

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of April 23, 2010

Present: Jamal Alsabbagh, Kirk Anderson, Princewill Anyalebechi, David Bair, Charles Baker-Clark, Danny Balfour, Christina Beaudoin, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Cory DiCarlo, Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Lauren Kaercher (Student Senate), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, Jarrett Martus (Student Senate President-elect), Linda Masselink, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Donald Paszek, Chuck Pazdernik, Dawn Richiert, Ross Reynolds, Stephen Rowe, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Wanxiao Sun, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Kathleen Underwood, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson, Katalin Zaslavik,

Guests: Robert Adams, Jeanne Arnold, Cindy Beel-Bates, Gerald DeHondt, Joe Fisher, Roger Gilles, Greg Green, Jodee Hunt, Figen Mikek, Douglas Montagna, Jeff Rothstein, Jodi Tyron

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 23, 2010 was reviewed.	The agenda of April 23, 2010 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 16, 2010 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 16, 2010 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the election results for 2010-2011 are: Chair, Kristine Mullendore Vice Chair, Nancy Levenburg</p> <p>Thanks were extended to outgoing Vice Chair Lawrence Burns for all of his hard work.</p> <p>b) Vice Chair Burns gave the Chair and Senate Assistant farewell gifts and made a PowerPoint presentation on "The Art of Balancing" – the art of balancing tradition and change.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that President Haas received the recommendation from UAS regarding voting eligibility for personnel reviews and conflict of interest language for the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> and forwarded the Senate's recommendation to Provost Davis for her review and action, thereby closing the referendum process.</p> <p>d) The members present introduced themselves. The members</p>		

	<p>whose terms expired were thanked for their service and the new members were welcomed.</p>		
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that President Haas forwarded the Senate's recommendation regarding voting eligibility for personnel reviews and conflict of interest language for the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> to her.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that she accepts the UAS' recommendations effective with the academic year 2010-11 for all faculty who will be new to Grand Valley in spring/summer or fall 2010. The voting eligibility policy will be "grandfathered in," however, so that faculty who will begin their second year at Grand Valley this spring/summer or fall will be able to vote on all personnel reviews in 2011, unless there is a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that the language will be reviewed by the University Counsel Office prior to presenting it to the Board of Trustees in July.</p> <p>Provost Davis thanked the Senate for their work both pre- and post-referendum.</p> <p>Provost Davis was thanked from the floor for including the grandfathering clause to the language.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that Grand Valley is preparing for additional reductions in state funding over the next several years. She further reported that faculty searches already in place will continue; the Board of Trustees will determine tuition levels at their July meeting; and financial aid plans will be announced as parent orientation takes place.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that a new initiative is being developed that will provide additional grant funding for full-time students who complete 90 credits within 3 years.</p>		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate President Trombka reported that Jarrett Martus was elected as Student Senate President for 2010-11.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Trombka reported that she will be attending a meeting in Lansing on Tuesday with President Hass and Vice President McLogan.</p>		

	Ms. Trombka extended her thanks to the Senate members for their support of students.		
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6. Report from the Inclusion and Equity Office	<p>Vice President for Inclusion and Equity Jeanne Arnold presented an overview of the work her office has undertaken over the past year and extended her thanks to faculty for their work on inclusion and equity initiatives.</p> <p>VP Arnold reported that many items are posted to the Inclusion and Equity website, and the anti-harassment policy is undergoing revision and will be available online in the GV Manual. She further reported that a yearlong process is underway for a climate study, with Neal Rogness serving as co-chair with her.</p>		
7. Report from Committees/Task Forces	<p>The reports from UAS Standing Committees that were distributed earlier were discussed.</p> <p>All reports are posted on the Faculty Governance website at www.gvsu.edu/facultygov. Questions about the reports should be directed to the chairs of the respective committees.</p>		
8. New Business	NONE		
9. Old Business	NONE		
10. Adjournment	4:45PM	Senators were reminded of the reception in the Gordon Galley and wished a safe summer.	