Kathleen Underwood, Keith Watts, Roger Wilson, Katalin Zaszlavik

Guests: Jim Bachmeier, Tom Butcher, Kurt Ellenberger, Tom Haas, Charlie Standridge

The meeting was Called to Order at 3:07p.m.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 1, 2010 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 1, 2010 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 23, 2010 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 23, 2010 were approved as submitted. The Minutes of March 23, 2010 were approved as corrected.	
3. Report of Chair	a) The Chair reported that the Pharmacology B.S. proposal was withdrawn by the department on September 22, 2010. b) The Chair reported that a substitute was needed for Harvey Nikkel on the APSC as the UAS Representative for the Fall 2010 term. Ross Reynolds agreed to serve in this position.		
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis distributed information and presented an overview of higher education funding on a national level. She reported that Grand Valley's Administration is vigilant in watching the trends and identifying the best ways to move forward in the current economic and political climate. She does not expect Grand Valley will be looking at furloughs or layoffs, as has occurred at other universities in the state and U.S. b) Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented an overview of the financial state of the university, identified how state revenue is distributed, and answered questions raised from the floor about the university budget processes.		

5. Comments from President Haas	President Haas offered remarks on Higher Education and where he believes attention should be focused. He referenced his 2010 opening address to Faculty and Staff and the key phrases of Anticipate, Adapt, and Lead to Stability. President Haas further noted that Grand Valley has a well thought out strategic plan in place with assessment embedded in the that strategic plan, along with attention to Enrollment, Environment, and Excellence. He does not anticipate a mid-year tuition increase or other disruptions. Senators asked President Haas a variety of questions from the floor.		

6. Report from the Student Senate President	a) Student Senate President Martus reported that the Secretary of State mobile voting unit will not be at Grand Valley this year as that service has been suspended. b) Student Senate President Martus encouraged participation in President Haas' 50 hours of service challenge (www.gvsu.edu/service) c) Student Senate President Martus reported that the Student Legacy scholarship is expected to expand and be online by November. d) Student Senate President Martus reported that the Student Senate is identifying ways to show their support for the University of Michigan Student Senate President who was publicly harassed as a result of his sexual orientation.		
7. Report from Committees/Task Forces	No Reports		
8. New Business	a) In accordance with the rules in the Faculty Handbook under section 2.01.A.1.c.viii on Parliamentary Procedure, the Chair asked for a Reaffirmation of such rules. A Motion was made and seconded to reaffirm the Senate Rules of Parliamentary Procedure in the Faculty Handbook Section 2.01.A.1.c.viii. b) Julie Guevara, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented an overview and update on the Strategic Planning efforts. A progress report will be presented in early February. c) The Engineering Majors Prospectus/Final Plan that was distributed earlier was discussed. A Motion was made and seconded to approve converting the current Engineering emphasis areas into major programs and recommends approving the Final Plan.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate reaffirms the rules in the Faculty Handbook under section 2.01.A.1.c.viii on Parliamentary Procedure. **APPROVED Unanimously.** **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate approves converting the current Engineering emphasis areas into major programs and approves the Final Plan. **APPROVED Unanimously**	
9. Old Business	Discussion was heard on the FPPC and FTLCAC proposal to revise the Faculty Personnel Policy regarding the proposed revisions		

	adopted by UAS at its March 26, 2010 meeting regarding the Effective Teaching language in the Administrative Manual, Chapter 4, Section 2.9.1.A (and replicated in Chapter 4 of the Faculty Handbook) as edited by ECS at its September 17, 2010. A Motion was made and seconded to amend the language being proposed. After discussion, the Motion failed. A Motion was made and seconded to Table further discussion on the proposed revisions to the Faculty Personnel Policy.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate Tables further discussion on the proposed revisions to the Faculty Personnel Policy. **APPROVED by Voice Vote**	
10. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm		