

M I N U T E S  
FSBC Meeting Number 11  
Friday, March 14, 2003  
12:00-1:30 p.m.  
**Zumberge Board Room**

**Present:** Marshall Battani, Maria Cimitile, Marinus DeBrune, Jann-Huei Jinn, Rita Kohrman, Lynn Mapes, Susan Martin (ex officio), Nancy Schoofs, Nancy Shontz (chair)

**Guest:** Cliff Welch

11.1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:03pm

11.2. Approval of the minutes of February 28  
The minutes were approved as submitted.

11.3. Announcements

*Chair will attend a University Academic Senate meeting when the promotional bonus information will be on the agenda.*

Three prospecti have been recommended for development of a Final Plan - Movement Science, Physical Training, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Maria Cimitile presented material from Kelly Parker, Philosophy chair, requesting that "Earthshare" is added to as a payroll deduction option similar to how United Way is handled. *Susan Martin to check with Human Resources on payroll deductions.*

11.4 Report from Provost's Office

Susan Martin reported that the Master of English Program is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the April 22, 2003 meeting. First year funding that was planned for FY 03-04 implementation may be delayed due to the State budget cuts.

Governor Granholm released her State budget proposal for FY 2003-04 and a 6.5% appropriations cut for higher education including Grand Valley State University is recommended. The total cut would be 10% because the 6.5% is in addition to the Executive Order cuts of 3.5% in 2002-03. This is approximately 3.8% of GVSU's budget. If the Governors' proposed budget is approved, GV anticipates \$2,800 per FYES (fiscal-year equated students); by comparison, in 1981-82 we received \$2,899 per FYES. The Governor is also recommending cuts in funding for the Science and Math Center and that would jeopardize positions for 5 GVSU employees. The Governor is also recommending elimination of a grant for autism.

Provost Davis expects to be at the April 11 FSBC meeting. *If there are suggestions or ideas on cost saving measures, please forward the information on to Sue Martin in the Provost's office. Suggestions are welcomed.*

### 11.5. Conversation with Cliff Welch, chair of ECS/UAS

Cliff Welch announced proposals to change the bylaws for Academic Governance. FSBC is currently identified in Chapter 15, Section 4.3 of the Faculty Handbook. According to the bylaws, FSBC has two primary responsibilities:

1. To study pertinent data and make recommendations to the Senate through ECS on the allocation of funds within GVSU budget as a whole as well as within the budgets of the administrative divisions; and
2. To study pertinent data and make recommendations to the Senate through the ECS on items of the budget, compensation or faculty security.

Welch declared the following challenges for UAS & FSBC:

- Responsibility (1) never fulfilled
- Projects pursued without Senate knowledge
- Decisions made without consultation
- Senate left ill-informed, unable to act
- Charges sent and ignored
- If we break our rules, why should others respect them

Welch presented two ideas for strengthening governance:

1. Insert into responsibility number (1)  
i.e. To study pertinent data, *such as the annual Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Finance Survey*, and make recommendations to the Senate through ECS on the allocation of funds within the GVSU budget as a whole as well as within the budgets of the administrative divisions.  
It was noted that GVSU doesn't use IPEDS as budget benchmark – HEIDI figures are used instead. The University General Budget information is the best document to use and was previously distributed to ECS/UAS.  
A committee member questioned whether or not the FSBC has enough "power" and if the committee does receive data what is to be done with it; what influence does the committee have. A suggestion was made to change the title of the committee if the expectations were changed.
2. Change the composition slightly by doing the following:
  - Increase FSBC by one member to 13 members
  - UAS elects chair of FSBC from its (UAS) membership
  - Chair is non-voting
  - Cannot be ECS member
  - Receives ¼ FTE Release-time/semester

Welch said the proposed change is intended to enhance communication between the committee and ECS; not a power grab

A committee member suggested that instead of having a person selected from UAS to chair FSBC, to instead have a member of FSBC sit on the UAS as an ex officio member. Another suggestion was to have the FSBC chair have regular meetings with the UAS/ECS chair.

11.6. Formulate questions regarding money spent on undergraduate vs. graduate education

*NO DISCUSSION*

11.7. Begin formulating budget requests for next year

*NO DISCUSSION*

11.8. Other new business

*NO DISCUSSION*

11.9. Meeting Adjourned at 1:35pm