

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of April 18, 2014

Present: Bogdan Adamczyk, Deb Bambini, Christina Beaudoin, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Paul Cornish, Jacquelynn Doyon, Kurt Fanning, Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Dan Golembeski (for Natalia Gomez), Doug Graham, Brian Hatzel, Azfar Hussain, Brian Lakey, Paula Lancaster, Chad Lingwood, Nancy Levenburg, Kin Ma, Douglas Montagna, Jag Nandigam, Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa, Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Donald Paszek, Chuck Pazdernik, Tim Penning, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, Donijo Robbins, Jeffrey Rothstein, Bill Ryan, Jim Sanford, Michael Sciarini, Lynn Sheehan, Jason Siko, Jeanne Stoddard, Suganthi Sridhar, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Randy Wyble, Donald Zinman (for Jiyeon Suh). Ricky Benavidez (Student Senate President), Andrew Plague(Student Senate).

Absent: Brian Hatzel, Donald Paszek, Bill Ryan, Jason Siko

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Joe Godwin, Jon Jellema

Guests: Robert Adams, Chair of UCC; Bob Frey, Co-chair of Ombuds Taskforce; Gretchen Galbraith, Co-chair of Ombuds Taskforce; Thomas Haas, President of GVSU; Mark Luttenton, Chair of GC; Marie McKendall, Chair of FPPC; Shelly Padnos, Trustee of GVSU; Brent Smith, Chair of APSC; Merritt Taylor, Chair of R & D; Mark Schaub; Debbie Morrow, Heather VanWormer, Robert Smart, Kristine Mulledore

The meeting was called to order at 3: 00pm

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of April 18, 2014 was reviewed. | The Agenda of April 18, 2014 was approved. |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of March 28, 2014 were reviewed. | The Minutes of March 28, 2014 were approved. |
| 3. Report from Chair | The Chair reported there will be an ECS meeting next week during which a new chair and vice chair will be elected. Reports from the standing committees will be presented at UAS. A YE reception is planned immediately following the UAS meeting. She further provided an overview of upcoming items. | |
| 4. Report from Provost | No Report from Provost Davis | |
| 5. Report from Student Senate | Student Senate President Benavidez provided updates on the work of various student senate committees, and introduced the new president –elect, Andrew Plaque. Provost Davis thanked Ricky Benavidez for his work on student senate. | |
| 6. New Business | a. Robert Adams presented an overview of proposed changes to the New Program Council membership that was distributed earlier. The <u>motion forwarded from ECS</u> regarding the changes to the | MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the changes to the New Program Council membership. APPROVED Unanimously |

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| | <p>New Program Council membership was supported unanimously.</p> <p>b. Bob Frey presented an overview of the Ombuds Task Force recommendations that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion forwarded from ECS</u> regarding the recommendations from the Ombuds Task Force was supported with 1 abstention.</p> <p>c. Merritt Taylor presented an overview of the revisions to the Sabbatical Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion forwarded from ECS</u> regarding the revisions to the Sabbatical Policy was supported with 4 abstentions.</p> <p>d. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the FPPC recommendation regarding Faculty in Administrative Positions that was distributed earlier. Discussion</p> <p>A secondary <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to insert “normally” in section E regarding voting rights, and include “Exceptions must be approved by the unit and document in the appointment letter. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion forwarded from ECS</u> regarding Faculty in Administrative Positions was supported unanimously.</p> <p>e. Brent Smith presented an overview of the APSC recommendation regarding Undergraduate Grades of Incomplete that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to remove the phrase “all of” in the first paragraph. Discussion. MOTION Failed.</p> <p>The <u>motion forwarded from ECS</u> regarding Undergraduate Grades</p> | <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the recommendation from the Ombuds Task Force. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the revisions to the Sabbatical Policy. APPROVED with 4 Abstentions</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports inserting the word “normally” in Section E regarding voting rights. APPROVED with 7No 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the FPPC recommendation regarding Faculty in Administrative Positions. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports removing the phrase “all of” in the first paragraph. MOTION Failed</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate</p> |
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| | <p>of Incomplete was supported unanimously.</p> <p>f. President Haas and Trustee Padnos joined the meeting. President Haas made brief remarks and thanked the senate for their work with shared governance. Discussion. Questions were raised and answered from the floor regarding the cost of tuition for students, enrollment projections, volatility of the stock market and endowment expectations, civil discourse opportunities, future capital projects, improved learning environments in the older buildings.</p> <p>g. Mark Luttenton presented an overview of the recommendations for the Graduate grade of Incomplete that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion forwarded from ECS</u> regarding Graduate Grades of Incomplete was supported with 1 Abstention.</p> | <p>supports the APSC recommendation regarding Undergraduate Grades of Incomplete.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the APSC recommendation regarding Graduate Grades of Incomplete.</p> <p>APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p> |
| 7. Open Comment | None | |
| 8. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm | |