

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Retreat of 8 23 06

PRESENT: David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Rita Grant, Robert Hendersen, Paul Leidig, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Jean Nagelkerk (ex officio), Karen Novotny, John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Robert Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Don Williams

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of August 23, 2006 was reviewed.	The agenda of August 23, 2006 was approved.
2. Welcome and Introduction of Members	The members introduced themselves and identified what college they represent.	
3. Report from Provost Davis	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that although exact figures were not available at the time, that there were more than 12,000 freshmen applications received for the 2006 freshmen class.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that Freshmen Orientation went well. Modifications to the Freshman Orientation process included an increase in the time spent with them and increased discussion of academic expectations. The evaluations of the process indicate that they found the orientation process to be a positive experience.</p> <p>c) President Haas' term officially began on August 22, 2006. He spent time during his first weeks here, in addition to other duties, attending the retreats for all of the Colleges with Provost Davis in order to introduce himself to the faculty and staff of GVSU.</p> <p>d) Convocation is on Friday, August 25, 2006. President Haas, Provost Davis, President Emeritus Lubbers, and Chair Franciosi will all speak during the ceremony.</p> <p>e) Over the summer the Provost's office continued work on developing the processes to be used in establishing individualized faculty workload plans. These processes are being built on the work done by the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) during the 2005-06 Academic year, even though the Provost could not support the use of the language adopted by UAS in April of 2006. As indicated in the memo she circulated to UAS and faculty</p>	<p>The Chair will invite the Director and Assistant Director of the Freshman Orientation program to attend a meeting to share the revised freshman orientation process with senators.</p>

	<p>after the UAS meeting, much of what was proposed by the FPPC can be acted on by her office under current handbook language. Therefore, they are moving forward with implementing the FPPC recommendations while awaiting final action on language revisions for the Faculty Handbook.</p>	<p>The notes on the Progression of Academic Affairs' Workload and Rewards Project were distributed.</p>
<p>f) Provost Davis shared a handout she distributed at the Dean's Council Retreat on Monday, which will also be shared with faculty. All items should be seen by faculty as being under development, as part of a first attempt to implement individual faculty workload plans. She stressed that departments can determine what they wish to focus on within the university's strategic plan, and that her office recognizes the differences among various disciplines, as well as departmental and individual faculty member's priorities in meeting the university's expectations of faculty.</p> <p>She noted that the handout discussing faculty plans is bifurcated, in that each plan will need to address both the academic year (as to teaching) and the calendar year (for scholarship and service) because both of these time frames are employed in salary adjustment, renewal, tenure and promotion decisions.</p>	<p>g) Provost Davis reported that President Haas has indicated that improving diversity at GVSU is a high priority.</p> <p>h) The Administration is actively engaged in the North Central Association (NCA) self study process and will be seeking input from faculty as it proceeds.</p> <p>i) A new library continues to be a high priority and it is anticipated that some time from mid-November to early December there should be some indication from the Michigan Legislature as to whether or not this building project will receive support this year. Dean VanOrsdel would like to meet with each department to obtain faculty input on a new library.</p> <p>j) Provost Davis presented additional facilities planning updates. An Honors Living Learning Center is being designed, which is expected to be located across the street from Lake Ontario Hall. An addition to Kirkhof Center and an addition to Mackinac Hall are also part of the general plans under development.</p>	
<p>4. Overview by Chair</p>	<p>Provost Davis then excused herself from the meeting.</p> <p>a) The Chair presented an overview on the Presidential Search</p>	

<p>Advisory Committee work and the hiring of a new University President</p>	<p>b) The Chair met with AP group representatives and intends to arrange regular informal meetings between the Chair and Vice-chair of UAS and their leadership to discuss mutual concerns to promote better communication between these groups where there are common interests.</p> <p>c) Among other items to be considered by ECS and UAS this year are adopting proposed bylaws concerning the governance processes that have been submitted by the College of Health Professions and the College of Community and Public Service. The University Library and the College of Interdisciplinary Studies are expected to submit their proposed bylaws and these will be addressed in the order received.</p> <p>e) The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) has established a caucus system to improve communication between its ECS representatives, UAS representatives and faculty at-large. In discussion it was noted that because of the large number of faculty located in CLAS that where there are university-wide initiatives that come through CLAS other colleges should be provided opportunities to have input into these initiatives as they are developed. The CLAS faculty council could be used to support governance's role in these processes.</p> <p>f) Old Business needing ECS action this year includes completing the work of revising the procedures used to consider Program Prospectuses and Final Plans, building on the work of an earlier task force on this issue.</p> <p>g) The Chair and Vice Chair intend to meet with President Haas as his scheduled permits. In discussion ECS identified four key areas to discuss at these meetings: 1) Faculty Salary, 2) Scholarship, 3) Domestic Partner Benefits, and 4) the impact of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative on GVSU.</p>	<p>ECS members are asked to send any proposed language changes to Chair Franciosi.</p>
<p>5. Draft of Charges to UAS Standing Committees</p>	<p>a) The Chair presented proposed charges to the standing committees for ECS consideration as requested at the May governance retreat.</p> <p>The Chair and Vice-chair arranged meetings with standing committee chairs to develop these charges. ECS members reviewed and provided input on the charges for the General</p>	<p>ECS members are asked to send any proposed language changes to Chair Franciosi.</p>

	<p>Education Subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee (GES), Graduate Council (GC), Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC), Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC), Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC), and University Curriculum Committee (UCC). Due to time constraints, ECS members were invited to submit any proposed language changes to Chair Franciosi, for the proposed charges to the Faculty Faculty Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC), University Assessment Committee (UAC), and the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee (FTLCAC).</p> <p>Final charges to the standing committees will be posted on the Faculty Governance website.</p>		
6. Other	<p>a) Strategic Planning will be addressed at a future ECS meeting</p> <p>b) Revisions to the Faculty Governance Bylaws that were presented in April to UAS but not formally accepted will be presented to UAS at the first meeting for action at subsequent meetings.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 4:10</p>	<p>Final charges to the standing committees will be posted on the Faculty Governance website.</p>	
7. Adjournment			