

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of October 7, 2011

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Natalie Cleary (Student Senate President), Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Cory DiCarlo (Vice Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Figen Mekik (Chair), Jag Nandigam, Mel Northup, Chuck Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Kathleen Underwood, Dan Vaughn (for Cynthia Grapczynski), Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson

Guests: Jan Brashler, Tom Butcher, Kurt Ellenberger

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 7, 2011 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 7, 2011 was amended to move items 7b and 7c under New Business for discussion immediately after the Student Senate Report. The agenda was further amended to move item 7a ahead of any discussion of 6a. The Agenda was approved as amended.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 16, 2011 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 16, 2011 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair reported on upcoming business for the senate, including: review of the FSBS annual request that requires Board of Trustee approval; and a review of the Religious Studies major and minor. b) The Chair reported that a New Program Council is scheduled for October 13, 2011. c) The Chair reported that the next UAS meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2011. d) The Chair reported that the agendas for November meetings are heavy with general education items. e) The Chair reported that a Motion Log has been added to the Faculty Governance Website. Lisa Surman Haight presented a quick overview of how to access the material. 		

4. Report of Provost	Provost Davis presented an update on summer salary compensation and reported that conversations continue in her office. She noted that implementation is expected for summer 2012, and identified ways savings may be reallocated in the future. Additional information is expected to be available in the next week.		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate President Cleary reported that the Student Senate is working on developing a new structure to provide for better representation of graduate students.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Cleary reported that the Battle of Valleys is the last football game of year.</p>		
6. New Business	<p>a) During discussion on communication among the ECS, UAS and Standing Committees, a <u>Motion was made</u> from the floor that: <i>Pursuant to its responsibility for framing the agenda of UAS meetings and for receiving the reports of Standing Committees, ECS renews its invitation to Standing Committee chairs or their representatives to participate in ECS and UAS meetings on any occasion when, in their judgment, the interests of transparency and collegiality would be served by informing those bodies of the progress of their committees' work on their charges.</i></p> <p>b) There was discussion and clarification on the scope of the Chairs report. A recommendation was made to discuss items in ECS prior to presentation at UAS.</p> <p>c) There was discussion on the memo emailed to all ECS members by FPPC members. Vice Chair DiCarlo presented informational background on items 1 and 2 in the memo.</p> <p>Item 4 was briefly discussed with a <u>Motion made</u> recommending that the Chairs Notes as an experiment is discontinued. Motion Withdrawn.</p> <p>Item 3 of the memo was briefly discussed.</p>	<p>MOTION: Pursuant to its responsibility for framing the agenda of UAS meetings and for receiving the reports of Standing Committees, ECS renews its invitation to Standing Committee chairs or their representatives to participate in ECS and UAS meetings on any occasion when, in their judgment, the interests of transparency and collegiality would be served by informing those bodies of the progress of their committees' work on their charges.</p> <p>This will be included in the new standing committee orientation.</p> <p>APPROVED 12 Yes; 2 No</p>	

<p>7. Report of Standing Committee Chairs</p>	<p>a) Kurt Ellenberger presented an overview of the material on FPPC Charge #5 that was distributed earlier. Tom Butcher, University Counsel, presented a summary of the material that was distributed earlier from his office. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> that ECS accept the report of the FPPC regarding Charge #5 and forward it to the UAS with a recommendation that they accept the report.</p> <p>b) A summary of the FPPC Charge #6 that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> that ECS accept the report of the FPPC regarding Charge #6 and forward it to the UAS with a recommendation that they accept the report.</p> <p>c) A summary of the FPPC Charge #7 that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> that ECS accept the report of the FPPC regarding Charge #7 and forward it to the UAS with a recommendation that they accept the report. .</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the report of the FPPC regarding Charge #5 and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation that they accept the report. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the report of the FPPC regarding Charge #6 and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation that they accept the report. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the report of the FPPC regarding Charge #7 and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation that they accept the report. APPROVED Unanimously</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.</p>		