

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of September 12, 2008

Present: Princewill Anyalebechi, Kurt Anderson, David Bair, Charles Baker-Clark, Danny Balfour, Teresa Beck, Yatin Bhagway, Wallace Boeve, Agnes Britton, Shawn Bultsma, Lawrence Burns (Vic e Chair), Natalie Bush (Student), Lee Copenhagen, Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Joseph Duso (Student), Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Paul Fishback (for Matt Boelkins), Julie Garison, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Julie Guevara (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sharon Leder, Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, William Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richert, Stephen Rowe, Jim Sandord, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, William Selesky (Student), Wanxio Sun, Autumn Trombka (Student Senate President), Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Deana Weibel, Roy Winegar

Guests: Shari Bartz, Danielle DeMuth, Julia Mason, Gary Stark

The meeting was called to order at 3:02

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of was reviewed.	The agenda of September 12, 2008 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of 4 11 08 were reviewed The Minutes of 4 18 08 were reviewed.	The Minutes of 4 11 08 were approved. The Minutes of 4 18 08 were approved.
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair reported that format for the UAS agenda has changed and any suggestions for new categories can be sent to the Chair. The Chair further reported that UAS will continue the pattern of meeting in the Fall Semester in Allendale and in the Winter Semester in Grand Rapids. b) The Chair informed faculty having difficulty opening UAS attachments that if their computer has not been upgraded to Vista they can download a patch from the GVSU IT website. c) The Chair provided an update about the Inclusion Advocates Language. d) The Chair reported that the Faculty Governance website has been updated to include the standing committee charges and year-end reports. A Faculty Information tab was also added. e) The Chair reported that in addition to the Prospectus/Final Plan Task Force meeting over the summer months, two other task forces were formed: The Online Graduate Programs Policy Task Force and the Faculty Handbook Task Force. The Faculty Handbook Task Force was originally to complete its work over the summer, but has received ECS approval to continue their work over the coming academic year. The Chair reported that the Faculty 	

	<p>Handbook Task Force has focused initially on an original ECS document from 1983 defining Unit Head Responsibility. The distinctions between Faculty Governance and Administration procedures and policies are being identified.</p> <p>The Chair reported that a Task Force for Review of Online Graduate Programs has been established because a prospectus from the College of Education requesting an online program was submitted, which is being held in abeyance until this task force makes its recommendation.</p> <p>f) The Chair reported that the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> requires two fora be held each year. She further reported that John Stevenson, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, agreed to begin planning the Fall Forum on Graduate Education with the Graduate Council. UAS members are asked to volunteer and also inquire if their colleagues would be interested in this opportunity to plan this forum.</p> <p>The Chair further reported that Academic Integrity is the selected topic for the Winter Forum and volunteers are also needed to help with the planning.</p> <p>The Chair will provide a summary of the forum topics for this academic year that are proposed by ECS for distribution to all UAS members.</p> <p>g) The Chair reported that there were 32 responses to the UAS faculty survey distributed in the spring. The Chair has compiled a content summary based on the survey responses and reported back to ECS.</p> <p>h) The Chair reported the Final Plan for the Women and Gender Studies Major will be discussed later in the meeting. She further reported that the Final Plan for the Applied Linguistics Minor is undergoing revision and will be reviewed again at UCC, FSBC and will probably be ready for UAS review before December.</p>	<p>The Chair will provide a summary description of the two forum topics for this academic year as proposed by ECS for distribution to all UAS members.</p>	
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported on the Student Profile. She reported that the enrollment for 2008-09 is 23,892, (a 1.8% increase from last year's enrollment of 23,064) and the First Time in any College (FTIAC) total is at 3,938; the largest in GVSU history. The average GPA is 3.53; the average ACT is 23.8.</p> <p>Provost Davis further reported that minority applications were down overall this year due to the passage of Proposal 2; however, the acceptance and show rate were up overall. The largest decrease was seen in the Asian student population, followed by American</p>		

	<p>Indian, and then African American students.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the new Glenn A. Niemeyer Honors Building was rededicated and is a great addition to campus.</p>		
5. Report of Student Senate	a) The Student Senate President Autumn Trombka reported that the annual Battle of the Valleys is this week.		
6. New Business	<p>a) The Chair asked for reaffirmation of the Senate Rules of Deliberation under section 2.01.A.2.c.iv of the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> and emphasized that any item on the agenda is considered a motion. After discussion, the Senate Rules of Deliberation were unanimously approved for 2008-09.</p> <p>b) Dr. Julie Guevara, Accreditation and Assessment Officer, presented an update on the NCA site visit scheduled for October 13-15. All faculty are encouraged to visit the GVSU NCA Self Study web site at http://www.gvsu.edu/ncaselfstudy and review the 3-volume self-study sent to NCA. All Faculty are encouraged to attend the open forums.</p> <p>Additional information on the site visitors schedule can also be found at this location.</p>	The Senate Rules of Deliberation were unanimously approved for 2008-2009.	
7. Old Business	<p>a) There was discussion on the University Assessment Committee proposal to revise their bylaws and increase the number of service representatives on the committee from one to four, and revise the language in the proposal by replacing the word "Library" with "University Libraries."</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded, and approved to increase the number of Service Unit Representatives on the University Assessment Committee from one to four, and to revise the language in the proposal by replacing the word "Library" with "University Libraries."</p> <p>b) Kathleen Underwood presented an overview of the material</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the increase in the number of Service Unit Representatives on the University Assessment Committee from one to four, and to revise the language in the proposal by replacing the word "Library" with "University Libraries."</p> <p>Approved: Unanimously</p>	

	<p>distributed thus far on the Final Plan for a Women and Gender Studies Minor. She reported that all courses were approved by UCC and 75 students have declared WGS as minor. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded and approved</u> to support the Final Plan for the Women and Gender Studies Minor.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Final Plan for the Women and Gender Studies Minor. Approved: Unanimously.</p>	
Other Pending Initiatives	<p><u>Final Plans</u> Applied Linguistics Minor Archeology Minor (at UCC)</p> <p><u>Prospecti</u> AWRI Department (at ECS) Cell and Molecular Biology Department (at UCC) History Master of Arts (at UCC)</p>		
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm		