

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of January 28, 2011

Present: Princewill Anyalebechi, Danny Balfour, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Agnes Britton, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Gerald DeHondt, Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Robert Hendersen, Jodee Hunt, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Keenlance, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg (Vice Chair), Jarrett Martus (Student Senate President), Figen Mekik, Douglas Montagna, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Donald Paszek (for Ross Reynolds), Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), John Ritch, Jeffrey Rothstein, Bill Ryan, Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Hal Schnyders, Lynn Sheehan, Cynthia Smith, Wanxiao Sun, Jodi Tyron, Kathleen Underwood, Marlen Vavrikova, Keith Watts, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson, Roy Winegar, Katalin Zaszlavik

Guests: Roger Gilles, Carol Griffin, Scott Richardson, Dan Royer

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 28, 2011 was reviewed.	The agenda of January 28, 2011 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 3, 2010 were reviewed.	The Minutes December 3, 2010 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) reviewed the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language revisions endorsed by UAS Winter Term 2010 for Chapter 3.01.A regarding "Responsibility and Workload" comparing that language to those additional revisions made this academic year to the <u>Administrative Manual</u> Chapter 4.2.9.1. The FPPC found that the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language revisions approved by UAS Winter Term 2010 to be consistent and compatible with the newly revised <u>Administrative Manual</u> language for "Effective Teaching" in Chapter 4 and needs no further revision.</p> <p>b) The Chair reminded the senators that at the final ECS meeting of the 2010-11 academic year, a new chair and vice chair will be elected by the newly constituted membership of the ECS as their terms will have expired. An Elections Committee will be created, and individuals are sought for election to each position. The Chair will not be seeking election to either position and will be a member of that Elections Committee. Interested candidates should feel free to contact her.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that strategic planning working group</p>		

	<p>has been meeting regularly and hopes to have a plan for Senate approval by April.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that the Executive Committee of the Senate has reviewed the annual salary request from the Faculty Salary Budget Committee and sent it forward to the Provost's Office.</p> <p>e) The Chair reminded the members that the annual faculty convocation recognizing faculty achievement is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. and encouraged attendance.</p> <p>f) The Chair reported that she forwarded a request for a permanent display for faculty accomplishments and awards including faculty governance service to Provost Davis and recommended that an ideal space would be within the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Common. Provost Davis has endorsed this proposal.</p>		
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis encouraged everyone to attend the Faculty Convocation on Thursday, February 3, 2011.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that a meeting of all unit heads and deans is scheduled for February 2 to discuss the anticipated 10-15% cut in the state budget for higher education funding.</p>		
5. Report from the Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that the Presidents Ball is Friday, February 4, 2011, and Danielle DeMuth, Dottie Johnson, and Tim Selgo will be honored at the event.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that the Student Senate is looking at changing the structure of the senate to formally include graduate students.</p> <p>c) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that the Student Senate is exploring proposals that would provide legal services for students.</p> <p>d) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus reported that the Student Senate is currently finalizing its 2011-2012 budget.</p>		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs / Task Force	<p>a) The proposal from the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee regarding revisions to faculty personnel policy in Chapter 4, <u>Administrative Manual</u> and <u>Faculty Handbook</u>, Sections 2.5.2 regarding University Librarians that were distributed earlier were discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the revisions to faculty personnel policy in Chapter 4, <u>Administrative Manual</u> and <u>Faculty Handbook</u>, Sections 2.5.2 regarding University Librarians as presented at this meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the revisions to faculty personnel policy in Chapter 4, <u>Administrative Manual</u> and <u>Faculty Handbook</u>, Sections 2.5.2 regarding University Librarians as presented at this meeting.</p>	

	<p>b) The Faculty Personnel Policy Committee response to their Committee Charge regarding modification of faculty grievance process that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the modification of faculty grievance processes as presented at this meeting.</p> <p>c) An overview was presented of the proposed revisions to the General Education program that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the revisions to the General Education program as presented at this meeting.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the necessary changes to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> to reflect the revisions to the General Education program as presented at this meeting.</p>	<p>APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the modification of faculty grievance processes as presented at this meeting. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the revisions to the General Education program as presented at this meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the necessary changes to the Faculty Handbook to reflect the revisions to the General Education program as presented at this meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p>	
7. New Business	None		
8. Old Business	None		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.		