

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of January 12, 2007

Present: John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joseph Godwin (ex officio), Linda Goossen (for John Peck), Alicia Haven (Student), Joseph Helgert, Robert Henderson, Paul Leidig, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novotny, Robert Schoofs, Claudia Sowa (for David Bair), Gary Stark (ex officio), Jeroen Wagendorp, Donald Williams

Guests: Karen Barnes, Teresa Beck, Carol Griffin, President Haas, William Levitan, Scott Richardson

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of January 12, 2007 was reviewed	The agenda of January 12, 2007 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 8, 2006 were reviewed.	The minutes of December 8, 2006 were approved as submitted.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair announced that Joseph Helgert is the new ECS representative from CLAS, replacing Ellen Schendel who is on sabbatical this term, and Linda Goossen is the CHP substitute for John Peck while he is on medical leave.</p> <p>b) The Chair introduced the new student senate representative, Alicia Haven, replacing James King who graduated.</p> <p>c) The Chair noted that there were several members of the FPPC present including Teresa Beck (Chair), Karen Barnes, William Levitan, and Scott Richardson.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that he has received a request to have a presentation on sustainability initiatives at GVSU brought before the senate, and has scheduled it for the March 2, 2007 meeting.</p> <p>e) The Chair announced that at a future meeting John Bender will present an update on diversity issues for GVSU after the passing of Proposal 2.</p> <p>f) The Chair announced that at the February 2, 2007 UAS meeting Vice President Jim Bachmeier will present a status update on building projects underway or approved.</p> <p>g) The Chair reported that President Haas expressed interest in attending ECS meetings and has been given an open invitation to join any meetings as his schedule permits.</p> <p>h) The Chair reported that the CLAS Faculty Council would like to</p>	

	<p>meet with their college's ECS representatives on January 31, 2007 in the usual conference room. Others interested ECS members are invited to attend.</p> <p>i) The Chair reported that he expects that the Art History Major/Minor Final Plan and the Graduate Certificate proposal will be reviewed at the January 19, 2007 ECS meeting. A report from the Task Force on Prospectuses and Final Plans is expected soon.</p>	
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that all Capital Outlay Expenditures for Higher Education were vetoed by Governor Granholm due to state budget shortfalls.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the budget for 2007-08 is being built, and her office is working with the Deans on prioritizing requests. The Provost did note that there is a possibility of budget cuts for this year based on discussion with the Governor's Office.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis announced that a committee was convened to both assess the impact of Proposal 2 at GVSU and to identify ways to support and improve diversity and that report is expected soon, possibly by the next meeting. The hiring of a Diversity Officer position who will oversee all diversity initiatives at GVSU is one option under consideration.</p> <p>d) Provost Davis reported that a strategic planning committee is being created that will be charged with the continuous review and updating of university goals and objectives in order to keep GVSU's strategic plan current. The committee will be comprised of all the GVSU constituents that were represented in the original strategic planning group used to develop the current plan.</p> <p>e) Provost Davis reported that monthly informal meetings are being scheduled on each campus to provide additional opportunities for faculty to meet and interact with President Haas and herself.</p> <p>f) Provost Davis reported that increasing tenure/tenure-track lines continues to be a priority, while still keeping costs down. Approximately 10 additional tenure/tenure-track lines have been approved for this year, with others possible pending successful searches.</p> <p>g) In response to a question asked about the construction projects recently approved by the Board of Trustees, Provost Davis explained that as a learning environment the Movement Science and Indoor Recreation building will ease classroom overcrowding in movement sciences as well as create space for student life activities, club and intramural sports, and NCAA activities.</p> <p>Provost Davis welcomed President Haas who joined the meeting at</p>	

	<p>this time.</p> <p>In reply to a question asked by an ECS member about why there are some buildings that have been on the request list longer than the most recently approved ones, President Haas responded that he has been briefed on the facility planning projects and that he agrees that getting the infrastructure in place is very important. He noted that it is important to remember that buildings that do not have classrooms are not being funded with state money, classroom buildings are usually funded by the state and thus subject to the availability of that state funding.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) Alicia Haven, the new Student Senate Vice President for Education Affairs, reported that the Student Senate is working on establishing additional scholarships for international students and increasing the amount of funding for the Student Life Fund.</p> <p>b) Ms. Haven reported that the details on the Annual President's Ball will be available soon.</p> <p>c) She reported that student enrollment in political action committees has increased by 288% with students lobbying for additional funding for higher education</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) The recommendation from the University Curriculum Committee for Expediting General Education Course Descriptions that was distributed earlier was discussed. Carol Griffin, director of the General Education program, presented an overview of the General Education Sub-category Change form and identified ways it streamlines the review process of curricular items proposed for inclusion in the General Education category. In that presentation she noted that identifying it as an expedited procedure is some what of a misnomer, as there currently is no set process for reviewing these types of curricular revisions to the General Education program. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation from the University Curriculum Committee and approve the General Education Sub-category Change Form.</p> <p>b) The College of Health Professions Bylaws that were approved by the college faculty in November, as revised based on recommendations from ECS, were distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to accept the College of Health Professions Bylaws as presented at the meeting</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the recommendation from the University Curriculum Committee and approves the changes to the General Education Sub-category Change Form. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>1</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the College of Health Professions Bylaws as presented at the meeting. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>2</p>

	<p>c) The Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) revised faculty role and workload document that was distributed earlier was discussed. The Chair presented an overview of the FPPC document that was revised to address the concerns voiced at previous senate meetings.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to amend the FPPC Workload proposal by replacing the word "average" with "be" where it appears in 3.01.A and 3.02.B.</p> <p>d) A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to endorse the document, as amended at the meeting by adding the sentence: "The primary responsibility of faculty is excellent teaching." to Section 3.01 Faculty Role and Workload, and adding the word "Because" to the beginning of Section 3.02.A. Teaching and learning, Primary Responsibility, with other appropriate editorial revisions and forwarding to UAS for action.</p> <p>The FPPC committee was commended for their work on revising the document to address concerns that were previously raised, including identifying ways that the teaching, service, and research components can be equivalent.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends amending the FPPC Workload proposal by replacing the word "average" with "be" where it appears in 3.01.A and 3.02.B. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: to endorse the document, as amended at the meeting by adding the sentence "The primary responsibility of faculty is excellent teaching." to Section 3.01 Faculty Role and Workload and forward to UAS for action. APPROVED: Unanimously <i>(For language of Faculty Workload Policy as amended see Appendix A attached to these minutes).</i></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm	

Appendix A attached – FPPC Revised Workload policy as Amended BY ECS at the January 12, 2007 meeting.