

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of November 3, 2006

**Present:** John Bender, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson (for Paul Leidig), Frank Foster (Student Senate), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Rita Grant, Robert Hendersen, James King (student), Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Karen Novotny, John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Bob Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Don Williams

**Guests:** Pat Oldt (Vice President for Equity and Planning)

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of November 3, 2006 was reviewed	The agenda of November 3, 2006 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 13, 2006 were reviewed.  The Minutes of October 20, 2006 were reviewed.	The minutes of October 13, 2006 were tabled pending further amendment.  The minutes of October 20, 2006 were approved as amended
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that he met with the Dean of Student Services, Bart Merkle, and Ginger Randall of the Student Services office to discuss their cosponsoring a forum with UAS on academic honesty and integrity. They are interested in pursuing this.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he had a conversation with the Chair of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC), Teresa Beck, and discussed the expanded charge to the committee. Chair Franciosi will be attending the 11/14/06 FPPC meeting as a visitor.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that he will not be at the meeting on 11/10/06 and that Vice Chair Kristine Mullendore will chair the meeting in his absence.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that the dinner for faculty who had been tenured or promoted held on November 2, 2006 was a success.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis also reported that the proposal for building an Honors Living Complex was approved by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting. No new information has been received on legislative support for building a new Learning Center to replace the Zumberge Library. The Provost anticipates the proposals for remodeling Mackinac Hall, Kirkhof Center, Padnos Hall (to create additional laboratories), and for renovation of the Ravine Apartments will most likely be brought before the Board of Trustees in December, depending on the economic climate.</p>	

	<p>c) Provost Davis reported that an email letter was sent to all unit heads today, November 3, 2006, regarding the plans and processes for implementing individualized faculty workloads. It is her intent to distribute a letter covering the same materials to faculty-at-large as soon as possible.</p> <p>The letter will clarify the process of creating the individualized workload policy, the purpose in having individualized faculty workload plans, and their content, specifically responding to the concerns of faculty that have been shared with her. She will also be meeting with members of College of Liberal Arts &amp; Sciences (CLAS) Faculty Council and CLAS Faculty Development Committee on Monday to discuss the concerns that have been raised by CLAS faculty.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) Frank Foster, Student Senate President, clarified with Provost Davis that the proposal for building an indoor athletic facility will also be presented to the Board of Trustees at their December meeting.</p> <p>b) Mr. Foster reported that the Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws were passed by the Student Senate on November 1, 2006.</p> <p>c) Mr. Foster reported that GVSU will host a conference for the Michigan Association of University Student Senates in mid-November.</p> <p>d) Mr. Foster reminded ECS members that the Battle of Valleys was held this week and over \$17,000 is expected to be raised, with the Burton Middle School Library designated as the beneficiary of the fundraising.</p> <p>e) Mr. Foster reported that the Student Senate members were honored and felt privileged to be invited to participate in the Investiture ceremony.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) A brief overview of the GVSU Strategic Planning process was presented. ECS members were reminded that the Mission, Vision and Values Statement of the University were approved February 14, 2003. The next step in the process was to 1) to define and develop university goals, and 2) establish how the goals are to be achieved.</p> <p>Pat Oldt, Vice President for Planning &amp; Equity, reported that seven goals were developed by a writing committee which included faculty members. These goals were shared with President Murray who had them posted to the GVSU website for comments and also shared with the Deans to use in their strategic planning. As a result of the feedback, one additional goal was added relating to University Development. When these eight goals were shared with</p>	

the Board of Trustees they indicated they may wish to add another goal, which they will be deciding at future meetings.

President Haas asked Dr. Oldt to bring the eight goals already proposed to UAS.

Dr. Oldt reported that the intention in bringing the goals to ECS/UAS is for ECS/UAS to ask for a conceptual endorsement of them so that they can be used to unite the university strategic planning process.

In discussion the addition of a goal focusing on research, scholarship, and creative activity was proposed from the floor, which could read:

"To promote, enhance, support, and celebrate research, scholarship and creative activities that advance knowledge and enrich human society."

During the discussion on the role of goals in strategic planning it was noted that, unlike statements of mission, vision and values, goals are more ephemeral in nature. They are visited and rewritten more often.

Concerns were raised as to how to present the goals to UAS once finalized. A preference was stated for having EC/UAS address the issue of developing a mechanism to review goals on an ongoing basis, including who should be involved in the review.

It was suggested that a written synopsis of the history of the development of the proposed goals be included when they are presented to UAS. It was also noted that the Board of Trustees will ultimately determine what the University's goals will be.

It was decided that after the Board of Trustees has acted on the goals they should be brought back to ECS. ECS will then determine: 1) the correct process for presenting the goals to UAS for conceptual endorsement, and 2) what process should be recommended to the Board and administration to ensure faculty input into their ongoing development and revision.

b) The APSC Recommendation on Repeating Courses was distributed and discussed. In this discussion it was noted that the use of the faculty advisor as the decision maker for waiving the limit on repeating courses proposed by this policy limits creates a system

	<p>which could result in inconsistent application of the policy and that faculty advisor might not be the best place for this decision to be made.</p> <p>It was noted that an "Early Alert Program" is partially in place that identifies students who are struggling academically and attempts to provide appropriate support. The Chair will consult with both the coordinator of the program and the Advising Council for more information as to how that program might be used in making decisions waiving the proposed limits on repeating courses.</p>	
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) Nominations were received for faculty members willing to serve on the Task Force on Revising the Process for Final Plans and Prospecti. The names of Pat Thorpe (Biology), Donijo Robbins (SPNA) to represent the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee, and Kay Kline (Nursing) and Cynthia Grapczynski (Occupational Therapy) to represent the University Curriculum Committee were presented for consideration. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded to accept the nominees and appoint them to the Task Force on Revising the Process for Final Plans and Prospecti.</u></p> <p>The Chair asked for volunteers to serve as ECS representatives to the task force. Rita Grant and Don Williams agreed to serve on the task force. If Student Senate wishes to send a representative to attend the meetings, the representative would be welcome.</p> <p>The Chair will draft a charge for the task force which will include that they consider the recommendations made by earlier task forces. The charge will include a date for completion to allow action on their recommendations during this academic year.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the nominees and appoints them to the Task Force for Revising the Process for Final Plans and Prospecti.  <b>APPROVED: Unanimously</b></p> <p>The Chair will draft a charge for the task force which will include that they consider the recommendations made by earlier task forces. The charge will include a date for completion to allow action on their recommendations during this academic year.</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm</p>	<p>The next ECS meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2006</p>