

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of February 9, 2007

Present: Teresa Beck (for John Peck), John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Rita Grant, Joe Helgert, Robert Hendersen, Paul Leidig, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novolny, Robert Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood, Jereon Wagondorp, Don Williams

Guests: Patricia Clark, Sigrid Danielson, Brian Johnson, Rod Mulder,

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of February 9, 2007 was reviewed	The agenda of February 9, 2007 was approved
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 19, 2007 were reviewed.	The minutes of January 19, 2007 were approved as submitted
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that Jim Bachmeier, Vice President of Business and Finance, will be at the next ECS meeting on February 16.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the Faculty Evaluation Criteria recently approved at the University Academic Senate was presented before the Board of Trustees today.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that he attended a meeting with Dave Smith regarding health care costs and long-term strategies to keep health care costs down, including re-negotiating contracts with health care providers.</p> <p>d) The Faculty Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences extends an invitation to ECS members to attend their meetings.</p> <p>e) The Chair reminded ECS members that there are two Unit Head meetings scheduled for next week on February 14 and 15 to discuss implementing faculty workload policies.</p> <p>A question was about what is the established protocol for the canceling classes and closing GVSU during inclement weather and when/where that information is made available. Decisions about closing the university or canceling classes are made after consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Facility Services and the Vice President for Finance and Administration.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis reported that the State budget for next year is still not settled. Although Governor Granholm recommended a 2.5%	

	<p>increase in base funding for GVSU, state funding for this year is still not final as the next 1/2 of the last payment by the State for 2006-07 has been delayed until October 2007.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that GVSU is continuing to build their budget for 2007-08 and increasing the number of regular faculty lines remains a priority.</p> <p>c) In answer to a question about whether there are any plans to use the Pfizer building that has been closed down in Holland, Provost Davis responded that whatever happens with that building in order for GVSU to consider any collaborative efforts with MSU or other institutions they would have to be revenue-neutral.</p> <p>a) There was no report from the Student Senate.</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate President		
6. New Business	<p>a) The College of Community and Public Service By-Laws that were distributed earlier were reviewed and discussed.</p> <p>It was suggested that a change be made to the proposed by-law's language to make it consistent with the Faculty Handbook language by replacing all references to "tenure and tenure – track faculty" with the term "regular faculty". It was agreed that this would be an editorial change and could be made without returning it to the CCPS faculty for an affirming vote.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to support the College of Community and Public Service Bylaws, as amended at the meeting, and forward to UAS for their action.</p> <p>A question was raised on whether or not bylaws already presented for consideration by ECS needed to be reworded to be consistent with Proposition 2. After discussion it was determined that all material will be dealt with as presented and any issues regarding Proposal 2 would be dealt with all at once.</p> <p>b) The Final Plan for an Art History Major and Minor that was distributed earlier with addendums was discussed.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to address the Art History Major and Art History Minor as a package instead of as two separate items.</p>	<p>a) MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the College of Community and Public Service Bylaws, as amended at the meeting, and recommends forwarding them to the University Academic Senate for their action. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p> <p>1</p> <p>b1) MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends addressing the Art History Major and Art History Minor as a package instead of as two separate</p> <p>2</p>

<p>Discussion continued on the Final Plan for an Art History Major and Minor including review of the Updated Library Statement and letters of support. Several amendments to the plan were recommended including a suggestion to expand the discussion of the feasibility and financial viability of the program.</p> <p>An amendment to the motion was made to recommend that the proposers of the Final Plan clarify the statement describing the requirements for the Liberal Arts Core before consideration and action by the University Academic Senate.</p>	<p>items. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p> <p>b2) MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that the proposers of the Final Plan clarify the statement describing the requirements for the Liberal Arts Core before consideration and action by the University Academic Senate. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Final Plan for an Art History Major and Minor and forward to UAS for their action. Discussion.</p> <p>c) A recommendation was made to develop language for insertion to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> that identifies the succession plan for ECS if either the Chair or Vice Chair is unable to complete their term. The issues of term limits or consecutive number of terms allowed and whether or not unit heads may serve as chair or vice chair also need to be addressed.</p> <p>It was agreed that these topics will be included as part of the Strategic Planning efforts and be addressed at a future ECS meeting.</p> <p>d) Items scheduled for the March 2 UAS meeting include a presentation by Jim Bachmeier, Vice President of Business and Finance and a presentation on the university's sustainability initiative.</p>	<p>b3) MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Art History Major and Minor and recommends forwarding to the University Academic Senate for their action, with the understanding that the requirements for the Liberal Arts Core as clarified beforehand. APPROVED: Unanimously.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) <u>FSBC Recommendation on Emergency Overload</u></p>	<p>No Discussion</p>

8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:21.		