

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of November 1, 2013

Present: Ricky Benavidez (Student Senate President), Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Bob Frey, Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Brian Lakey, Douglas Montagna, Jag Nandigam, Felix Ngassa, Tonya Parker (Vice-Chair), Donijo Robbins, Lynn Sheehan, Joy Washburn, Deanna Weibel

Guests: Shari Bartz (UAC Chair), Kyle Felker (FTLCAC Chair), Mark Luttenton (Graduate Council Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 1, 2013 was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 1, 2013 was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 11, 2013 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 11, 2013 were approved.	
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported there were two faculty fora held with good feedback received. The Chair reported that a New Program Council meeting is scheduled for December 11 and noted other upcoming events on the Senate calendar.		
4. Report from Provost	Jon Jellema reported that Provost Davis is in Detroit at the Board of Trustees meeting. He provided an update about the recent land acquisition in Grand Rapids.		
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Benavidez reported that the State of the University address will be presented at the end of the month reflecting on the fall semester. He also reported that the university leadership roundtable will be revived with a topic of building university traditions.		
6. Old Business	a. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to untble discussion of the FTLCAC memo regarding student evaluations of teaching as tabled at the October 11 meeting. Discussion ensued on student evaluations of teaching. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to adopt the motion on the floor.	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate untables discussion on the FTLCAC memo regarding student evaluations of teaching as tabled at the October 11 meeting. APPROVED with 1 No and 1 Abstention. MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FTLCAC	

	<p>There was consensus to hold Town Hall meetings and use the feedback gathered from them before sending any motion to the University Academic Senate.</p> <p>b. An overview of the outstanding FPPC memos was presented with recommended changes noted. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the language changes to Baseline Expectations and Workload Planning as presented at this meeting.</p> <p>There was consensus to send the revisions to UAS via email with tacit ratification to allow UAS members time to respond whether they would like to discuss the changes to the memos at the next UAS meeting.</p>	<p>recommendation that “The university should adopt a standardized measure of student evaluations of faculty teaching that meets contemporary standards for reliability and validity in educational and psychological measurement. The measure should yield both quantitative and qualitative results. The university should also adopt a standardized platform for administration of the measure (e.g. online software). The measure and platform should be used in all units and colleges. Units and colleges should have the right to add additional questions to the standardized measure, and to use additional platforms in addition to the chosen platform.” APPROVED: 7 Yes; 6 No; 2 Abstentions.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the language changes to Baseline Expectations and Workload Planning as presented at this meeting. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	
7. New Business	<p>a. Shari Bartz presented an overview of the Committee composition and responsibilities of UAC memo that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the changes to the UAC committee composition and responsibilities of the UAC, with the provision that the student representative indicates one undergraduate and graduate student, and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation for approval.</p> <p>b. Mark Luttenton presented an overview of the Responsibilities and</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the changes to the UAC committee composition and responsibilities of the UAC, with the provision that the student representative indicates one undergraduate and graduate student, and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation for approval. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the</p>	

	<p>Workload for Faculty Engaged in Graduate Education memo that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to send this back to the Graduate Council to work with the Provost's Office to address financial concerns.</p> <p>c. There was discussion regarding the memo identifying the overlap between UCC and FTLCAC charges.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the memo.</p>	<p>Senate sends this back to the Graduate Council to work with the Provost's Office to address financial concerns. APPROVED with 1 No.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the memo regarding UCC and FTLCAC overlap. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	
8. Open Comment	Kyle Felker was recognized and thanked for his work on the FTLCAC.		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.		