

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

October 13, 2006

PRESENT: John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Rita Grant, Robert Henderson, James King (Student), Paul Leidig, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novotny, John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Robert Schoofs, Claudia Sowa (for David Bair), Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Don Williams

GUESTS: Lee VanOrsdel (Dean, University Libraries)

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 13, 2006 was reviewed	The agenda of October 13, 2006 was approved, as amended.
2. Minutes approval	The minutes of September 15, 2006 were reviewed. The minutes of September 22, 2006 were reviewed.	The minutes of September 15, 2006 were approved, as amended. The minutes of September 22, 2006 were approved, as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that he attended a training session on faculty workload implementation for deans and unit heads.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) is developing a method to use this year to streamline the process for the elimination of prerequisites being done to facilitate the enforcement of pre-requisites in on-line registration under the new Banner software.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that he received a memo from the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences with a proposed change in calendar for the Fall semester to include a recess from classes between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, which he sees as of special importance to freshmen. The Chair will respond to the Dean and recommend that the proposal be forwarded to the CLAS Faculty Council for study.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that he will meet with Bart Merkle, Dean of Student Services and Ginger Randall regarding the Turnitin</p>	

	software and academic honesty. e) The Chair reminded ECS that the Presidential Investiture is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2006.	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that a meeting was held for unit heads and deans on faculty workload implementation. She distributed a draft workload template form for information only, emphasizing that it is a work in progress.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that she has been meeting with representatives from the VanAndel Research Institute and Michigan State University regarding the medical school move to west Michigan.</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate	<p>a) Student Senate Vice President James King reported that he and eight other GVSU students attended a student governance conference at Michigan Technological University.</p> <p>b) The Student Senate extends their thanks to the Faculty Senate for supporting their resolution to include gender identity and expression to the non-discrimination policies of GVSU.</p> <p>c) Mr. King reported that Saginaw Valley State University has established an Honor "Creed", which the GVSU Student Senate is reviewing with idea of developing something similar for use at GVSU.</p>	
6. Old Business	<p>a) The Turnitin Memo that was distributed at the September 15, 2006 ECS meeting was discussed.</p> <p>During discussion, it was suggested that the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center investigate implications of the use of the software within the context of the Claiming a Liberal Education (CLE). It was suggested that a university Forum on the wider context of Academic Honesty could be held to address this issue. Provost Davis agreed to provide financial support if needed.</p>	
7. New Business	<p>a) Dr. Frank Hughes, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, was nominated to complete the term of service on the Public Safety Liaison Committee for the position vacated by the resignation of Dr. Robert Meesig.</p> <p>b) The Bylaws from the University Libraries was distributed and reviewed. Dr. Lee VanOrsdel, Dean of University Libraries</p>	Dr. Frank Hughes, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, was nominated to serve on the Public Safety Liaison Committee.

	<p>attended the meeting to answer questions from ECS members.</p> <p>Changes were recommended. After these are addressed as revisions and voted on by the Library faculty the final version will be resubmitted and then re-formatted for inclusion in the Faculty Handbook after adoption by UAS and appropriate Board action.</p> <p>c) The review of Prospecti and Final Plans process was discussed. Memos from the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) regarding the review of Prospecti and Final Plans were distributed. During discussion, a recommendation was made to again establish a task force to complete the work of streamlining the Prospectus and Final Plan review process begun by the earlier task force. The task force will include two representatives from UCC (1 from undergraduate studies and 1 from graduate studies), two representatives from FSBC, two representatives from ECS and a representative from the Provost's Office.</p> <p>d) The Faculty Personnel Policy Committee Proposal on changes to the Service category (Section 2.9 <u>Evaluation Criteria for Renewal of Probationary Appointments, Promotion, Tenure and Periodic Performance Reviews</u> in the Administrative Manual) was discussed.</p> <p>During discussion it was recommended that FPPC identify the areas in the proposed policy that are inconsistent with the Faculty Handbook (Section 3.01.B). This will be an agenda item for the ECS meeting of October 20, 2006. Items for review will be posted on the Faculty Governance website at www.gvsu.edu/facultygov under "Governance News."</p>	<p>The Chair will contact the chairs of UCC and FSBC to get the names of members who will agree to serve on the task force.</p> <p>Items for review will be posted on the Faculty Governance website at www.gvsu.edu/facultygov under "Governance News."</p>
8. Ideas for Future Fora	Academic Honesty in the 21 st century.	
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM	