

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

April 8, 2005

PRESENT: John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Agnes Britton, Jay Cooper, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Richard Hall, William Hosterman, George Lundsckow, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Karen Novotny, John Peck, Lisa Rigsby, William Rogers, Ellen Schendel, Kathleen Underwood

GUESTS: Paul Murphy

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of April 8, 2005 was reviewed.	The agenda of April 8, 2005 was approved.
2. Minutes approval	The Minutes of March 18, 2005 were reviewed. The Minutes of March 25, 2005 were review	The Minutes of March, 18, 2005 were approved as submitted. The Minutes of March 25, 2005 were approved as submitted.
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair reported that a letter regarding proposed medical benefit changes was sent to all of the academic dean's offices for distribution to all tenure/tenure track faculty b) The Chair announced that the names of nominees to the Public Safety Liaison Committee can be sent to him via email. c) The Chair announced that the ECS and Standing Committee Chair Retreat is tentatively scheduled for May 18 on the Allendale Campus. Further details will follow. d) Recommendations for the Educational Specialist Degree in Leadership have been received from UCC and GC. The Chair suggested that ECS proceed with reviewing the prospectus even though a response from FSBC has not been received e) The Governance Structure for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences will be forwarded to ECS members for review. e) The Chair reported that the UAC Report on the Philosophy of Assessment will be presented at the ECS meeting of 4/15/05. f) The Chair announced that the election of ECS officers will be held 	

	immediately before the UAS meeting of 4/22/05. Faculty interested in running for Chair or Vice Chair should let Rob Franciosi know before 4/20/05.	
4. Report of Provost	No Report	
5. Report of Student Senate	No Report	
6. Old Business	<p>a) Strategic Planning – Global Issues from Retreat</p> <p>b) Prospectus for MS in Safety Management</p> <p>c) Prospectus for Major in Chinese Studies</p> <p>d) Prospectus for Educational Specialist Degree in Leadership</p>	<p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>
7. New Business	<p>a) <u>Library Task Force Report</u> The Report of the Faculty Library Task Force was distributed for review. Paul Murphy, chair of the Task Force, presented an overview of the report. The document laid out values that faculty thought were important to retain for the traditional use of libraries, as well as what is needed to meet future library needs.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to forward the Report of the Faculty Library Task Force to UAS for their information and action.</p> <p>ECS commends the task force members for their work.</p> <p>b) <u>Academic Calendar</u> A letter from Fred Antzacak, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, regarding the Academic Calendar was distributed and discussed.</p> <p>Chair Franciosi will seek Dean Antzacak's permission prior to sending this item to the First Year Experience Committee, who will be asked to investigate whether or not the lack of a mid-semester break has any impact on retention of students.</p> <p>c) Protocol for On-Line Committee Votes</p> <p>d) <u>UAC Assessment Philosophy</u> A report on the University Assessment Philosophy will be presented</p>	<p>MOTION: ECS recommends forwarding the Report of the Faculty Library Task Force to UAS for their information and action. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>An Assessment Philosophy</p>

	on April 15, 2005.	Presentation will be on 4/15/05.
8. Ideas for Future Fora	Workload equity and enlarging regular faculty The "Next Level:" What is it? Graduate versus Undergraduate Programs	
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:53.	