

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

October 29, 2004

PRESENT: Yatin Bhagwat, John Bender, Jay Cooper, Bill Hosterman, Rob Franciosi (vice-chair), Gayle Davis (ex officio), Richard Hall, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, Kristine Mullendore, Jean Nagelkerk (chair), John Peck, Allison Reynolds (student), Lisa Rigsby, William Rogers, Ellen Schendel, Ted Sundstrom (for Karen Novotny), Kathleen Underwood

GUEST: Wendy Wenner

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 29, 2004 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 29, 2004 was approved.
2. Minutes approval	No Minutes for review.	
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chair Nagelkerk met with Catherine Frerichs regarding cosponsoring a Winter '05 event with the FTLC and Student Affairs (Student Life Office) on aligning student and faculty expectations and discussion of a liberal education initiative. b) The Chair reported that she will be attending an FSBC meeting to get further information the proposed changes to the GVSU Medical Benefits program that has raised some faculty concerns. 	
4. Report of Provost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provost Davis reported that the Academic Officers from the universities in Michigan are at GVSU this week. b) The Tenure & Promotion celebration was held this week. c) The Provost's Office is working with UAC to develop a schedule of self-studies and assessment reports. d) Provost Davis will be attending FSBC next week. 	
5. Report of Student Senate President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Students were involved in the Ottawa County Disaster Drill on campus. b) The Student Senate is in the midst of Strategic Planning. c) The University Leadership Roundtable is scheduled for November 4, 2004. 	

6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Domestic Partner Benefit Task Force b) Strategic Planning Global Issues from Retreat c) Workload Equity d) The Master of Science in Medical and Bioinformatics, Master of Science in Biotechnology - Cell & Molecular Biology, and the Master of Science in Biostatistics were discussed. A recommendation memo is expected soon from the UCC. e) Prospectus for a Masters of Education (Chemistry Concentration) 	<p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>	
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Two Cherry Commission <u>Dialogues in Higher Education</u> faculty focus groups were held. b) Wendy Wenner provided an overview of the <u>Center for Excellence in Science Education</u> proposal. Discussion. ECS requested further clarification and an update at a future meeting. c) Center for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities d) Summer Drop/Add Policy (APSC) e) UCC role in prospectus and final plans 	<p>The proposal is going back to committee for revision. Wendy Wenner will return to ECS to present an update.</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>	
8. Ideas for Future Fora	<p>Workload equity and enlarging regular faculty The "Next Level:" What is it? Graduate versus Undergraduate Programs</p>		
9. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm</p>		

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Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes - October 8, 2004
3. Report from Chair
4. Report from the Provost
5. Report from the Student Senate President
6. Old Business
 - a) Domestic Partner Benefit Task Force
 - o Clarification and Organization of materials
 - o Move to UAS Agenda January 2005
 - b) *Strategic Planning – Global Issues from Retreat
 - o Visioning the “next level”
 - o Strengthening faculty governance
 - o Steps required to enhance the quality of education
 - Improving Faculty/Student Ratio
 - o Support of scholarship
 - o Evaluation Criteria
 - o Faculty Office space and resources when teaching off “home” campus
 - o Traffic flow & traffic patterns
 - c) *Workload Equity
 - o Release-Time equity and Accountability
 - o FPPC to report on whether the committee is able to take on workload equity as an agenda item (11/5/04)
 - d) *Final Plans in Process
 - o Master in Bioinformatics (# 4016)
 - At UCC stage
 - o Master in Biostatistics (# 4017)
 - At UCC stage
 - o Master in Biotechnology (# 4018)
 - At UCC stage
 - e) Prospectus for a Masters of Education (Chemistry Concentration)
 - o At UCC stage
 - o At FSBC stage
7. New Business
 - a) Dialogues in Higher Education
 - Update
 - b) Center for Excellence in Science Education
 - c) Center for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
 - At Provost’s Office
 - d) Summer Add/Drop Policy (APSC)
 - e) UCC role in prospectus and final plans
 - Resource Balance in graduate/undergraduate programs
 - UCC chair attending 11/5/05 UAS
8. Ideas for Future Fora
 - Workload equity and enlarging regular faculty
 - The “Next Level”: What is it?
 - Graduate versus Undergraduate programs