

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 2, 2011

Present: Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Cary Countryman, Cory DiCarlo (Vice Chair), Bob Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Figen Mekik (Chair), Jag Nandigam, Natalie Cleary (Student Senate President), Mel Northup, Chuck Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Kathleen Underwood, Dan Vaughn (for Cynthia Grapczynski), Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson

Guests: Carol "Griff" Griffin, Dwight Hamilton, Bob Smart

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 2, 2011 was reviewed.	The agenda of September 2, 2011 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 22, 2011 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 22, 2011 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair reported that her convocation speech and that of the Student Senate President will be posted on the Provost's Office and Student Senate websites. b) The Chair reported the UAS Chair email replies go directly to her and are not forwarded from IT or the Provost's Office. c) The Chair reported the Religious Studies Final Plan will be reviewed at UCC and FSBC. d) The Chair reported that Provost Davis has asked for curricular proposals to be further streamlined; ECS will take up this issue later in the year e) The Chair reported that new charges will be established for the University Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council to include bringing certificates for graduate students more in line with undergraduate students. f) The Chair reported that the proposed reduction in summer pay will be a future agenda item. g) The Chair further reported that in an effort to bridge the gap between ECS and UAS, more frequent communication is necessary. She further reported that a bi-monthly Newsletter will be sent to all faculty and administration. 		
4. Report of Provost	No Report.		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Student Senate President Cleary reported that the Student Senate held their first meeting of the year. She further reported 		

	that any feedback from faculty is welcomed.		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs / Task Forces / Committee Representatives	<p>a) The Chair will send Ellen Schendel an article for the Faculty Newsletter next week, and may also include a review/summary of where the revisions to General Education stand.</p> <p>b) Carol Griffin presented an overview of what changes are proposed for General Education. Discussion.</p> <p>A “road map” schedule for revisions to the General Education program was developed based on the feedback at the meeting and will be distributed by the Chair. Numerous suggestions were made on how to encourage faculty to participate in the various workshops and forums; all faculty are invited to review the background information on the General Education website.</p> <p>c) Dwight Hamilton presented an overview of the material that was distributed earlier regarding the proposed closure of the university for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</p> <p>A recommendation was made from the floor to establish a week of commemorative activities and celebrations to avoid some of the logistical issues related to closing the university for a day.</p> <p>An additional recommendation was made from the floor to cease having classes on the Monday of Finals week.</p> <p>The Academic Policies and Standards Committee will be asked to review the academic calendar schedule and make a recommendation to ECS.</p> <p>The Student Senate President commented on the Student Senate resolution in support of closing the university for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</p>		
7. New Business	<p>a. Jon Jellema presented an overview of the Authorship Guidelines, and answered questions from the floor. Discussion.</p> <p>Jon Jellema and Bob Smart answered questions from the floor. Faculty are asked to send any feedback regarding the Authorship Guidelines directly to Bob Smart.</p> <p>Further clarification was requested from University Counsel on whether faculty can identify themselves as GVSU faculty</p>		

	members, i.e., letters to the Editor.		
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm		