

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

October 1, 2004

PRESENT: John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Jay Cooper, Rob Franciosi (vice-chair), Richard Hall, William Hosterman, Jon Jellema, George Lundskow, Kristine Mullendore, Jean Nagelkerk (chair), Karen Novotny, John Peck, Allison Reynolds (student), Lisa Rigsby, William Rogers, Ellen Schendel, Kathleen Underwood

GUESTS: Wendy Wenner, Judy Whippis

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 1, 2004 was reviewed	The agenda of October 1, 2004, was approved.
2. Minutes approval	The minutes of September 24, 2004 were reviewed.	The minutes of September 24, 2004 were approved as submitted.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that Douglas Chung has accepted the appointment to FPPC.</p> <p>b) Teresa Beck has asked for an extension of 1 month for the FPPC to make a decision on whether the committee can accept the agenda item of reviewing faculty workload and equity.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that Nanette Reynolds, Senior Advisor to the President, would like Senate support as she conducts a focus group of faculty of color to discuss minority representation on committees.</p> <p>d) An email reminder that there will not be an ECS meeting on October 15, 2004, will be sent to Senators.</p>	The Chair will explore mechanisms on how to ensure diversity with University Counsel; confer with Nannete Reynolds, and report back to ECS.
4. Report of Provost	No Report	
5. Report of Student Senate President	No Report	
6. Report of Standing Committee Chairs	No Report	

<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) Domestic Partner Benefit Task Force b) Strategic Planning – Global Issues from Retreat c) Workload Equity d) The Final Plan for the Department of Liberal Studies was discussed. Judy Whipps, Director of Liberal Studies, answered questions. A <u>motion</u> was made to accept the Final Plan for the Department of Liberal Studies, with the suggestion that answers to four concerns be addressed: 1) the requirements for major are presented, 2) who the core faculty will be, 3) rationale for the structure of the majors and the selection of core courses, and 4) explanation why the program needs Department status.</p> <p>e) Lisa Haight presented the on-line version of the Faculty Handbook and highlighted the search capabilities and the new Provost's Office website.</p>	<p>No Discussion No Discussion No Discussion</p> <p>MOTION: ECS recommends that UAS accept the Final Plan for the Department of Liberal Studies, with the suggestion that answers to four concerns be addressed in writing: 1) the requirements for major are presented, 2) who the core faculty will be, 3) rationale for the structure of the majors and the selection of core courses, and 4) explanation why the program needs Department status. APPROVED: Unanimously Judy Whipps, Director of Liberal Studies, will be invited to the 10/22/04 UAS meeting to answer questions.</p> <p>The on-line faculty handbook will be demonstrated at the next UAS meeting.</p>
<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>a) Faculty Dialogues on Higher Education have been scheduled on October 22, 2004 at both the Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses. ECS members are to report back at 10/08/04 meeting if they are not able to find representatives for this meeting.</p> <p>b) The second Faculty Forum regarding the Personnel Processes was held. The FPPC is charged with presenting personnel process recommendations by mid-January.</p> <p>c) Center for Excellence in Science Education</p> <p>d) Strengthening Faculty Governance</p>	<p>Supplemental material on Faculty Dialogues on Higher Education will be distributed.</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>Paul Leidig and Hal Larson will be asked to update material developed last year on strengthening faculty governance for presentation to the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee.</p>

<p>e) Center for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities</p> <p>f) Faculty Governance Space</p> <p>g) Summer Drop Add Policy</p>	<p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>
<p>h) The UCC role in prospectus and final plans will be discussed at the 10/08/04 meeting.</p>	<p>Rita Grant, chair of University Curriculum Committee, will be invited to the 10/08/04 ECS meeting.</p>
<p>i) Considerable discussion was heard on whether Faculty Governance should meet year round. A recommendation was made to notify faculty that meetings might be called during the summer months if an urgent issue arises. A motion was made to schedule a closing session in either May or June with other meetings called on an as-needed urgent basis. If Administration calls the meeting to deal with Faculty Governance items, compensation will be requested for faculty that are normally contracted for nine months.</p>	<p>MOTION: ECS recommends scheduling a closing session in either May or June with other meetings called on an as-needed urgent basis. If Administration calls the meeting to deal with Faculty Governance items, compensation will be requested for faculty that are normally contracted for nine months.</p> <p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p>
<p>j) A suggestion was made to have a training session on <u>Roberts Rules of Order</u> offered at the next Teaching & Learning Workshop.</p>	<p>The Chair will request that the FTLC provide training on <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> as one of the options of educational choices at the Fall Teaching & Learning conference.</p>
<p>k) <u>Election to Faculty Governance Committees</u> The chair has received complaints that the rules for voting and elections are being compromised. This item will be assigned to the Governance Committee to investigate and make a recommendation to UAS.</p>	<p>Workload equity and enlarging regular faculty The "Next Level:" What is it? Graduate versus Undergraduate Programs</p>
<p>l) Ideas for Future Fora</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm</p>
<p>k) Adjournment</p>	<p></p>