

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of April 22, 2011

Present: Majd Al-Mallah (for Keith Watts), Princewill Anyalebechi, Danny Balfour, Nathan Barrows (for Cory DiCarlo), Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Gerald DeHondt, Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Julie Guevara (ex officio), Brian Hatzel, Bob Hendersen, Jodee Hunt, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Priscilla Kimboko, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Figen Mekik (Chair 2011-12), Douglas Montagna, Kristine Mullendore (Chair 2010-11), Jagadeesh Nandigam, Harvey Nikkel, Mel Northup, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Tim Penning (for Roy Winegar), Jeffrey Potteiger (ex officio), Dawn Richiert, John Ritch, Bill Ryan, Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Cynthia Smith, Jodi Tyron, Kathleen Underwood, Marlen Vavrikova, Deana Weibel,

Guests: Robert Adams, Shari Bartz-Smith, Larry Burns, Kurt Ellenberger, Joe Fisher, Roger Gilles, Carol Griffin, Paul Leidig, Mark Luttenton, Deb Morrow, Peter Riemersma, Dan Vaughn

The meeting was called to order at 3: 35p.m.

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions | |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of April 22, 2011 was reviewed. | The Agenda of April 22, 2011 was amended. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of April 15, 2011 were reviewed. | The Minutes of April 15, 2011 were approved. | |
| 3. Report from 2010-11 Chair | <p>a) Kristine Mullendore reported on the election results for 2011-2012. Figen Mekik is ECS/UAS Chair and Cory DiCarlo is ECS/UAS Vice Chair.</p> <p>b) 2010-11 Chair Mullendore thanked the UAS members for their support and turned the meeting over to the new UAS Chair.</p> <p>Two motions were presented from the floor for UAS consideration.</p> <p><i>“The University Academic Senate expresses appreciation and gratitude to Kristine Mullendore for her diligent and effective service as Chair of the Senate. Shared governance at Grand Valley State University is healthy and thriving, in no small part through Mullendore’s efforts. With Mullendore’s guidance, the Senate, throughout her term as chair, pursued its mission with efficiency, thoughtfulness, transparency, and professionalism. The University Academic Senate sends Mullendore its best wishes and its heartfelt thanks as she concludes her term as Chair.”</i></p> | <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate expresses appreciation and gratitude to Kristine Mullendore for her diligent and effective service as Chair of the Senate. Shared governance at Grand Valley State University is healthy and thriving, in no small part through Mullendore’s efforts. With Mullendore’s guidance, the Senate, throughout her term as chair, pursued its mission with efficiency, thoughtfulness, transparency, and professionalism. The</p> | |

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| 4. Report of 2011-12 Chair | <p>a) 2011-12 Chair Mekik extended her thanks to 2010-11 Chair Mullendore for offering to help in getting acclimated to the Chair role.</p> <p>Chair Mekik urged all senators to communicate often with their colleagues.</p> <p>b) The May Retreat will occur on either June 2 or 3. Further information will be distributed.</p> <p>c) Chair Mekik reported that 12 more ideas were captured via the web idea catcher.</p> | | |
| 5. Report from the Provost | <p>a) Provost Davis welcomed the new UAS members and extended her thanks to Kristine Mullendore and Nancy Levenburg for their service.</p> <p>b) Maria Cimitile reported that a new page will go live on Provost Office web site regarding national / educational news. Items for consideration of posting can be sent to Jon Jellema.</p> | | |
| 6. Report from the Student Senate President | a) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus thanked Kristine Mullendore and Nancy Levenburg for their work with | | |

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| | <p>Student Senate.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Jarrett Martus introduced the new President (Natalie Cleary) and Vice President of Educational Affairs (Brennan Gorman) of the Student Senate for 2011-2012</p> <p>Jarrett Martus was thanked for his work on the Student Senate.</p> | | |
| <p>7. Report from Committees / Task Forces</p> | <p>a) Dan Vaughn, Chair, Academic Policies and Standards Committee, presented an overview of the year-end summary distributed earlier. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>b) Joe Fisher, Chair, Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee, presented an overview of the year-end summary distributed earlier, as well as highlights of work expected in the future. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>c) Kurt Ellenberger, Chair, Faculty Personnel Policy Committee, presented an overview of the work done over the course of the year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>d) Larry Burns, Chair, Faculty Salary Budget Committee, presented an overview of the work done over the course of the past year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>e) Peter Riemersma, Chair, Faculty Teaching Learning Center Advisory Committee, presented an overview of the work completed over the year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>f) Roger Gilles, Chair, General Education Committee, presented an overview of the work completed over the course of the past year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>g) Mark Luttenton, Chair, Graduate Council, presented an overview of the work completed over the year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>h) Deb Morrow, Vice Chair, University Assessment Committee, on behalf of Chair Shari Bartz-Smith, presented an overview of the work completed over the course of the past year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to Shari Bartz-Smith.</p> | | |

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| | <p>i) Robert Adams, Chair, University Curriculum Committee and Online Education Committee, presented an overview of the work of both committees over the past year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> <p>j) Paul Leidig, NCAA Faculty Representative, presented an overview of activities over the past year. Any questions or comments can be addressed directly to him.</p> | | |
| 8. Remarks by President Tom Haas | <p>Present Haas was welcomed to UAS and offered remarks on the strength of shared governance at Grand Valley State University. He thanked the past-Chair and past-ViceChair for their leadership and commitment to service. He emphasized that GVSU's strategic planning has helped the institution maintain its stability.</p> | | |
| 9. Adjournment | <p>The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm</p> | | |