

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of December 4, 2009

Present: David Bair, Teresa Beck, Lawrence Burns (Vice Chair), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Bob Hendersen, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Mel Northup, Bill Selesky (Student Senate), Kathleen Underwood, Katalin Zavloviac (for Ellen Schendel)

Guests: Julie Guevara, Donijo Robbins

The meeting was called to order at 3:05PM

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of December 4, 2009 was reviewed.	The agenda of December 4, 2009 was approved as submitted.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 20, 209 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 20, 2009 were approved as amended.	
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the President Haas, in consultation with university counsel, Tom Butcher, has appointed Shirley Fleishman, David Good, and Shaily Menon to the President's Referendum Task Force.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that on November 30 she attended a meeting regarding joint appointments where there was discussion on how the personnel policy will impact these appointments. The Chair further reported that questions raised by the Cell and Molecular Biology Department about making changes their unit personnel review processes this year's were also discussed and that they will be informed that any such revision needs to be submitted through the governance processes, so that any desired changes will not be able to be made for this academic year's unit personnel reviews.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the Forum on the Rights of Authors co-sponsored by University Academic Senate and the University Libraries was held on December 2. Although the forum was not well attended, the information provided was very helpful and will be posted on the web. ECS members were encouraged to suggest that their Colleges contact their Library liaisons to have a presentation scheduled for their college members.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that during a regular meeting with Provost Davis, she and the Vice Chair discussed the work being done</p>		

	regarding a general education review and revision of themes, which will be ready for ECS review after winter break.		
4. Report of Provost	<p>Provost Davis was unable to attend the meeting; Joe Godwin reported in her absence.</p> <p>a) Joe Godwin reported that the Referendum Task Force had met with President Haas.</p>		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<p>a) Student Senate Vice President Selesky reported that the Student Senate waived their role in the Referendum Process, and will abstain from voting when the referendum is held.</p> <p>b) The Student Senate Vice President reported that the letter writing campaign to the state legislature regarding adequate funding for Higher Education will continue into next semester.</p>		
6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs	<p>a) Julie Guevara, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented a report on the University Assessment Committee revisions to the self-study report process, which identifies ways to make the process more efficient.</p> <p>ECS members were shown the University Assessment Committee's website and key areas that may be of interest for external accrediting purposes were identified. All external accrediting procedures are approved by the university and a standard process is followed for approving this outside review. All unit assessments and external self-studies are available for faculty review and as a requirement for NCA Accreditation. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and Supported</u> to accept the report on the University Assessment Committee Self-Study Report Process as presented at this meeting.</p> <p>b) Donijo Robbins, Chair of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee, presented an overview of the FSBC Memo on Budgetary Principles that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and Supported</u> for further exploration of the ideas contained in the Budgetary Principles Memo, and for the Memo to be forwarded to Provost Davis for further consideration and continued discussion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the report on the University Assessment Committee Self-Study Report Process as presented at this meeting. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends further exploration of the ideas contained in the Budgetary Principles Memo, and for the Memo to be forwarded to Provost Davis for further consideration and continued discussion.</p>	

	<p>The Faculty Salary and Budget Committee were thanked for their work on this initiative.</p> <p>c) Dr. Robbins presented a summary of the Faculty Compensation Equity Memo that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and Supported</u> to forward the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on Faculty Compensation Equity to Provost Davis as written, with an additional request that this be made a priority item and that the results of that review be shared with the Executive Committee of the Senate early in the 2010 Winter Term.</p>	<p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on Faculty Compensation Equity to Provost Davis as written, with an additional request that this be made a priority item and that the results of that review be shared with the Executive Committee of the Senate early in the 2010 Winter Term.</p> <p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p>	
7. Old Business	a) Proposal to request that the Administration work with ECS to establish / develop policy establishing criteria that would permit recognition of faculty member exceptional support of Grand Valley.	NO DISCUSSION	
8. New Business	No Items		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:11pm		