

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of May 16, 2007

Present: David Bair, John Bender, Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Helgert, Bob Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Steve Schlicker, Bob Schoofs, John Stevenson, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp

Guests: Kevin den Dulk, Steven Glass, Elena Lioubimsteva, Judy Whipps

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of May 16, 2007 was reviewed	The agenda of May 16, 2007 was approved, as amended
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 6, 2007 were reviewed.	The minutes of April 20, 2007 were approved as submitted
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that he attended the meeting of the University Leadership Team. The results of GVSU's Institutional Marketing research were presented at that meeting and will be made available to ECS and UAS in the Fall.</p> <p>b) The Chair attended both sessions on commencement on April 26, 2007. The double ceremony seemed to achieve the goal of better attendance and more participants remained until the end of the ceremony.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that a draft of the report from the Task Force on Prospectuses and Final Plans will be ready for review at the Fall Retreat in August. The Chair reminded the ECE members that this Task Force was commissioned to look at the processes for developing new programs, minors/majors, and departments with an eye toward streamlining the procedures and establishing time frames for action.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that he will be further investigating the feasibility of scheduling ECS meetings on Monday afternoon. He announced that the monthly schedule used last year will be continued in 2007-8 with two weeks of ECS meetings; one week off; and then a UAS meeting the fourth week.</p>	

<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Associate Vice-provost for Academic Affairs Jon Jellema reported on behalf of Provost Davis in her absence. He announced that there had just been a break-in at the Administrative Offices in the Zumberge Library with 3 or 4 laptop computers being stolen.</p> <p>b) Mr. Jellema reported that the House and Senate came close to finalizing a budget for 2007-08 but as of today has not yet reached an agreement on appropriations.</p> <p>c) Mr. Jellema reported that the Provost has no plans for new initiatives in 2007-08 that will impact the regular ECS agenda, but rather that this will be a time to review and refine any items that may impact workload and other policy areas that may arise.</p> <p>d) Mr. Jellema reminded ECS members that the NCA accreditation site visit is in 2008 with Dr. Julie Guevara is the University-leader on this as the Assessment and Accreditation Officer. Any questions concerning the process and progress on the self-study should be directed to her.</p> <p>e) Mr. Jellema reported that a search for the new Chief Diversity Officer is underway. A search firm has been hired to work on the search with the Office of Equity and Planning.</p> <p>Mr. Jellema reported that Provost Davis intends to continue to increase the number of tenure track faculty and that she will remain a strong advocate for faculty.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) No Report</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) An overview of the Prospectus for a Minor in Environmental Studies was presented and Dr. Elena Lioubimsteva, co-author of the proposal, presented highlights and answered questions posed by the senators. Discussion.</p> <p>It was <u>moved and seconded</u> to forward the Prospectus for a Minor for Environmental Studies to Administration and recommends the development of a Final Plan, noting that the administrative and financial concerns raised about administrative support and resources should be addressed in the Final Plan.</p> <p>b) An overview of the Prospectus for a Major and Minor in Religious Studies was presented. Survey data was distributed by Dr. Judy Whipps and Dr. Kevin den Dulk presented highlights of the material. Both answered questions posed by the senators. Discussion.</p> <p>It was <u>moved and seconded</u> to forward the Prospectus for a Major and Minor in Religious Studies to Administration and recommends the development of a Final Plan, noting that the administrative and</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Minor for Environmental Studies Prospectus to Administration, and recommends development of a Final Plan, noting that the administrative and financial concerns raised about administrative support and resources should be addressed in the Final Plan. APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Major and Minor for Religious Studies Prospectus to Administration, and recommends development of a Final Plan, noting that the administrative and financial issues raised by FSBC should be addressed in the Final Plan</p>

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	<p>financial issues raised by FSBC should be addressed in the Final Plan</p> <p>c) The Prospectus for a Minor in Information Security Systems (ISS) that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>It was <u>moved and seconded</u> to forward the Prospectus for a Minor in Information Security Systems to FSBC and UCC for their review and recommendation.</p>	<p>APPROVED: Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Prospectus for a Minor in Information Security Systems to FSBC and UCC for their review and recommendation. APPROVED: Unanimously, with 1 abstention</p>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:07pm</p>	