

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of September 27, 2013

Present: Bogdan Adamczyk, Deb Bambini, Christina Beaudoin, Ricky Benavidez (Student Senate President), Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Anthony Clemons (Student Senate), Paul Cornish, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Jacquelyn Doyon, Kurt Fanning, Robert Frey, Karen Gipson (Chair), Natalia Gomez, Doug Graham, Brian Hatzel, Azfar Hussain, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Brian Lakey, Paul Lancaster, Chad Lingwood, Kin Ma, Douglas Montagna, Jag Nandigam, Felix Ngassa, Mary O'Kelly, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Donald Paszek, Chuck Pazdernik, John Peck (for Meri Goehring), Tim Penning, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, Donijo Robbins, Jeffrey Rothstein, Bill Ryan, Michael Sciarini, Gayle Schaub (for Lynn Sheehan), Jason Siko, Jeanne Stoddard, Suganthi Sridhar, Jiyeon Suh, Jessica VandenPlas (for Harvey Nikkel), Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Randy Wyble

Guests: DeMario Bell (Student Senate), Amy Campbell (Psychology), Julie Garrison (University Libraries), Dwight Hamilton (Inclusion and Equity), Lori Koste (former APSC Chair), Mark Luttenton (Graduate Council), Jamie Owen-Schryver, Carly Simpson (Lanthorn), Brent Smith (APSC Chair), John Stevenson (Graduate Studies)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Members introduced themselves.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 27, 2013 was reviewed.	The Agenda was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 19, 2013 were reviewed	The Minutes of April 19, 2013 were approved.	
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on who the standing committees chairs are, announced major business passed in 2012-13, and presented an update on upcoming initiatives and curricular proposals in the queue for review.		
4. Report from Provost	<p>Provost Davis reported on the university enrollment, noting headcount is down slightly from past years but up in credit hours with 24,477 students enrolled. She also reported that she has been meeting with the unit heads and deans to discuss ways to accommodate incoming students and scheduling issues that may arise.</p> <p>She further reported that outstanding memos from last year are under review in her office, along with curriculum offerings.</p> <p>Questions were raised and answered from the floor regarding student retention.</p>		
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Benavidez reported that the Student Senate is using a marketing campaign of swapping T-shirts with sister universities. He also reported that:</p> <p>-- a committee has been assembled to discuss how to make the pendulum more structurally sound and then reinstalled.</p>		

	<p>- the accessibility issues in the Mary Idema Pew Library have been resolved.</p> <p>He further reported that Student Senators are at a conference at Saginaw Valley State University to discuss merit-based funding for universities, among other items. A new team, Laker Traditions, has been established in the Student Senate</p> <p>A Patriot Day celebration was held on September 11.</p> <p>Mr. Benavidez further reported that the Student Senate continues to discuss graduate student representatives.</p>		
6. New Business	<p>a. Julie Garrison presented on the new Library design and the changing role of the library and highlighted unique design features. Questions were raised and answered from the floor.</p> <p>b. Dwight Hamilton, Office of Inclusion and Equity, presented highlights of Title IX and the rights of pregnant or parenting students and answered questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>c. Jaime Owen-Schryver and Amy Campbell presented an overview of the School Psychology Program that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and <u>seconded</u> to forward the School Psychology Program to the Provosts office with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>d. Brent Smith and Lori Koste presented the APSC memo on Academic Calendar that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>Further discussion postponed until the next meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the School Psychology Program and recommends it to the Provost's Office. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	
7. Open Comment	None		
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm		